

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Swiderski, Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan, Trustee Meg Walker, Village Manager Francis A. Frobel, Village Attorney Marianne Stecich (7:35 p.m.), and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

ABSENT: Trustee Bruce Jennings, Trustee Nicola Armacost

CITIZENS: Four (4).

Mayor Swiderski: Both Trustees Jennings and Armacost are away on business, one out of country and one on another coast.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Swiderski: We have a number of appointments to announce: Library Board of Trustees, reappointment of Jacqueline Preiss Weitzman; Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Paula Scheiber and Barbara Thompson as members and co-chairs; Tree Board, reappointment of Jennifer Lee; Village Arts Commission, reappointment of Nancy DiNatale and appointment of Jim Bergesen and Dylan O'Brien; Board of Police Commissioners, appointment of Sandra Selikson. Congratulations to all, and we look forward to your service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION of Trustee Walker, SECONDED by Trustee Quinlan with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2010 were approved as presented.

On MOTION of Trustee Walker, SECONDED by Trustee Quinlan with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Executive Session of September 7, 2010 were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

On MOTION of Trustee Walker, SECONDED by Trustee Quinlan with a voice vote of all in favor, the following Warrants were approved:

Multi-Fund No. 23-2010-11 \$892,478.00

Multi-Fund No. 24-2010-11 \$242,547.24

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Gonder, 153 James Street: The code of ethics again. I do not know if you are going to ever bring it up and change it, but to me it looks terrible that you keep on accepting money from Atlantic Richfield, BP whether it's for Friday Night Live: ka-ching, ka-ching, ka-ching,. You need a vehicle? Oh, yes, we could use a green vehicle. And all of a sudden you get a green vehicle. And then you get a \$2 million grant for a building that you do not even own. It does not look right because what are you doing to Atlantic Richfield? What are you giving Atlantic Richfield? Eighteen years, we still do not have one PCB removed, one ounce of lead, one ounce of mercury and a lot of other toxic substances. Why do you not review your ethics? The state is reviewing theirs, Greenburgh, the city of White Plains, the federal government. You are just as bad as some of the other people. You cannot see it that you are unethical. I wonder if you can sleep at night accepting money from a large corporation, Joe Sontchi. You are dealing with them, trying to get something cleaned up. You hire a consultant. What is the consultant doing? What are you doing? Mr. Quinlan tries to speed up things, but it looks like you are at a standstill for years and years.

On the deer, I would like to reiterate what I said because Mr. Quinlan was not here last meeting. Since you have a permit for net-and-bolt, I would give you my land to use. I would write any letters you need, on private property to try the net-and-bolt. With the deer population, I do not think your proposed method will work. Deer population lives from 14 to 20 years if they are not hunted; two to four years if they are hunted. It will take forever to get the quantity of deer, with them multiplying double every two years. And I said I would give you \$100 for 10 deer in my property.

Tim Downey, 520 Farragut Parkway: An e-mail letter went out reminding folks that the leaf blowers were not to be used until October 15. We are right in the middle of where the utility of the machine is not being aligned with the law. As a result, given somewhat of a drought situation this year with all the leaf shed and so forth, you have two camps. You have the folks who do not like the blowers who are complaining and calling, and they feel like the law is not being enforced. Then you have people, like myself for example, a homeowner, who has to roll across all the acorns for the past month or fruits from the hickory trees or pear trees. It is the utility of the machine, if used responsibly and carefully, which is what I have always advocated. Perhaps if we allowed one machine that was acceptable in terms of noise. I witnessed today in Dobbs Ferry a blower team, one of our local contractors, raising a dust storm. It is not our job to train these people. But we have to create laws that guide them in the right direction that we can enforce. The quality of life is definitely improved through the summertime with the reduction in the use of blowers. I would like to come back to that discussion to fine-tune that law. It has helped, but it also creates some problems with both camps arguing: they are not supposed to use them, we need them.

