

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 7:33 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

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

**CITIZENS:** Five (5).

**Mayor Swiderski:** At the head of the agenda we will hear reports from our first responders in the middle of the crisis we are in. I would like our Village Manager to kick off those presentations with a short intro.

**Village Manager Frobel:** We are going to summarize the efforts the Village has undertaken in providing our residents and businesses safety during this storm.

Since our emergency management team first met, the Friday before the storm arrived, we have been in constant communication and worked shoulder to shoulder throughout this entire event. These have included our police, fire, volunteers, Parks and Recreation and Public Works. We had a bit of an advantage in this storm insofar as we were well-prepared and had plenty of advance notification. Staff, during the storm worked throughout that night to direct persons to safety, to inspect homes for damages, and to block off streets and roads that were deemed unsafe.

Staff currently is coordinating shelter requests, power restoration, and tree removal along with providing informational services to our residents and to begin the cleanup activity. We still have about 450 customers without power. At the peak of the storm, there were upwards of 2,700 Hastings residents without electrical service. Several roads remain closed to through traffic and there has been heavy tree damage throughout our neighborhoods.

Nineteen homes have reported storm-related damage. Of that 19, four have suffered major structural damage. Mercifully and gratefully, we have had no reported personal injuries to our volunteers or our paid personnel or our residents. Our polling places opened as scheduled. Our elementary school opened Monday morning without any reported incidences regarding transportation. The Andrus Home has been a lifesaver to us. At the peak of the event, they've had upwards of 14 individuals sheltered there; today, only one person remains.

The response from the community to open their homes as private shelters has been overwhelming, although only one family, to my knowledge, has taken advantage of that offer. That was a wonderful opportunity to show the true spirit of the community.

There was damage to Village property, principally at Kinnally Cove, the boardwalk. Damage to some fences, a few trees down, but nothing of any significance, with the exception of the damage at the cove and a broken window in the library.

We are still working closely with Con Ed. We pushed extremely hard to have crews here. Today was very much a disappointment. We had hoped that the good progress that was made on Saturday, Sunday and Monday would have continued today. Such was not the case. There were no crews in the Village at all, despite all our efforts. A bitter disappointment to me and to our staff. The logic that Con Ed undergoes we think we understand, but it is no comfort to a homeowner that is still without power this long into the event.

Aside from that, staff will begin the paperwork. We have been keeping track of our expenses throughout the storm event. That is the easy stuff; the paperwork is very minor. What is going to be the real challenge is to pick up after the storm. That will occur well into the winter, as the DPW begins their efforts to help homeowners pick up debris and leaves and everything else that came down during that storm.

Hastings employees, our paid staff, our volunteers, and our elected officials all worked very effectively together. It showed the strength of the community, it showed the professionalism. I am extremely proud of the work. In looking at the storm, and we are still close in to it, I do not know what we could have done differently in terms of our part of the bargain. I am disappointed in Con Ed but you have to understand the magnitude of this storm, and the resources they have and how they go about allocating those resources. It has taken longer than I would liked to get our homeowners back, but over the next couple of days we should continue to see progress. And we will do our part to keep pushing that along. I would like to just turn it over to the Chiefs for their comments.

**Police Chief Bloomer:** Where to begin? Clearly, unprecedented in my 29 years. As much as we prepared for it, you just cannot fathom the scope of the damage and the call volume and the frightened looks of residents and the frustration at not having power throughout the nine days that we have had so far.

The first night, when that river was rising, and each time we would go back to the river which was about every 15 minutes, when it had risen another 40, 50 feet down River Street towards the ramp was frightening because when is it going to stop. There was a cascade effect of the equipment and radios and phones and flashlights that are not designed to work

24 hours a day seven days a week, dying in the middle of conversations, in the middle of inspections. Clearly not the fault of the equipment. Nothing could be designed to handle that.

