

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 20, 2000

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, June 20, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee Elsa C. DeVita, Trustee David Walrath, Trustee Bruce Jennings, Village Manager Neil P. Hess, Village Attorney Brian Murphy, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

CITIZENS: Five (5)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION of Trustee Walrath, SECONDED by Trustee DeVita with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the Public Hearing of June 6, 2000 were approved as presented.

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APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

On MOTION of Trustee Walrath, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, the following warrants were approved:

Multi-Fund No. 2-2000-01	\$176,700.71
Multi-Fund No. 3-2000-01	\$ 500.00
Multi-Fund No. 4-2000-01	\$313,590.66
Multi-Fund No. 5-2000-01	\$ 3,526.34

PRESENTATION

Mayor Kinnally: At our last meeting we discussed the Village defibrillator program and talked about a save in the Village about six weeks ago. Patrolman Ricky White answered the first call that we had to utilize the defibrillator. He saved the life of someone by his prompt action, following his training with the equipment. So on behalf of the Village, Ricky, I would like to present you with the outstanding service award for your outstanding service to our community in life-saving with defibrillation. This award is issued as a token of the appreciation of all of our Village residents for your dedication and service.

ROWLEY'S BRIDGE TRAILWAY

Mayor Kinnally: A number of weeks ago we discussed a feasibility study to be undertaken for the establishment of a Rowley's Bridge Trailway. Dr. Fred Hubbard has given us a very comprehensive study of the area.

Dr. Fred Hubbard: The report was compiled in cooperation with a large number of people in the Village and others interested in this subject. The question is whether or not the Board feels it is feasible to establish this as an addition to the railway system. There are a number of issues to be resolved before actual implementation can be accomplished. But these are not insurmountable, and in cooperation with members of the departments in the Village and some volunteer assistance it could be done reasonably well; not very soon, but reasonably well.

Mayor Kinnally: You are being very modest as far as what was undertaken and what has been reported. This is an incredible report. What it says is that we have the potential of an exceptionally beautiful area in the Village. We have to work out some technical concerns, some easements, but physically, it is there. It needs to be cleaned out, signed, and have some parking spaces created so people can use it. But we have something down by the waterfront that has been overgrown and not realized for a long time. This is a jewel that we can certainly add to our open spaces that are accessible in our Village.

I see nothing here that is insurmountable. It does not cost very much and the benefit to the Village is beyond what all of us thought could be obtained. You explain what has been down there, the architectural benefits to the Village, the potential as far as picnicking, opening up the vista to the Hudson River and to the stream, and making it accessible. I think it is wonderful. We come out way ahead. Neil, what has to be done next?

Village Manager Hess: If I can get Board endorsement on this plan, which I would recommend, we will start the planning process now and gear up to begin the work.

Trustee Walrath: Dr. Hubbard has done a wonderful job. The Trailways Subcommittee of the Planning Board has been grappling with some of the issues he raises. Rhoda Barr has asked for a report to the Planning Board so they can give us a recommendation about issues of liability and the use of private property and so forth. I would like to move very rapidly.

Mayor Kinnally: We should transmit a copy of this to the Planning Board and to any other entity that needs to report back to us on it. The concept, subject to working these things out, you are endorsing?

Trustee Walrath: One hundred percent. There is some question as to exactly where the boundary of the Graham Windham property is. We should carefully stay on our side of it.

We have land that goes down to the stream that flows under Rowley's Bridge. The stream seems to have been moved from what it shows on the tax maps. We own a strip up the north side of that stream all the way to the Aqueduct. Dr. Hubbard said that was phase two, and we only want to launch phase one which is to get us down to Rowley's Bridge, not up to the Aqueduct. I think we should move right ahead with it.

Perhaps we ought to consider bollards that would keep vehicles out—some way that is consistent with the Fire Department having access, but would not keep pedestrians out.

Trustee DeVita: I would also like to move forward.

Mayor Kinnally Neil, if we could circulate this to the various boards and commissions: Conservation, Planning, anyone else who would be interested in this. Congratulations on a job well done. We will follow it to the extent that you need authorizations for expenditure of funds, or whatever, or utilization of manpower in the Village.

Trustee Walrath: Dr. Hubbard referred to the need for a volunteer maintenance organization, and the Trailways Subcommittee has been very conscious of this and is working on it. We would love to work together with him on getting a volunteer maintenance organization that would take care of not only building this new railway but doing the needed maintenance on our existing trails.

RESOLUTION - ARCO DEMOLITION

Mayor Kinnally: The Village Board normally does not take action on an issue that is the subject of a public hearing on the same night as the hearing. However, there are exceptions to that policy. Given the timing of this and the fact that we are not the ultimate decision maker on whether or not this project goes forward—that being the Department of Labor and the Department of Environmental Conservation, as far as the variance remediation measures and the asbestos abatement, the lead abatement, etc.—this will be a situation where an exception to the rule is probably preferable.

