

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**APRIL 10, 2007**

A Public Hearing was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 8:40 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee Peter Swiderski, Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan, Trustee Diggitt McLaughlin, Trustee Danielle Goodman, Village Manager Francis A. Frobel, Village Attorney Marianne Stecich, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

**CITIZENS:** Twenty (20).

Mayor Kinnally declared the Board in session for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing in accordance with the legal notice that appeared in the April 6, 2007 issue of *The Rivertowns Enterprise* to consider the proposed budget for the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2007 and ending on May 31, 2008.

**Mayor Kinnally:** The Manager will give a brief overview of the budget, and then anyone wishing to speak in favor of, or in opposition to, the budget or have any comments on the budget please come forward and give your name and address for the record.

**Village Manager Frobel:** We have had our opportunity to have an overview provided by myself and my staff on the budget. We have had one work session so far, and I suspect we will have additional ones perhaps as early as next week.

Tonight is the opportunity for the citizens to come forward and offer their comments on the budget. The budget next year, as proposed, will reach nearly \$12 million. If adopted unchanged, it would require a tax rate of \$194.47, or a 5.5% tax increase. We have looked very carefully at other revenue items. We have some modest increases in our revenues. We believe in taking a conservative approach in how we estimate the monies that the Village will record next year beyond that which is certain. Some new programs are proposed. I have talked about the need for additional staff in our highway department, and we are looking at additional hours of operation for our public library. Aside from those two items, the budget remains fairly constant from previous years. The increase that you see in the budget is largely reflective of cost-of-living expenses. Like homeowners, we are hit with higher utility costs, energy, medical insurance, and our contractual obligations.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Anyone wish to speak on the budget? If not, I will entertain a motion to close the public hearing.

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**CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On MOTION of Trustee Swiderski, SECONDED by Trustee Quinlan with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally closed the Public Hearing at 8:45 p.m.