Also, I would like the Village, when we become flush with cash again, to go back to the discussion of enlarging the parking facility at the pool to give some relief to the neighbors, the same way we are looking at enlarging the Uniontown space, which is a great idea given the way it adversely impacts. It can also be a hindrance to the fire department's response time. The people who live around the pool have suffered a lot of hardship over the years since the pool was expanded and its capacity increased. The idea of using Hillside or the Farragut school for parking just does not work. When I am at swim meets with my daughters you have to have police come up and walk through the crowds and ask them if they are legally parked. They do a great job. Very professional, very courteous police officers. But we should not have to acknowledge we do not have a system that works: the land downhill from the pool area on the same side of the road was integrated into another terraced level, where we had perhaps some senior parking, a little more handicapped parking, an area that was environmentally responsible, we did not have great wash-off, that would be a worthwhile project to look at.

Bob Zahn, 24 Crossbar Road: The project is going very well, and I just want to say that while it is not the goal, I think a byproduct is going to be a lot of pride in living in Hasting.

68:10 ADOPTION OF TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Village Manager Frobel: This comes before the Board on an annual basis. We have about 54 residents availing themselves of this age-eligible and income-eligible program. A letter will go out in November. The applications are due back, verifying the income, at the end of December. The state did not increase the income guidelines this year. But the Village Assessor believes that we should ask the Board to pass this resolution giving him the authorization to implement these income guidelines. Any resident who is turning 65 this year should contact the Village Clerk's office to determine their eligibility, if they are so interested.

Village Manager Frobel: I know we have 54 residents, it has been in implementation for a long time. I do not know how people are aware of it except by contacting the Village Clerk's office to inquire if any program does exist.

Mayor Swiderski: Does the Senior Advocate speak to it?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: I am sure the Senior Advocate does. We do not advertise it. Certainly everyone who is on the program gets a renewal every year. In my experience, very few people have come and said I never knew about this, why did someone not tell me? But we could reach out if you think it would be appropriate to do that.

Village Manager Frobel: We do have a new Senior Advocate, and we can do something on the Web page to draw the residents' attention to the program. That would be a good idea.

Trustee Walker: If we have a program, people should know about it. As much as I do not want to decrease our tax revenues, at the same time you want to be fair.

Village Manager Frobel: I will ask Raf to take a look at that for us.

On MOTION of Trustee Walker, SECONDED by Trustee Quinlan the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby adopt for the 2011 Assessment Roll the maximum level of income permitted, together with the highest percentage of exemption permitted, by Section 467 of Real Property Tax Law and that the Village Assessor is authorized to accept and grant those exemptions where appropriate in accordance with those guidelines, and be it further

RESOLVED: that in determining eligibility and levels of income, senior citizen applicants may deduct unreimbursed medical and prescription drug expenses and/or veteran's disability compensation when calculating the total income of the owners of real property.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Bruce Jennings		Absent
Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost		Absent
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

69:10 AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE BIDS – STREET SWEEPER

Village Manager Frobel: A year ago I convinced the Board on the need for a replacement sweeper. Since that time, we have made some operational changes and our mechanics were able to keep that piece of machinery operable to get us through up until a few weeks ago.

Right now it is again down. This time a minor repair, but t over the course of the past year and 18 months we have spent several thousand dollars keeping a piece of aging equipment on its feet. The machine was purchased in 2000. It has a life expectancy of about seven years, so we certainly have reached that. At this time I am just asking for permission to go out to bid and see what the market bears in terms of price.

Mayor Swiderski: Approximately how many days a week is the sweeper typically used?

Village Manager Frobel: Normally five days a week we would have it out all the time. The man comes in in the early morning, sweeps the downtown, and sweeps all the neighborhood streets during a 30-day cycle. But over the past year I have had to curtail that trying to keep this piece of machinery in good shape to just do the downtown and some of the main streets. We have had to change our operation dramatically.

Mayor Swiderski: So if it is a five-day-a-week cycle, to share with another village is not an option?

