

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 6, 2007

A Public Hearing was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee Marjorie Apel, Trustee Peter Swiderski, Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan, Trustee Diggitt McLaughlin, Village Manager Francis A. Frobel, Village Attorney Marianne Stecich, and Deputy Village Clerk Linda Knies.

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 February 2, 2007 issue of *The Rivertowns Enterprise* to consider the advisability of adopting Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2007 amending the code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, Westchester County, New York Chapter 282 Vehicles and Traffic to Erect Stop Signs on Fenwick Road at Kent Avenue and Branford Road at Kent Avenue.

Mayor Kinnally: This being a public hearing, 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.

Mary Jane Shimsky, 35 Ashley Road: I am here tonight to speak in support of the amendment. I live at the corner of Ashley Road and Kent Avenue about 100 to 150 feet from the intersection of Branford Road and Kent Avenue. According to the traffic laws, if you are quizzed on the driver's test whether there is a stop sign or not, when you come at the end of a road to an intersecting road you are always supposed to stop. Most people do not do that unless there is a stop sign there. Even when there is a stop sign there you occasionally have people go through, but your compliance goes up by a lot if you actually have the physical stop sign.

At those corners, especially Branford, which is where I have more personal knowledge, a lot of people come whipping around that corner without even slowing down, much less stopping. One morning I was almost in a head-on collision with someone as I was turning out of my driveway. My son informed me tonight, when I told him why I was coming down to the meeting, that one day when he was walking to school he was almost run over by someone speeding around the corner from Branford. These intersections would definitely help make our neighborhood down there a little safer, and that would be a very good thing. So I urge you to support them.

Bennie Tercek, 324 Farragut: I live at the corner of Farragut Avenue and Farragut Parkway. I did not come intending to speak, I came intending to support. But I think the cold kept most of the neighborhood away, so here I am.

I drive Kent Avenue five, six, seven, eight times daily. That is how I get from Hillside down the back way to my house. I have four children, and I am sensitive to the number of children in the neighborhood. There are tons of children in the neighborhood. There are bus stops along Kent at Fenwick and Branford. I do not know if there is one at Fenwick, but there is one at Branford. I walk my dog in that neighborhood. That is our neighborhood, and y it has been a concern of mine since I moved here nine years ago. I figured it was just an oversight that there were not stop signs there. So when I went on-line the other day and saw this was on the agenda, I said it is time for me to say I cannot believe it has finally made it. This is something that needs to happen; these stop signs need to be there. People that come up from Fenwick and Branford on the smaller arteries assume right-of-way. It is as though they are so excited that there is a not a stop sign there that they almost pick up speed to make that turn. When you are driving along Kent, you do come close to collisions there because you, of course, on Kent are assuming the right-of-way. So I encourage you to pass this.

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

CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On MOTION of Trustee McLaughlin, SECONDED by Trustee Swiderski with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally closed the Public Hearing at 8:05 p.m.