The frustration of running out of gas, when we were down to very little gas, and not being able to run the police car to put the spotlight on to enable Con Ed to see the pole to quicken their pace: everything cascaded into the next. Our gas lines were very well behaved. Not the case in some of the other communities. We are fortunate that at the two gas stations the lines could be snaked so that they did not interfere with traffic too much. But the people required minimal supervision; we do not have the manpower to have done it, so it is great that they did. Both owners were terrific in cooperating with that.

The equipment really struggled to keep up. The one thing that did not struggle to keep up was the staff. At some point we are all going to crash. When everyone has their power back we are going to crash. The Village Manager was with me 14 hours a day during the height of the storm, during trees crashing down in front of us on Kent, visiting homeowners in the middle of the storm. Every time I turned around and got overwhelmed, Mike Gunther was there who would pick me up a little bit. And when I thought that my guys could not possibly cover another street that was closed or another tree that came down, there was a fireman that was there, almost instantaneously.

We handled, in the two days, the storm and the next day, 187 individual calls. If three people called from the same street, that is not included here. So it was 187 separate events in those two days. Fifty-eight trees came down and damaged something: a house, a car, a telephone pole. The ones that did not hit anything or fell between houses I am not counting. There were 42 wires that were down, separate from the trees that brought the wires down. At some point during the event, we had between 30 and 40 roads closed. And as you said, there are still several that are closed.

I want to say a couple things for Con Edison. Today was certainly the most frustrating day of the entire event. It was a gorgeous day. We had planned on getting a lot of work done. We had been promised last night different areas where we had met scout teams that said this is going to be the next priority. But we know from our experience this week that that changes not hour to hour, but minute to minute, when they get another report of damage that is more extensive.

The crews that were here are some of the best people that I have ever worked with. We had crews from Dallas, Austin, Texas, from Florida, from Alabama, from Georgia, from both Carolinas and from Chicago, and I am probably missing some. These people were dedicated and conscientious, and stayed here long after they were told to leave to try to put things on

for people. They were polite to residents, they were respectful, they were empathetic. But again, the cascade effect. The Florida crews do not have winter clothing. So when they are working at night, they are starting to get cold. They do not have winter stuff. They may by now, but in the beginning of the event they did not. Their flashlights were dying. One of their trucks broke down in the middle of the event. They ran out of gas during the event, and we had to supply them with gas. When they were trying to leave Rye to get here one morning, they got stuck in a gas line. Not that they were getting gas, but the road was blocked from traffic. It delayed them about an hour. Just everything that could be added in got added in. We spent a lot of time with these people, and they went way out of their way for us. We spent so much time with them, especially Gary Usher from Georgia, that I found myself with a Georgia twang over the weekend. I heard myself for three days talking Georgian.

The other person I want to mention is Betsy Biddle at Andrus. She was tremendous for us. Even if they ran out of rooms, they provided a big lounge/living room place where they let people stay. She never turned anyone away. She took some tough cases. She took people on oxygen, she took a 100-plus-year-old person, she took a husband and wife that had their own personal caregivers. She took a lot of tough cases that could not have been easy for her to handle. She did a great job, and where we would be without her. And her generator failed. And the A&P's backup generator failed. Again, the equipment was not designed for this stress.

My officers have been tremendous, they have worked long, long hours. They have stood out blocking roads to try to make things easier for Con Ed when they have been here. They have been very good with the public. I know there have been a couple of instances where the public has been a little upset. The public has been really good to us out on the road. The public has been great to Con Ed, naturally, if they are working in front of your house. We checked on the crew on Pinecrest yesterday to see if they needed anything. They told us they have never been so well-fed, they do not need a thing. So the public has been really sympathetic.

If you do not have heat now and if you do not have power today, you do not want to hear all the ones that were restored and you do not want to hear the roads that were opened. You do not want to hear that. If my parents did not have power I would not want to hear it. So I understand. But everyone here has been working extremely hard to make it happen. There is no way you could have prepared more for this. Everything that we prepared for happened, but it all happened at once. You prepare for 20 things and you hope only 10 happen, and 19 happened and then 10 that we did not prepare for: no gas, who thought of that? That is my report for now.

