

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 21, 2007

A Public Hearing was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 8:05 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Peter Swiderski.

CITIZENS: Ten (10)

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 August 3, 2007 issue of *The Rivertowns Enterprise* to consider the advisability of enacting Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2007 amending the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, Westchester County, New York, Chapter 146 Flood Damage Prevention, to promote the health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by certain provisions.

Mayor Kinnally: Trustee Swiderski is en route from Logan Airport.

Mr. Frobel, do you want to give a brief overview, and then we will open it up for public comment?

Village Manager Frobel: Federal law requires that municipalities participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Before you tonight is an update to a map that was last amended in 1987, and originally by the Village upon the recommendation of the federal government back in 1974. The map is based on 100-year flood elevations for the Village.

After review by the federal government, they have recommended replacement of our existing law. We already have an ordinance in place, but they are asking us to delete that and to supplement this new ordinance to it. It is modeled after a standard law that they provide to all the communities. This law would put us in compliance with state and federal updates. It addresses some very minor changes in the Village; chiefly those changes are along the Saw Mill River and Nepera Lane. Other than that, it is fairly unchanged from the previous one. The other change that we are suggesting in the law is that the Building Inspector would serve as the local administrator. He would probably be the first person to come in contact with someone looking to make an addition, or build in, the flood hazard zone.

The concept behind it is to mitigate the loss of property or lives when building in what is determined to be an area that has a likelihood of flooding in a 100-year storm.

Mayor Kinnally: Anyone wishing to speak either in favor of or in opposition to the proposed local law please come forward, give your name and address for the record, and present your comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Kinnally asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On MOTION of Trustee Quinlan, SECONDED by Trustee McLaughlin with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally closed the Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Trustee Goodman: When will the Trustees have a chance to ask questions?

Mayor Kinnally: Later, at the regular meeting. We are not going to pass on it this evening. It will be on for action on September 11.