We have been talking about having the demolition of these buildings go forward for awhile. Information we requested was supplied to us before the meeting. The Village Board had a fairly comprehensive review this evening. The record has been fully developed as far as the type of work and the company, IT, that will be retained to do the work. This is a situation where we can deviate from normal policy so that this process can go forward. They can get mobilized and start demolition on those structures that do not need any variances from the DEC or the Department of Labor.

On MOTION of Trustee Walrath, SECONDED by Trustee DeVita, the following resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

WHEREAS, at a Public Hearing held on the application of ARCO Remediation L.L.C. held on June 20, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the applicant and/or its agents have expressed agreement to provide certain information as requested by the Village; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has pledged its full cooperation with the Village in the enforcement of all Village laws and regulations applicable to the site; and

WHEREAS, the applicant and/or its agents have agreed to permit periodic inspections by appropriate Village officials of the site as well as appropriate site visits by members of the Village Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, through its agents, has further agreed to abide by the conditions stated at length in the minutes of the Public Hearing of June 20, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed that those conditions will be transcribed and made a part of any demolition permit issued by the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson; and

WHEREAS, further the applicant has indicated that the demolition is subject to certain conditions and variances mandated by New York State law; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has indicated that portions of the demolition work on site can be accomplished without the necessity of certain variances or conditions mandated by said New York state law; and

WHEREAS, further, applicant has expressed that demolition work on the site can be completed by the early autumn of this year, barring unforeseen circumstances; now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson in Regular Session held this June 20, 2000 that a demolition permit conditioned upon the conditions contained herein, and incorporating all conditions contained in the record made and produced as of this date, be granted to the applicant.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYE	NAY
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee David Walrath	X	
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

49:00 SALARIES PART-TIME PERSONNEL

Village Manager Hess: The resolution is in two parts. The first part is based on reviews of non-union individuals who are part-time or hourly-rated. The second part was a determination to take the two part-time positions of OSHA/PERMA Coordinator and Planning Board secretary and merge them with their current full-time positions as part of their base salary. Those items will not appear in future years as separate items.

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees establish the following part-time salaries and/or hourly rates effective July 1, 2000:

Planning Consultant	\$38,500
Deputy Building Inspector	14,250
Fire Inspector	11,700
Senior Outreach	13,650
YES Director	12,000
OSHA/PERMA Coord.	4,150
Planning Board Secy.	3,450
Meter Repair	12.00/hr
PEO	7.75/hr
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Bookkeeper 10.25/hr
Clerk (Village Clerk's Office) 11.75/hr

and be it further

RESOLVED: that the part-time position of OSHA/PERMA Coordinator be merged with the position of Building Department Assistant and that the part-time position of Planning Board Secretary be merged with Secretary to the Village Manager.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYE	NAY
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee David Walrath	X	
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

50:00 AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE BIDS - STREET RESURFACING

Village Manager Hess: In addition to the streets recommended for resurfacing, the Board asked us to look at several other streets. The total of all the streets is \$198,000. The budgeted amount is \$100,000. Decisions are necessary in terms of prioritizing the street resurfacing for the coming year. Trustee Jennings has given me his prioritized list.

Discussion ensued among the Trustees of the streets in question and the relative costs.

Village Manager Hess: If everybody is in agreement—Washington, Southgate, Whitman, Cliff, and James are definitely on the list—then what we ought to do is include Main Street, Croton, and Baker Lane as the next streets on the list. We will see what happens when we go out to bid. The bids may come back at \$46.25 a ton. This is an estimate. Then we are at a point where we can pick and choose which streets will come off, or which streets could be added at a later date. We will not know until after the bids are taken on July 13, but it gives us a little bit of latitude.

Trustee Walrath: You could negotiate with the low bidder on a per-unit price to see what happens if we move a street or two.

Village Manager Hess: As long as it is in within proximity. We have \$100,000 in the budget; I would like to stay within the budget if at all possible. We will have a discussion on July 18 of exactly what we can or cannot do. If the Board wants to add an additional street, and appropriate an additional \$5 to \$10 thousand, we can discuss it at that point.

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings, 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 July 13, 2000 for street resurfacing.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYE	NAY
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee David Walrath	X	
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

51:00 WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH UNIFIED SERVICES AGREEMENT - 2000/2001

Village Manager Hess: This contract is for a two-year term, something very unusual for the county and the state to do. It makes life easier for us because we know the funding levels over the next two fiscal years. The funding amount is \$348,082, or \$174,000 for each fiscal year. Last year's amount was budgeted at \$145,000. For this fiscal year we budgeted \$156,000, so we will have latitude of about \$18,000 for our Youth Advocacy programs and counseling programs.

On MOTION of Trustee Walrath, SECONDED by Trustee DeVita, the following resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Manager to execute the Unified Services Agreement between the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson and the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health for the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	AYE	NAY
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee David Walrath	X	
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Hess: The tag sale on Saturday raised \$2,400 towards the cost of defibrillation, so we will be able to purchase an additional defibrillator this year.