**Fire Chief Sarfaty:** The Fire Department started mobilizing on Thursday, Oct. 25. We notified all the captains of the firehouses to start stocking up in preparation for the standby, which we initiated at 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 29. The standby was called off on Tuesday at 11 a.m. During that standby, the Fire Department had approximately 50 members at any one time in all the firehouses, so we rotated those members on-duty and off-duty just to get back to their houses and check on their families and their properties. Prior to the standby the Assistant Chiefs and I did a number of pre-storm assessments for properties that we felt were perilous. One of the main properties was the tennis club. We went down there on Sunday and checked the tidal conditions, and ordered that the bubbles be dropped in anticipation of the wind that ended up coming in.

Also, we worked very closely with the Senior Advocate and identified those seniors that may need evacuation or may need special services. Assistant Chief Russak went around to over 16 private homes with the Senior Advocate to check on the welfare of the seniors after the storm. The Fire Inspector did a walkthrough of 555 and 565 Broadway to check on the welfare of the residents there because that building was without power for quite a long time.

One of the main events, the department was on standby on Hopke. We had a large tree on fire that was fed by the primary electrical lines. It was threatening the properties along Hopke Avenue. That was one of the first corrective measures that the utility crews took care of when they came in finally. One of the other big issues, we had a primary wire down on Jackson Avenue which fell on the fence around the cemetery, which electrified the fence along the whole property at Mt. Hope Cemetery. That affected our access to the St. Andrews property. If we had to, we could have accessed it through Ardsley, so that was not too much of an issue, at least afterwards, once we got everything squared away.

We had the ambulance building on generator power. That is a relief center. It also contains our cascade system, so in the event of a fire we can fill air bottles. We had approximately three evacuations during the height of the storm, whereby we accessed private dwellings to get the vulnerable citizens out of the property. A couple of those houses were hit by trees. They were transported to the Andrus Home. Other than that, the majority of the calls were securing dangerous situations where transformers fell, where electrical lines were down, where trees were down.

Follow-up activities included various evaluations with the Fire Inspector and the Building Department on those properties which were severely damaged by trees and downed lines. Right now, Chief Russak is working closely with the Police Department to determine the number of calls that the Fire Department responded to. Right now, it is over 100. Again, that is the calls during the storm and then a lot of the residual calls that we have been

answering afterwards, which include carbon monoxide incidents, gas leaks, wires on property, tree conditions where damaged trees are threatening property and things of that nature. As Chief Bloomer said, the forces worked very well together. The main thing is that nobody got hurt, everybody got home. Compared to what other people are going through, we are very lucky.

**Village Manager Frobel:** Mike, could you offer some comments on DPW? I should also point out, that DPW forces were supplemented with employees from our Parks and Recreation Department and our Building Inspector's office.

**DPW Superintendent Gunther:** I do not have a lengthy report like the Police Chief and the Fire Chief, but we have a lengthy job with all the cleanup. We will be taking this on in the next several weeks. Yes, we had help from the Parks and Recreation guys. I want to thank our guys who stayed that night. We had staff on from all day long. We prepared two days before the storm. We filled an excess of 300 sandbags in anticipation of flooding like we had on the Saw Mill River corridor last year in Hurricane Irene. We were prepared for that. We let the residents know. A few residents had called and took advantage of that, and we did supply them with sandbags.

We were prepared we had our mechanics check all our equipment, chainsaws and everything. Everything was prepared on Thursday. Friday was just fill the trucks. And then Monday, I had five of our staff stay on in excess of 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning until everything calmed down. Any roads that we could open, we opened. Then it was at the mercy of the power companies and everything else.

The cleanup is going to take several weeks. It is painstaking. People are bringing it to the curb. It is not even bundled up, and it is all twined together. We will assist the public in any way we can help out in getting this cleaned up. But it is definitely going to take us several weeks if it doesn't get covered with the white stuff first.