Village Manager Frobel: No, I do not think so. It is too valuable a piece of equipment not to have in your fleet. We do borrow Dobbs' periodically, but it is something we should have ourselves. It is used that frequently.

Mayor Swiderski: And the other villages have, other than Ardsley, their own?

Village Manager Frobel: I believe so. I know Dobbs does. I noted in my comments Ardsley uses an outside service with mixed results. I am not certain about Irvington.

Trustee Walker: I cannot remember what you said about the expense of hiring an outside contractor to do it.

Village Manager Frobel: Ardsley spends upwards to \$29,000 a year; we would have a machine pay for itself within three years at that price. I think it is something that we need to have ourselves. We have explored a hybrid sweeper, but the industry has not produced one yet. But they have come a long way in terms of economy and air emission standards, so I think we will be satisfied. But let us see what is out there.

Trustee Walker: Have they come a long way in terms of noise?

Village Manager Frobel: Now they use less water. It is more of a vacuum than a sweeper. In that sense it probably should be quieter.

Trustee Walker: Can you look into specifications that would lead us to a quieter machine? I have heard just as many people complain about the dirt on the streets as complain about the noise of the machine and waking up in the middle of the night. So whatever we can do to find a quieter machine. It is unfortunate that we have to make this expenditure, but our hands are tied. We have no choice. We also are under the EPA stormwater requirement to keep the streets clean.

Mayor Swiderski: That is a pretty compelling driver here, unfortunately.

Trustee Walker: So we are not talking cosmetics here. We are talking an environmental issue.

Mayor Swiderski: And the plugged drain pipes that lead to the floods, though primarily, the number of complaints about the state of the streets downtown is pretty high.

Trustee Walker: Yes, especially downtown. But a lot of that is the sidewalks, and the street sweeper is not going to sweep the sidewalks. That is another issue for another time, but we have to address more than just the streets in the downtown. People have been complaining recently, particularly Warburton.

Trustee Quinlan: How expensive do you think a street sweeper is going to be, Fran? You said \$90,000?

Village Manager Frobel: No. When we purchased it several years ago it was in that vicinity. It is about \$165,000.

Trustee Quinlan: So for \$30,000 a year you could have one five years, it would be \$150,000. And these have a seven-year lifespan?

Village Manager Frobel: That is the industry. We kept it for 11, so we have done better.

Trustee Quinlan: We spent some money on that, though.

Village Manager Frobel: We have spent money of late.

Trustee Quinlan: How are we going to pay for the \$160,000 machine? Are we going to go out and borrow the money?

Village Manager Frobel: Right. You have given the authority to borrow the money already, so that is in the works.

Trustee Quinlan: What steps have we taken to complete that? Is it bundled in with some other things?

Village Manager Frobelt: Yes. In fact, I was going to report tonight that we did go out to bid, or we have some bond anticipation money for that, with other items. The authorization you had given us was for the ladder truck, tax certioraris, sidewalks, and the sweeper.

Trustee Quinlan: So we have already borrowed the money?

Village Manager Frobelt: We got a price to borrow the money. We have not closed on the money. We are waiting to hear tonight whether or not we can go out and bid this project.

Trustee Quinlan: OK, but borrowing the money is in the works. Would that be a better way to say it?

Village Manager Frobelt: Yes.

Trustee Quinlan: We have already paid for the new fire truck, right?

Village Manager Frobelt: Yes.

Trustee Quinlan: So is this money sitting somewhere? These are honest questions.

Village Manager Frobelt: No.

Trustee Quinlan: Is this \$160,000 sitting somewhere?

Village Manager Frobelt: No.

Trustee Quinlan: Is it bundled into a loan, or what?

Village Manager Frobelt: It is bundled into a loan, but we have not closed on the note yet.

Trustee Walker: Ardsley spends \$20,000 some a year, and that is covering labor costs, as well, though. Is that right?

Village Manager Frobelt: Yes, that is everything.

Trustee Walker: If you bring the labor costs into play does the price begin to look cheaper to hire it out?

