

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**MARCH 19, 2013**

A Public Hearing was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 7:35 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

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

**ABSENT:** Trustee Nicola Armacost

**CITIZENS:** Sixty-five (65).

**Mayor Swiderski:** Niki is in South Korea or maybe Cambodia. She is wired in and hearing this, but we are not going to take this as present for the meeting because we are working through the legal issues around her seeing people and you seeing her. But we are interested in trying out having Trustees be here even if they physically cannot. So if you heard a little voice say "Here," that was Niki. Niki, where are you now?

**Trustee Armacost:** I am in Cambodia.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Cambodia, there you go. I am pretty sure that is a first.

Mayor Swiderski declared the Board in session for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing in accordance with the legal notice that appeared in the March 15, 2013 issue of *The Rivertowns Enterprise* to consider the advisability of approving the following increases in 2013 recreation fees:

**Proposed Chemka Pool Non-Resident Fees**

|                   | <u><b>Current Fee</b></u> | <u><b>Proposed Fee</b></u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Family Membership | \$636                     | \$700                      |
| Individual        | \$369                     | \$400                      |

### Proposed Camp Fees

|                     | <u>Current</u><br><u>Early Bird Fee</u> | <u>Increased</u><br><u>Early Bird Fee</u> | <u>Current</u><br><u>Regular Fee</u> | <u>Increased</u><br><u>Regular Fee</u> |
|---------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Early Learning Camp | \$350                                   | \$450                                     | \$375                                | \$475                                  |
| Sports Camp         | \$270                                   | \$370                                     | \$300                                | \$400                                  |
| After Camp          | N/A                                     | N/A                                       | \$330                                | \$400                                  |
| Before Camp         | N/A                                     | N/A                                       | \$330                                | \$400                                  |

### Proposed Non-Resident Camp Fees (New)

|                     | <u>Regular Fee</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Early Learning Camp | \$570              |
| Sports Camp         | \$480              |
| After Camp          | \$480              |
| Before Camp         | \$480              |
| Hillside Day Camp   | \$678              |

**Mayor Swiderski:** Does anyone from the public want to comment on the fee structure?

**John Gonder, 153 James Street:** There is a difference from what you read and what was in the paper. The early learning and whatnot went up around 37 to 33 percent to 21 percent. For the proposed nonresident camp fees, in the paper you had early bird fees and regular fees. They only went up 5 percent, and those were for nonresidents. Would you explain why Hastings residents have an increase of 28 to 35 percent, compared to a nonresident of 5 to 8 percent. We should take care of Hastings residents and jack up the others.

**Village Manager Frobel:** The proposed nonresident camp fee is new. Currently we do not allow out of Village residents to participate in those programs. There is no discount for them, no early bird registration: it did not exist before for out-of-Village residents.

**Mr. Gonder:** So the paper was wrong.

**Village Manager Frobel:** What has changed since we first talked about it a few weeks ago is that staff does not believe it is needed to offer an early bird incentive for out of Village residents to enroll in those programs.

**James Sarfaty, 169 Tompkins Avenue:** I am here representing the Hastings volunteer fire department. Over the past number of years, the Town of Greenburgh has offered a special program to allow non-Greenburgh residents who are volunteer firefighters and EMS volunteers to access the Greenburgh town pool at a reduced rate. That reduced rate is for a family membership \$393; for the pool season, for individuals, it is \$189. I am here to ask that the Village consider honoring these reduced rates for Hastings-on-Hudson volunteer firefighters and EMS volunteers to use the Chemka Pool for those same rates. As fire chief and certainly as Village Trustees, you would want members to use the amenities of the Chemka Pool rather than being in the northern part of Ardsley. As chief, I would rather have my members here swimming in the pool. When the alarm comes that they are a lot closer to respond. I ask that the Board consider and grant this request that at least you meet the Greenburgh reduction to allow volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel that are Hastings residents to use the amenities of the Chemka Pool.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Do you know what the full fare is at the Greenburgh facility?

**Village Manager Frobel:** Chief, we did receive your request a few days ago. I have not had an opportunity to respond to it, nor inform the Trustees of the request. But we are going to consider it, and I was hoping that tomorrow night during the budget process we would discuss it.

**Mr. Sarfaty:** I thought tonight, since you are discussing the rates.

**Village Manager Frobel:** These are separate from what you are proposing.

**Mr. Sarfaty:** Mr. Mayor, in answer to your question, in Greenburgh the family pass is \$497 and the adult pass is \$283. We are very grateful and thankful for the Town of Greenburgh in offering the discount to our members. But, again, I would ask that the Village match the Greenburgh offer to have our residents use the amenities of the Chemka Pool.

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

### **CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On MOTION of Trustee Walker, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Swiderski closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m.