I want to reiterate what Fran said, and the Police Chief and the Fire Chief. In my 29 years here, this is probably one of the worst I have seen. But I would not change the staff I have to work with, any of the Chiefs. Dave is the most exhausted one, Dave, his lieutenant; his officers, the fire department, everybody. I am not going to single anybody out. But a little bit of McDonald's and donuts went a long way. I have never seen it in my career here, and I thank them all.

**Village Manager Frobel:** Mike, I know your family has property you have lost down at the shore. But I want to stress the amount of work your men did opening those streets. Those trees were massive, and that is not something we do every day.

**Superintendent Gunther:** Thank you, Fran. We took on a little in the past, and anything around wires we did not have a choice there. We made sure it was dead. In the previous years it was always the cable company or it is Verizon or the utility that cuts the trees. We had to take on that task, and I have a couple of well-trained that I am not going to say I trained myself but they worked with me in past years. We had to get it done and, again, I thank them.

**Village Manager Frobel:** You did a good job, Mike. Thank you.

Before we open it to questions, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Mayor for the leadership role he took in working shoulder to shoulder with these gentlemen over the past week. Your newsletter removed a tremendous burden from my shoulders. That is something, in the past, managers have the responsibility of getting the word out to the community. You took that on for us, and that was a tremendous help to get that responsibility off so these gentlemen could focus on their tasks and I could help them in some of those. But the leadership role, Mayor, you took during this storm is remarkable, and we do thank you.

**Mayor Swiderski** I thank you for that. This last week has been unquestionably among the most intense in my life. The time I have spent with the staff here demonstrates a paragon of civil service, of public service. Whether it is the Fire Department in cars literally being cut off behind them and in front of them by falling trees, in the middle of the storm, to rescue a 91-year-old woman. Or Gunther's men cutting trees out that were probably bigger than they should have, and putting themselves at risk to open these streets. And the police seemingly everywhere, just when needed, to either help the Con Ed crews or block off streets that were dangerous or whatever. Tireless, brave, good-natured, no whining, no complaining. Exactly everything you want in a public servant, hugely inspirational and a privilege to work with. It's been a remarkable week in many good ways. I have seen things that I will remember forever for the goodness and the open spirit and helpfulness demonstrated. A moving moment.

Sadly, we are not out of the woods yet. But the worst of the peril, at least for the next 22 hours, is behind us. I hope we are not thrust back into this again. It is almost too terrible to contemplate that we could have more power lost and people thrust back into the conditions we have had. We just have to look at the news to remind ourselves how much worse it could be. But I know we rose to this, and showed a strength of spirit and resiliency that speaks a huge amount about you guys. Thank you.

**Village Manager Frobel:** I hope we are 70 percent through it. There is still a lot of work ahead s to clean up the paperwork, but we will continue. Our goal is to get the remaining families back on power. We are doing everything in our power. As you know, we cannot direct these crews. But we can certainly put pressure on the company to recognize that we have got a number of people that are still without electrical service.

**Trustee Walker:** I want to thank you guys. You did a remarkable, incredible job. I was here at the Village hall for a couple of days watching. The intensity was incredible, but everybody was so well organized and knew exactly what they were doing. You were all in communication. It was amazing to see. Thank you so much for your tremendous effort. Our community rose to the occasion, and people were really helping each other out. I am very grateful for that. Neighbors were helping neighbors. Many of my friends put me up for several days. Restaurants were opening up so that people could come in and charge and warm up. It was an unprecedented level of response. So thank you so much.

**Trustee Apel:** We could never thank you enough. It is times like this that you shine and we get to see what you do in such an intense, small period of time. We really appreciate you. Not that we do not appreciate you the rest of the time, but when that extra effort comes out and you are there for us we are so grateful because we can feel safe because you are here. We can never thank you enough. We do not get to tell you how much we appreciate every minute that you spend and every effort that you make all the time. Not only that, you have families of your own. You are leaving your own families, and you are coming out to help everybody else. That is also greatly appreciated because we know that they are feeling just as needy as everybody else. We thank you, and we thank your families for allowing you to do this, because without their support we would not be getting your help.