Village Manager Frobel: Between now and when we come back to you with a price we will take a closer look at it.

Mayor Swiderski: Can we get a quote from that company?

Village Manager Frobel: What I can do is pursue that further. But I can tell you that you are probably not going to be happy with the frequency of the sweeping. I spoke to the manager in Ardsley. They contact out. Streets are swept once a week or once a month. It is very infrequently. That was what made me think it is not what Hastings wants. The demand is to keep the streets clean and to have it done more frequently, not less. But between now and when I come back with a bid, let me do some work and find out more about it.

Trustee Walker: And then add in the labor cost for our DPW employee who is operating the street sweeper and we will do a labor and equipment comparison.

Village Manager Frobel: What I am used to is a combined feature. Where I used to work we had a contractor sweep all the streets. There were 260 miles of road, and a contractor would do all the streets. But we had our own sweeper for spills, touch-up work, quick emergency. It was an older sweeper, but we kept it alive that way, by having someone come in. He only came in once a year, though, to sweep the entire street system.

Trustee Walker: The contractor only came in once a year?

Village Manager Frobel: Yes. But let me explore it and see if it makes sense for us.

Trustee Quinlan: Ardsley does it, and the place that you worked at last did it. So it is a balancing act of how much money you want to spend and how many people want the streets to be clean. I do not know, but I am prepared to vote for it to go out to bid tonight.

Trustee Walker: Yes, go ahead and bid, and then we will see.

Mr. Downey: You have to look at the cost of the machine, plus labor. A hybrid program, where you had somebody do the Village downtown, might be a temporary stopgap until our budget was in better order. A lot of times, as I have spoken about in the past, that sweeper runs in the road, just polishing curbs and not doing anything. You have to look at forward maintenance costs and the cost of real money. It is \$160,000, but is it going to cost \$185,000

or \$197,000 by the time you get done with the cost of money? I would like to look at how we could break this out to see whether we really want to go for that cost.

Mr. Zahn: In New York City, the shop owners are required to sweep their own sidewalks.

Trustee Walker: Yes, we have the same thing here. We have difficulty enforcing it, unfortunately.

Trustee Quinlan: Not to get into sidewalks tonight but, again, it is a complicated issue. You should sweep the sidewalks in front of your building, but the people that are throwing the cigarettes and the junk and the gum and everything else are responsible to a certain extent. There has to be a double enforcement: not just the cleaners, but the people that make it dirty, especially out in front of all the places where people congregate to smoke.

Trustee Walker: We have a lot of residents in the downtown, too. A lot of the merchants do not feel they should be responsible for what the residents do. There is always pointing the finger.

Mayor Swiderski: It remains an ongoing issue. Let us leave it at that.

Trustee Walker: Yes, it is. And we do need to resolve it.

Mayor Swiderski: Try to address it, if not resolve it.

On MOTION of Trustee Walker, SECONDED by Trustee Quinlan the following Resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Manager to receive bids on a street sweeper.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Bruce Jennings		Absent
Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost		Absent
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Frobel: I want to mention a reminder to the Board and to the entire community that everyone is invited to come to the police department inspection and award ceremony this Saturday just before the parade, at 1:15 here at Village hall.

We did go into the bond market to secure prices for our bond anticipation notes. We did very well. We had a less than 1 percent rate of interest on our money. Again, we have not closed on that yet. I thought we did very well, and I think it reflects certainly on the work of the staff who pulled together the necessary documents, and working with our fiscal advisors. It reflects the market as well, but I am pleased. That will allow us to reimburse ourselves for the payment for the ladder truck and the equipment that we have yet to buy for the truck. It will handle the tax certs recently approved. It covers our match for the sidewalks up Washington and Maple, if we move forward on the Maple Avenue sidewalks, and it allows us to purchase the street sweeper if we decide to go forward with that.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

