

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2012

An Organizational Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 7:35 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Peter Swiderski, Trustee Bruce Jennings, Trustee Jeremiah Quinlan, Trustee Meg Walker, Trustee-elect Marjorie Apel, Trustee-elect Nicola Armacost, Village Manager Francis A. Frobel, Village Attorney Marianne Stecich, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

CITIZENS: Fifteen (15).

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Swiderski administered the oaths of office to Trustee Marjorie Apel, Trustee Nicola Armacost, and Village Justice Joseph DiSalvo.

Mayor Swiderski: I want to hand out a couple of small gifts to the departing Trustee, Jerry Quinlan, highly symbolic [presentation of recycling bins]. You now have a place to put all those Village documents. And this is a hunk of brick from the demolished building on the waterfront. Out of our industrial past, I am sure you will continue to help us move into our future. So thank you.

Eileen, thank you for sparing. Don't be so eager, you can now have him back.

Eileen Quinlan: You can't give me another bottle.

Mayor Swiderski: I can. Polish mead. The unsung heroes are the spouses who spare their wives and husbands through these many hours. Thank you very much.

I do not want to think of this as a good-bye because we have roped Jerry into continuing to work for the Village effectively as our coordinator for waterfront affairs. So I do not have to go through the good-bye that I feared. I came in here three years ago. Jerry and I had a heart-to-heart a few days after I was elected, and I told him I wanted to work with him and do something important with him. Jerry made a leap of faith, which I immensely respect and appreciated, that I was sincere. He then went off and, in classic Jerry dogged fashion, the bulldog put his teeth into the waterfront and did not let go for these last three years.

We went up to Albany a number of times, we spent many an evening talking about issues around the waterfront. I could not have hoped for a better partner, and the Village could not have hoped for a better advocate, for pushing forward, finally, aggressively, the events on the

waterfront that have transpired in the last three years. We up here on the Board are enormously grateful. Every week or two, Jerry would hound the poor DEC for the next step in the process of producing the various documents and deliverables they were required to do, as people will hear later tonight, with some success. The state just announced that they have issued the new Record of Decision, reflecting all the work we have put in for three years. So we have a ROD and we have it in great part because of Jerry. There is nobody I trust on these issues to handle them more diplomatically and carefully than Jerry, and it has been a delight working with him. I am so glad he has agreed to continue to help us on these issues because he has been so effective to date. So, Jerry, it is not good-bye. It is thank you for time served, and for all the time you will give us in the future.

Trustee Armacost: Jerry, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for taking me on as a running mate when you had no idea who I was or any of the things that I may be capable and competent to do or not. I remember when we were first introduced to each other, and one of the things that struck me in that first meeting, beyond your seriousness and wisdom, was the twinkle in your eye. It has been so much fun to learn from you and spend time with you and participate in sometimes outrageously long meetings. And to drink a glass of wine with you afterwards and reminisce about what happened during the meeting. So thank you for being an amazing mentor, and for taking me on, and for everything you have done for the Village in the past, and looking forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Trustee Jennings: Jerry, I am not sure what I can add to what has just been said. You have been a terrific colleague on the Board of Trustees. You have been an outstanding Trustee. And I know, and those of us here in this room know and I hope that all of the residents of Hastings know, what a tremendous service you have rendered to this village, not only as a Trustee but many years on the Zoning Board and in other ways. We owe you a tremendous debt of gratitude, the entire community. Thank you very much for your service.

Trustee Walker: Jerry, you have been my neighbor here for over three years, and you have taught me a great deal. I particularly want to thank you for your wonderful attitude and the way you cut right to the chase, right to the heart of the matter. I have learned a lot from you about that. It is one thing to have discussion and everybody weigh in, but you always managed to get right to the core of the issue. I appreciate that. That is what I have learned from you. We are going to miss you a lot, and I am thankful that you are going to stay working on the waterfront because we have a lot more to do. Thank you so much for your great service.

Village Manager Frobel: Jerry, it has been a pleasure. Thank you for the time you gave me to explain to me about Hastings. Being a long-term resident, you were very helpful. And thanks for putting some of the fun back in public service.