**Trustee Jennings:** Sometimes it takes difficulty and crisis to remind us of what we take for granted every day. Certainly the way in which our Village staff and public safety professionals, volunteers have responded to this on behalf of all of us in the community is a reminder of that fact. That you do it every day, you did it harder and with longer hours and in a more exhaustive way these last few days, to be sure. But you do it every day, as well. I would add my thanks, of course, to you. I feel really proud to live in this community, and I feel privileged to be served by the people who serve this community.

**Trustee Armacost:** I want to thank all of you. I live in one of the areas which was most hard hit by the storm, the Mt. Hope area. We still do not have power or heat in our house. But people are chipper because of all of you. The day after the storm Chief Sarfaty was at our house, telling us whether the wires were up or down. We had poles down on either side of our front door and wires everywhere, and our cars were trapped in between those poles. It was pretty scary, just the thought of going out the front door. But Chief Sarfaty came



himself, his men were there. Mike Gunther came by at least three or four times. Chief Bloomer, your men and women were there and around the whole area. The 91-year-old woman was just down the road from us, and thank goodness she was not in her bedroom when the tree came down. She was a survivor of Pearl Harbor, can you imagine? Then she has a tree land in her bedroom, and luckily she was in the living room when that happened. So all of you, for us personally in my home, in my little section of the Village, you saved the day. And the chaps from Con Edison, who were the most darling. They called me "ma'am," which just made me melt. So incredibly charming and helpful. If they cannot fix you that day, they say they will try and be back the next day. I think they came back to us even when we were not scheduled. They pushed in order to help us. Those of us in my little neck of the woods would love our power and heat to be. But we have been welcomed by friends and neighbors, we have been taken care of by you. In church on Sunday Father Fernan's sermon was about the importance of loving your neighbor as yourself. By chance, that was what happened to be on the agenda for the service. I have seen that every single day in so many different ways.

People have told me they dropped off getting the newsletter, and they are begging me to e-mail it to them because it has been so important giving information. So to all of you, to Fran who has been leading these efforts, and, often, I think your work goes unheralded, Fran. But you have been guiding this work, as well. To you, Peter, to all of the Trustees, it has been an amazing experience of being a village that is such a special group of people. Please wish us good luck that we get our power soon. Our electrician told us it could be another 10 days. We have poles down, so how long it takes to get the poles up I do not know. We are probably further down the list than some of the other people where you can switch a switch and the light goes on, but I am hoping that is not the case. But thank you to everyone, really.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On MOTION of Trustee Armacost, SECONDED by Trustee Walker with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of Public Hearing No. 1, Public Hearing No. 2, the Regular Meeting, and the Executive Session of October 16, 2012 were approved as presented.

### **APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

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

Multi-Fund No. 25-2012-13	\$129,971.06
Multi-Fund No. 26-2012-13	\$134,421.98

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Tim Downey, 520 Farragut Parkway:** I will not address it tonight, but I would like to ask the opportunity in a future meeting to present and have a discussion of a lot of helpful suggestions for future possible events. For this evening I have a tip on how the community can help our DPW, both in safety and get back on our feet more quickly, saving time and money, safety being the paramount. People take branches, heave them out into the pile and they figure they have done their part. But that often represents a hazard to the men who use the equipment.

I am holding a branch. If a homeowner cuts a branch and they leave a nub like this it makes a nice easy handle for them to drag. But this represents a dangerous hook for the man with the chipper. This will grab your clothes, this will grab his gear, this will pull somebody into a chipper. If people could be mindful not to leave a hook like this, but instead as I painted there, cut it flush. This way, the debris can go through the chipper without catching men. Also, if this goes through the chipper and gets stuck, and they have to back up, this hook now gets caught. They have to reach in dangerously, cut it, try and fold it and get it out. If you work for a chipper for years, you understand you want to have it flush, not like this. Any log that is this size or larger, if you are putting your material out to the curb, you do not want to cut it square and flush like this. You want to cut it on a taper. This way, the rollers of the chipper can grab it very easily and pull it in.