1. Proposed Fee Increases

Village Manager Frobel: Several months ago we spoke during a work session on looking at fees for the prepaid commuter parking. At that time I sensed there was some interest on the part of the Board to pursue that. We have put it under Board discussion to see if there is some support and, if there is, to call for a public hearing. We see it as a way to enhance our revenues and to come closer to what the true market cost is to operate that commuter lot. It is a fee that would be pegged to what Metro-North charges for their parking on the other side of the railroad tracks. It does not reflect increasing the daily rate. That is a discussion for another day because I have not got all that in order in terms of ease of operation for the commuter. By that I mean I was looking at some kind of smart cards or prepaid. I am not ready for that yet. I am having a hard time lining up vendors to get some prices and explore that. And, of course, the other part of that parking proposal was to talk about traffic fees and fines, and this does not reflect that at all. This is simply to see if you think we could hold a public hearing and consider raising the annual fee for the commuters.

Mayor Swiderski: Is it in line with other communities?

Village Manager Frobel: Our survey shows that we are low compared to other communities, but I think this is in keeping. This has last been looked at in 2002, so I think it is overdue for an increase. But again, it would keep us on a level with Metro-North. They have done their market surveys, and they feel that it should be closer to \$440 a year. I have

looked at it a couple of different ways. And, of course, everyone has to look at it their own way. But if you assume a certain number of work days, when you take out for holidays, vacations, et cetera it is almost \$2 a day for parking.

Mayor Swiderski: That is exactly the way I look at it, and it does not strike me as outrageous. The jump may be a bit more significant than we may want to do, but that is a separate issue.

Trustee Quinlan: You could say most people, if they are working full-time, would probably work 200 days a year. It is \$440, so \$2 and change a day. Why do we sell permits by the quarter?

Village Manager Frobel: That was a question I had asked of Susan today. We are not sure of the history of it.

Mayor Swiderski: Does anyone pay that way?

Village Manager Frobel: We have one person. But it must have been a convenience; some time someone must have said they only need it for a quarter. But they are all annuals.

Mayor Swiderski: All but one.

Trustee Quinlan: And we are going to increase that from \$90 to \$139. Any reason why we picked that number?

Village Manager Frobel: No. Susan, what was it? Just a percentage, keeping the percentage the same?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: Yes. We do have more quarterlies on River Street where the nonresident parking is. The \$139 was a little more than one quarter of \$440.

Village Attorney Stecich: I see. Do the ratio. It is about the same.

Village Manager Frobel: For those who buy the annual, and then do not use it and sell it back to us, we prorate it and sell it accordingly to someone in line who wants to buy it for half a year or six months.

Trustee Quinlan: Yes, someone who did not win the lottery, right?

Village Manager Frobel: Right. Or who just moves into the community. They come in; periodically we get someone like that.

Trustee Quinlan: I am sure we do, but half-year, quarter-year. It is fine with me, but I just find it interesting that it even exists for one person.

Trustee Walker: I am fine with the rate increase. I know it is not popular. But I talk to other communities, and beyond the river towns, as well. Most of the fees are higher, and those that are not are considering raising theirs if not this year then soon. I have done my own little survey. I cannot tell you the details right now because I did not bring it. But I found that most of the towns I have spoken to in Westchester are considerably higher. So I do not have a problem with the fee. And we need to encourage more people to walk and find other means to get to the train station.

Mayor Swiderski: Now, we have a waiting list. So for every car it discourages, it is going to put somebody on the waiting list. But those are people probably parking somewhere on the streets anyway.

Trustee Walker: So how many people are on the waiting list these days?

Village Manager Frobel: I think there may be six or seven right now. We have accommodated most everyone, and most people are understanding. They use the daily meters.

Trustee Walker: I know. And if we can make that easier for people in whatever way we can. You did add meters.

Village Manager Frobel: Yes, we have. It was all part of that comprehensive look at parking in the entire Village. We are gradually chipping away at it. We would like to have this in place by November. If you hold your public hearing at the next meeting we could get this ready for the start on January 1.