Boardmember Apel: Believe or not, I did sit next to Jerry for a number of years on the Board. I remember how it was to work with him. Jerry is probably one of the most thoughtful Trustees that I have ever worked with. And he does get right to the point, and reads and analyzes the materials and the problems that we have at hand. That is probably what has enabled him to be so successful. I am sorry that I will not be able to serve with you, but I will try to take good care of your chair.

Mr. Quinlan: The only thing I can say is thank you, everyone. It was a lot of fun. The biggest legacy that I left with the Village, at least in this role, was the appointments that we made to the boards and commissions. We have a strong citizenry and we have strong boards and commissions. That made a big change in the last six years, and I consider that the most important thing I have done. There are going to be a lot of appointments tonight, and we are going to grow strong, as a village, with those appointments. So thank you.

22:12 MAYORAL AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS

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

A. ACTING VILLAGE JUSTICE

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint **James R. DeVita** as Acting Village Justice for a term of one (1) official year

B. VILLAGE ATTORNEY AND VILLAGE PROSECUTOR

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees award a contract for services to **Stecich Murphy & Lammers LLP** as Village Attorney and Village Prosecutor for a term of one (1) official year.

C. HISTORIAN

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint **Barbara Thompson** as Village Historian for a term of one (1) official year.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

23:12 MAYORAL AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES DESIGNATIONS

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

A. OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees designate the **Rivertowns Enterprise** and the **Journal News** as official newspapers for a term of one (1) official year.

B. OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees designate **JP Morgan Chase Bank, Citibank, N.A., Hudson Valley National Bank, and MBIA-Class** as official depositories for a term of one (1) official year.

C. POLICE AND FIRE SURGEONS

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint **Dorian Tergis, M.D.** and **Charles Edelson, M.D.** as Police and Fire Surgeons for a term of one (1) official year each, to be compensated on a fee or contract basis.

D. REGULAR MEETING DAYS

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees designate the **first and third Tuesday of each month** as the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting days.

E. AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CHECKS AND INSTRUMENTS

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the following to sign checks and instruments of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, when countersigned by the Mayor or one (1) Trustee:
Francis A. Frobel, Susan Maggiotto

except individual payroll checks which shall require one (1) of the following signatures:
Francis A. Frobel, Susan Maggiotto

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

24:12 EXECUTIVE SESSION POLICY

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the Executive Session Policy as follows:

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to conduct Village business in an open fashion and to make available as much information as may legally and practically be disseminated.

The New York Open Meetings Law authorizes the Board to conduct business in executive session in a number of areas. These include:

1. Matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;
2. Matters which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;
3. Information relating to criminal investigations;
4. Discussions relating to proposed, pending or current litigation;
5. Collective bargaining negotiations;
6. Personnel matters; and
7. The proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or securities.

The Board recognizes that it is authorized to use Executive Sessions in these situations, but will do so with restraint.

To maintain confidentiality and to encourage the uninhibited discussion of the subjects of Executive Sessions, the specific subject matter and any statements made or positions taken by all participants must remain confidential and may not be disclosed by any participant unless and until a majority of the Board votes to authorize the release thereof by the Board.

It has been and continues to be the practice of the Board that all members of the Board, acting together, come to agreement by consensus on the specific information which is to be released to the public, the suitable vehicle for reporting that information, and the timing of the reporting.

The Village Clerk (or designee) shall take minutes of each executive session, such minutes to consist only of the following:

1. Date of resolution calling for the executive session;
2. Date, place, and time of executive session;
3. Names of persons present;

4. Broad description of subjects discussed (e.g. personnel, pending litigation); and
5. If any action is taken by formal vote, a summary of the final determination of such action and a record of the vote, in accordance with Public Officers Law ' 106.

Minutes shall be approved at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on September 28, 1993.
Revised November 20, 2007.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

25:12 RULES OF PROCEDURE

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the Rules of Procedure as attached.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Meg Walker	X	
Trustee Nicola Armacost	X	
Mayor Peter Swiderski	X	

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Armacost with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Swiderski adjourned the Organizational Meeting at 8:00 p.m.