For large limbs if you put a notch in the branch coming off the main stem about halfway through, when it goes through the chipper it cracks, like this here, and now the whole thing goes into the chipper like a torpedo. The last item is stacking. People should put branches curbside so the butt end is facing the curb and the tip is facing to the house. If the branches are in both directions, the man working on the chipper tugs a limb, he now hooks the pile. You have got to fight and pull and try and dismantle the pile. Have the butts going in the direction of the traffic flow. If you can, even angle it slightly so that it is just a simple twist and turn into the chipper versus a big, laborious action. They are going to have to do this action thousands and thousands of times. The more you can do to help them, first of all you will create a safer condition. Secondly, you will cut down on 30 percent of the time, at least, up to 40 percent of the time. That means if it is four weeks, you take a week off the cleanup by these simple tips. And put in an area, if you can, where you might have two houses joined in a pile. Lay it there gently and softly, and do not have cars parking in front of the pile so the men cannot access it later on.

**Trustee Walker:** It would be interesting to know which species of trees were more likely to come down in the storm, and why. I asked Vinnie Civitano and I am asking you, too, what your thoughts are. He said he thought by and large they were mature oak trees that were causing the damage and taking down the wires, and that a lot of them were up at the higher levels, not only because of the higher winds at the higher levels and more exposed, but also because there is a lot of rock on our hills and they have shallow roots and do not have a chance to develop strong root balls. He said when they came down you could see a matted bunch of roots that were flattened on the bottom because they were up against rock. The trees down lower, where there is more soil and less wind, managed to survive better.

**Mr. Downey:** The most accurate answer to that is, it depends. It is all contextual: where is the tree, where is it related. Bedrock is certainly one of the issues, size of the tree. I would hate to see people out of fear chop all the big trees down around them. What they can do is reduce your upper crown mass to your root structure, thereby have less wind resistance and problems in the future. Better to cut back a tree done properly by a trained arborist and maintain the proper structure of a tree, where it is safe and does not rot and decay back, than to not have the tree at all because it fell down in the next windstorm. Fir trees came down, pines came down. It is all relative to soil conditions. The Tree Commission, when they do the tree report, this is one of the key topics I wanted to speak to Brett about. You have to understand trees. I see these problems. I know these are problems coming. So sometimes you may have to sacrifice a tree in order not to have problems on the road, where it clears out wires and you put people at risk. So it was the wrong tree, wrong location in a lot of cases. Hopefully the tree conservation group will come back with some recommendations to the Village.

**Trustee Walker:** Also how many of the trees were hollow or rotten on the inside>

**Mr. Downey:** I saw numerous ones. This was a wind leverage event. There were big, mature trees that had decay going down on the lower portion of it, and there were full, healthy trees that came down. It is all contextual, given the circumstance where they were.

**Trustee Armacost:** We have a tree which is dead which has its limbs in the wires which we have called Con Edison about multiple times. That tree, remarkably, did not come down, but it will. For some reason, Con Edison will not register this complaint. Other people have told me about a similar situation. Those are the obvious low-hanging fruit preventive measure issues. That has to be a high priority.

**Trustee Walker:** Yes, and it is something that the Tree Commission could look into, and maybe issue a report and recommendations.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Thank you, and I am going to request what you did there if you could reduce that to three or four bullet points it will be useful for me to include in an e-mail.

**Trustee Walker:** Are we supposed to be cutting them into four foot lengths and bundling them up with twine?

**Village Manager Frobel:** That is what the code requires, but we are going to have to address that. There has been some preliminary discussion as to how we are going to handle some of the cleanup. We have not reached that stage. We will put out guidelines when we get closer.

**Trustee Armacost:** But there are chunks of trees that are so much larger than that. There are literally 100-year-old oaks that have been cut down.