Mayor Swiderski: I hate to be the walking nerd who pushes it, but I gave up the second car and the parking spot, and at three quarters of a mile am finding it acceptable. On a rainy or frigid day \$7 for the taxi or cadging a ride with somebody is not a big deal and, over the course of the year, adds up to a small fraction of the \$440. That is not including the savings on the car, insurance, gas, maintenance, the tickets which I seemed to get all the time because I was using the meters. So come over to walking. It is not nearly as bad as you think. And the climb up Mt. Hope is just like a Stairmaster.

Trustee Quinlan: I am in favor of it, too. In comparison with other villages, we are on the low side. I hear complaints about people that catch later trains that we do not have enough parking down there. I do not know if that is true because I walk, but this does not have anything to do with that. We just do not have enough spaces and we do not own enough land to create more spaces. That is a whole other issue. But a little over \$2 a day is fine.

Mayor Swiderski: Well, then, schedule a public meeting.

On MOTION of Trustee Walker, SECONDED by Trustee Quinlan with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled a Public Hearing on October 5, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. to consider an increase in prepaid parking permits as well as to impose a fee on the portable home storage unit permit, and a replacement permit fee.

2. Changes to Procedures for Licensing of Dogs

Village Manager Frobel: The Mayor is aware of this because it was a topic at our village officials meeting. For those who do not know, the state is getting out of the business of licensing dogs. Although that does not sound like a big deal, it creates an additional administrative responsibility on our offices here. So the villages are trying to map out a strategy as to the best way to handle this responsibility. I have asked Susan to brief you so that we can get some direction from the Board as to how to proceed.

Village Clerk Maggiotto: The state is getting out of this business because state agencies have been required to significantly reduce their operations. The problem with this is that they are taking a centralized operation and spreading it out across the state so 400 clerks can duplicate what one agency was doing. It is totally inefficient. We are going to have a meeting tomorrow among the village managers to talk about what our options might be. There should be some way we can coordinate it more efficiently. It is not a moneymaker. It is a cost center for the Village. It costs \$6 to register your dog; \$2.50 of that is a statutory fee, and 47 percent of that goes to the county and 53 percent goes to the Town of Greenburgh. The other part of it, \$3.50, we get to keep. Hastings only has 158 registered dogs. I am sure there are quite a few more running around. So we make \$3.50 times 158 each year.

Mayor Swiderski: Is it an annual license?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: Yes.

Mayor Swiderski: Who mandates the license? What if we just did not do it?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: State law requires that dogs must be licensed. They changed the law only insofar as who is going to do the licensing. The state requires that municipalities must license. We have to explore whether we could do it cooperatively or through the town.

Mayor Swiderski: What is the purpose of the licensing?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: I do not know what interest the state has.

Mayor Swiderski: Do you have to show proof of rabies vaccination?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: Yes, you do have to show proof of rabies. That is a public health measure, except that so many dogs are not licensed. So 158 people do what they are supposed to do and get their dogs shots. I am not saying that other people do not, they just skip the licensing part. What happens now is, people come to their local office and say, I have a new dog. We give them the paperwork to fill out. We send the information to Albany. We do not keep that database. Albany sends out renewal letters every year. People come and pay us. We are the place where they pay, but we do not have the system set up to organize it. We just take the money, parcel it out.

Mayor Swiderski: When the mayors got together it seemed to be the consensus that if we chose not to do it, the town had to do it. Is that reinforced by anything you read?

Village Attorney Stecich: Yes, the law says that you can ask the town to do it.

Mayor Swiderski: You can ask, or you can compel? Certainly the consensus of the mayors was that the language was fairly clear.

Village Attorney Stecich: I thought it was clear, too. I am sure if you raise it with the town, and they do not agree, you will hear what the counter to it is, but the language looked clear to me, too.

Mayor Swiderski: So is that not our default way out? Just shrug, and make the town do it?

Village Attorney Stecich: But you cannot just not do anything. You have to go to the town and say we want you to do it.