Southside project: the east side should be completed this week. Paving on Washington and Southside will be completed by the end of the week. They are going to begin the west side at the train station and the Municipal Building next week, although they willsp towards the end of this week be installing the drainage systems on the west side. We have a meeting scheduled with the wall contractor from Draper Park for the extension of the sidewalk and wall towards the bridge, so we can get a price on that.

Mayor Kinnally: Have provisions been made for relocation of the taxis?

Village Manager Hess: The taxis will probably be across the street. I have asked the contractor to keep equipment out of the roadway as much as possible at night so the roadway is not squeezed for commuters as it has been, forcing one-way traffic. We are expecting we will receive all our county funding prior to June 30, as required. At the rate the contractor is going, he will more than meet the contract finish date of July 30.

Trustee Holdstein: Is there any work on the sidewalk opposite the parking lot?

Village Manager Hess: Where there is existing sidewalk now, that will be replaced.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

1. Update on the Waterfront

Mayor Kinnally: I am in receipt of correspondence from one of the owners of Marinello Cove that I will share with the Board. We will meet with counsel to discuss negotiations or

any action that has to be taken by the Village in connection with the acquisition of this property.

Village Manager Hess: We received the RIFS on the Tappan terminal. It is available at the library and here.

Mayor Kinnally: . The next meeting of the Advisory Committee on the RPA initiative is July 25. The Steering Committee meets June 27. We met with RPA last Friday to discuss some concepts that they had to move the process forward.

2. Reynolds Field Playground Equipment

Village Manager Hess: The capital budget includes money for consideration by the Board for playground renovations. We met with a committee of parents from Reynold's Field, went to the site, and met with representatives of GameTime. You have received a copy of the proposal from GameTime for climbing equipment, a slide, and a sandbox with a dome. Total cost of this project is in the neighborhood of \$15,000. Mr. Gomes would have been here tonight, but he is suffering from sun poisoning. We would like to move ahead with this if the Board would like to endorse it.

Mayor Kinnally: I think it is great. Everybody in agreement? (Affirmative).

3. World War I Monument

Village Manager Hess: We have been approached by the VFW to consider replacing the World War I Monument on the wall in front of the library/Municipal Building. It is in very poor condition. Many of the names are no longer able to be read. There was an Eagle Scout project approximately 15 years ago to recondition it, and a Village resident about four years ago tried to clean it. The cost of the entire project is \$6,600. VFW has pledged \$2,200 if we would pledge \$2,200 and the VFW and the Village can do a public fund raising effort for the balance so we can move this project forward.

Mayor Kinnally: We should commit whatever we can, but a project like this is something that our state senator and assemblyman would be happy to fund. We should talk to them about getting funding. In the interim, we should commit ourselves to something.

Village Manager Hess: We will have something in the newsletter coming out in July and start a fund as a fundraising effort, and hopefully contact our state legislators by then. Maybe they can commit the full \$6,600.

4. Downtown Pavers

Mayor Kinnally: David and I and Neil took a walk through the Village to assess the condition of the pavers. We have alternatives: whether or not to re-lay the pavers, whether we have enough pavers to do a certain area, and whether it ties in aesthetically to have a combination of pavers and bomanite. David, have you done an inventory?

Trustee Walrath: I am about halfway through.

Mayor Kinnally: Will you get the inventory done by the 18th?

Trustee Walrath: Certainly.

5. Other

Village Manager Hess: At the Safety Council meeting on June 29 one of the topics is going to be the traffic study that was discussed at the joint Village Board and School Board meeting last night. There will be supplemental information coming in which will be provided to everybody. One of the items on the traffic at Hillside had to do with an ice cream truck parking there. Today I had the ice cream truck removed by the police. There is a code requirement that it cannot be within 250 feet of the school. I then got a call in complaint from a parent. But people are stopping, their kids are getting out, getting ice cream, and then going back to the car, and that is part of the traffic problem. They also sell ice cream at the middle school. My suggestion was for the ice cream truck owners to contact the school and see if they can sell their ice cream on school grounds so it does not interfere with traffic at either location.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

On MOTION of Trustee Jennings, SECONDED by Trustee DeVita with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled an Executive Session on Wednesday, June 28, at 8:00 p.m. to discuss personnel.

On MOTION of Trustee Jennings, SECONDED by Trustee DeVita with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled an Executive Session immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss litigation, personnel, and land acquisition.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kinnally: We lost our Village historian recently, Mary Allison, who served not only as Village historian but in a number of offices in the Historical Society. She served as president for a number of years, and worked tirelessly as a volunteer in our Village. Her energy and enthusiasm will be missed, and I would like to adjourn this meeting in her memory.

On MOTION of Trustee Walrath, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting in memory of Mary Allison at 10:40 p.m.