**Mayor Swiderski:** We are going to have to come up with protocols for all of that.

**Village Manager Frobel:** The private tree versus the public tree, and the responsibility for hauling it away.

**Mr. Downey:** One of things I found disappointing sometimes was the conduct of some of the residents. If you could put in your e-mail if we have a nice weekend coming up do what you can to help the community. Take the frontage of your property, curb to curb, and clean it. It is not for Fran to send the guys out and wait for somebody else to do the job. Roll up your sleeves, curb to curb clean it. Get together with your neighborhood. Do what you can to help in the community and be part of the solution.

**Trustee Walker:** I have seen a lot of people blowing leaves into the street and leaving them there. Imagine what is going to happen tomorrow. They will clog up our storm drains and catch basins. They have to be removed from the street.

**Trustee Armacost:** Because Tim is such a huge advocate of this issue, and you happen to be here, if we can reiterate the importance of the Love 'em and Leave 'em, using the lawnmower to cut the leaves into smaller bits and then composting them.

**Mr. Downey:** The problem with this condition is it is awkward. I still get away with it, I know how to do it. But when you have branches down, you have a spaghetti soup mix that the form goes out the window unless you know the fine tunings of how to do it.

**67:12 APPROVAL OF LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2012 TO UPDATE LIST OF STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS**

**Village Manager Frobel:** Marianne has explained this, as has the Chief. It is bringing our Code into compliance with reality.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby adopt Local Law No. 3 of amending the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, Westchester County, New York, Chapter 282, Vehicles and Traffic to Update List of Stop and Yield Intersections.

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson as follows:

Section 1: Section 282-16 (Through highways) of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is hereby amended as follows:

- (A) Delete subsections [4], [5], [6], and [8] of Subsection A(1)(a), and renumber subsections [1] through [20] accordingly.
- (B) Delete subsection (b) and [1] of Subsection A (1).
- (C) Add the following to subsection (2) (a) of Subsection A:
  - [11] Farragut Avenue from the east.
- (D) Delete subsection (b) and [1] of Subsection A (2).
- (E) Amend subsection (a) of A (5) to read as follows (new language in *italics*; deleted language ~~stricken~~):
  - (a) *Stop* ~~Yield~~ signs shall be erected on the following entrances thereto:
- (F) Amend subsection (a) of A (6) to read as follows (new language in *italics*; deleted language ~~stricken~~):

(a) *Stop Yield* signs shall be erected on the following entrances thereto:

(G) Add the following to subsection 7 (a) of Subsection A:

[5] Valley Place from the north.

[6] Cochrane Avenue from the south.

[7] Lefurgy Avenue from the north and south.

[8] Lincoln Avenue from the north and south.

[9] Southgate Avenue from the south.

[10] Dorchester Avenue from the north.

[11] Overlook Road from the north and south.

[12] Cliff Street from the north.

(H) Delete subsections [1], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [9] and [10] of Subsection A(7)(b), and renumber subsection [2] accordingly.

(I) Delete subsection [3] of Subsection A(7)(b).

(J) Add the following to subsection 9 (a) of Subsection A:

[7] Hudson Street from the west.

[8] Warren Street from the west.

Section 2: All ordinances, local laws, and parts thereof inconsistent with this local law are hereby repealed.

Section 3: This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York Secretary of State.

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

**68:12 APPROVAL OF LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2012 TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON BROADWAY SERVICE ROAD**

**Village Manager Frobel:** Again, you heard from the Chief and the Safety Council, looking to improve the intersection for line of sight, prohibiting cars from parking in an area that inhibits clear vision for pedestrians that may be walking in that area.

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 hereby adopt Local Law No. 3 of amending the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, Westchester County, New York, Chapter 282, Vehicles and Traffic to Prohibit Parking on the Broadway Service Road.

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson as follows:

Section 1: Section 282-25 (Parking prohibited in designated locations) of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph, to read as follows:

(94) No parking on the east side of the service road along Broadway beginning at Chauncey Lane and extending northbound for 52 feet.