Mayor Swiderski: Is there anything gained by us doing it instead of the town, other than a headache for you? Do we get to keep more money?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: We could raise that \$3.50 fee, but what are we going to raise it to?

Mayor Swiderski: But do we not spend that on animal stuff? We have to spend it on animals?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: We still have to set up a database, which is some expense. And then we would consider all the hours we would have to spend in sending out the renewals and getting them back. I do not see much of an advantage. The people who pay in person would have to go to the Town of Greenburgh, but the whole thing can be done by mail, so that would not be a great inconvenience to most people.

Mayor Swiderski: You could still continue to distribute the forms, so that way, nobody has to physically go to Greenburgh. My instinct is to offload it on Greenburgh, if at all possible. Six villages, each doing it. It is just absurd. This is one of those cost-saving measures which results in the net expense going way up because everybody is now saddled. Excellent.

Village Clerk Maggiotto: We are meeting tomorrow on it, and we will be back with some recommendation probably by the next meeting. This takes effect January 1, 2011, so something has to be set up by then.

Trustee Quinlan: This is one reason why I ran for Trustee, so I could talk about procedures for licensing dogs. This is really how I want to spend my time.

Mayor Swiderski: Seriously, this is absurd. And it is absurd that the state thinks it can do that.

Trustee Quinlan: Logic would dictate that everyone say that the six villages say to Greenburgh it makes a lot more sense to have this centralized. I am sure they will not like it, but it makes sense.

Village Manager Frobel: A councilman at our meeting did not seem strenuously opposed to it.

3. Update on Waterfront

Trustee Quinlan: The beginning of the cleanup on the Tappan Terminal site started on September 13, and so far the vegetative material has been removed. They are only removing the vegetative material that is necessary for the cleanup and for the movement of trucks. I was hoping more would be removed, but I like it looking like it is really going to be cleaned

up. The small concrete pads have been removed and are being stored off-site. Soil samples have been taken from underneath the concrete pads; they are out at the lab. If the tests come back to show no more pollution than was expected, they are going to break up and take out the bigger concrete pads, remove the concrete material that they have broken up, and start taking out the polluted soil. The trucks are not scheduled to start removing material until sometime next week. But we are waiting for the lab results for them to move forward. That's on the Mobil site. When they are finished, we have been promised that Chevron is going to start on their site. The testing is ongoing on the northern BP/ARCO site. They are drilling out in the river. On the land they are drilling and doing their remedial wells which are supposed to break up the DNAPL, suck it up and take it out in barrels. That is an experiment, but it is working. They are also starting to bore into the river to see the extent of the riprap on the north in anticipation of designing the sheeting that is going to be driven into the river for the possible bump-out. So, for the first time in recorded history, we are starting to clean up the waterfront.

3. Miscellaneous

Mayor Swiderski: I want to stress the parade this weekend. We have more than 100 fire trucks, 500 firemen, 30 bands starting at 3 p.m. at Merrill and Farragut, proceeding down Farragut through Five Corners, down Main Street and Warburton, then eventually parking in Zinsser parking lot. It is a very big, logistically complicated event, culminating in a picnic in MacEachron Park with 500 firemen and friends eating and drinking. I went to this 10 years ago. It is memorable, remarkably stirring, and not only if you have kids. The night before in front of the Community Center we have a block party, hosted by the firemen. The grill will be going. There will be live music by local performers. The spanking-new hook and ladder apparatus will be on display. A portion of Main Street will be closed down.

Friday Oct. 1 is Friday Night Live, weather permitting.

Trustee Walker: Our musical celebration, and we are celebrating our first anniversary. Weather permitting October 1 we'll have Warburton closed and music at VFW. At 8:30 p.m. Steve Forbert is going to be playing at the Community Center. He is very well-known, and was responsible for the music in *Easy Rider*. Apparently he is a fabulous musician. There will be kids' activities on Warburton. Shops will be open late and the restaurants will be serving outside if it is warm enough.

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee Walker, SECONDED by Trustee Quinlan with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Swiderski adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:30 p.m.