Section 2: All ordinances, local laws, and parts thereof inconsistent with this local law are hereby repealed.

Section 3: This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York Secretary of State.

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

**69:12 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2012 WITH RESPECT TO HANDICAPPED PARKING AND NO RIGHT TURN INTERSECTIONS**

**Village Manager Frobel:** We heard from the Chief at the last meeting to change the need for the disabled parking space and putting it in a new location.

**Mayor Swiderski:** This is not bringing it in compliance with reality, but rather a shift of reality.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter to consider the advisability of adopting Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2012 with respect to handicapped parking and no right turn intersections.

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

**VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Village Manager Frobel:** My report, Mayor, was the hurricane update.



## **BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

### **1. Update on the Downtown**

**Trustee Walker** A number of our local merchants and restaurateurs were without power for almost a week. They have really suffered through this, and we all understand how much income they lose when this happens. Many of them tried to operate, some successfully, with generators. But others, a pizza parlor, the power requirement is just too great for a generator. I want to encourage everybody to bring their business downtown as much as possible, and frequent our local businesspeople. .

**Trustee Armacost:** Can we thank the local businesspeople, particularly Hastings Electric; they have been working non-stop to get all of us in a position where we have power. So a number of the businesses have helped, and many of them have fed us when we have not wanted to sit in our cold, dark homes. They have been spectacular, all of them.

### **2. Update on the Waterfront**

**Mayor Swiderski:** Rather remarkably, very little damage done to the remediation effort at the southern end. One piece of equipment requires a fix, but my concern was that this would have trashed the entire recently-completed setup, and it did not.

Elsewhere on the waterfront, Building 52's footings were underwater by several feet for an eight or nine hour stretch. It may require an examination. The Infrastructure Committee was scheduled to have a presentation next week. I am going to have to see if they are still up to that. It is next Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. I will be publishing that to get public attention. This is a preliminary description of their initial thoughts of how they are looking at where rows will go, where pipes will go, where the parks will go. They have done this in a methodical, extremely rational and thoughtful way, and arrived at a consensus among the group with many perspectives. They have done a lot of thinking about this, and it will be worth sharing with the community and getting input.

**Trustee Walker:** The Historic Hudson River Towns organization, to which we belong, is sponsoring a conference next week on revitalizing waterfronts in an era of global climate change. This is extremely relevant. Unfortunately, I cannot be there because I am going to be working in Detroit next week. I want to make sure that Hastings is well-represented, that it Trustees are interested they attend, Waterfront Infrastructure Committee people, and residents. If you go to the Web site of the Historic Hudson Rivertowns you will find how to register for this conference.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On MOTION of Trustee Armacost, SECONDED by Trustee Walker with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled an Executive Session immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss committee personnel matters.

**Trustee Armacost:** You had told me that the people who have fallen off the list have fallen off because they have an AOL account.

**Mayor Swiderski:** They have not fallen off the list. AOL rejects our e-mails. It is treating them as junk. It just happened about two weeks ago. Raf, our Technology Director, has spoken to the provider. They are communicating with AOL to try to get this spam filter removed. But that is the cause. Those people's names are still in the system with their e-mail addresses.

**Trustee Armacost:** Some people may not know they are not receiving the emails. If you have an AOL account, you may well be unintentionally rejecting the Mayor's e-mails.

**Mayor Swiderski:** For now they can choose another e-mail address to be delivered to.

**Trustee Armacost:** And all your messages are posted on the Web site. You had information in the last e-mail which related to FEMA which is relevant to some people. There is some quite practical information, not to mention consoling words which are helpful.

**Village Attorney Stecich:** But I also was not getting Irvington's email.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Irvington and Hastings both use Virtual Town Hall.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On MOTION of Trustee Armacost, SECONDED by Trustee Walker with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Swiderski adjourned the Regular Meeting [Public Hearing] at 8:35 p.m.