## VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2001

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, February 6, 2001 at 8:10 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee Elsa C. DeVita, Trustee Michael Holdstein, Trustee David Walrath, Trustee Bruce Jennings, Village Manager Neil P. Hess, Attorney Edward Lammers, and Deputy Village Manager Susan Maggiotto.

**CITIZENS:** Five (5)

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**Mayor Kinnally:** The first item of business is the appointment of Chris Shanky to our Youth Council to fill the unexpired term of Kathy Cochrane. Welcome, Chris, to the Board. He has been going to the meetings for the last year or so, and I thank Kathy for her service to the Youth Council and to our Village. Her contributions will be sorely missed.

The second appointment is Sue Smith to the Board of Assessment and Review. The other members are former mayor Julie Chemka and former Trustee Jack Huelsman. I thank all of them for serving.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee DeVita with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the Public Hearing of January 23, 2001 were approved as presented.

On MOTION of Trustee DeVita, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2001 were approved as presented.

## **APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

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

Multi-Fund No. 72-2000-01 \$ 38,600.79 Multi-Fund No. 73-2000-01 \$110,289.40 Multi-Fund No. 74-2000-01 \$ 9,415.40 Multi-Fund No. 76-2000-01 \$217,241.54 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2001 Page - 2 -

## Multi-Fund No. 77-2000-01 \$ 63,098.49 Multi-Fund No. 78-2000-01 \$189,984.88

# **10:01 BOND RESOLUTION - LIBRARY ADDITION AND RECONSTRUCTION**

**Village Manager Hess:** This bond resolution was drafted by our bond counsel Willkie, Farr & Gallagher. The period of usefulness on this addition and renovation is 20 years.

**Trustee Holdstein:** I missed the discussion by arriving late at the last Board Meeting. The vote was 4-0 in favor of moving forward on this, and had I been here the vote would have been 5-0. I am pleased that we can move forward on this addition and renovation to the library, which is one of the most used facilities in the Village. I would certainly add my support to it, and am pleased that we are going out to bond at \$1.5 million; with the outstanding job the Village Manager does this will fit well into our budget.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees adopt the resolution as attached to authorize the issuance of \$1,500,000 serial bonds of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, Westchester County, New York, to pay the cost of the construction of an addition to and the reconstruction of the Hastings-on-Hudson Public Library in and for said Village.

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

# 11:01 OWNER/ARCHITECT AGREEMENT LIBRARY ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS

**Trustee Walrath:** I would like to ask that this be deferred to our next Meeting. We have had it a few days and I find a number of things that I would like to see different.

On MOTION of Trustee Walrath, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings the following Resolution was TABLED until the Board of Trustees Meeting of February 20, 2001:

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve for signature by the President of the Library Board of Trustees the Owner/Architect Agreement with Lothrop Associates for the Library Addition and Renovations.

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

## **12:01 INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE G.I.S. INFORMATION**

**Village Manager Hess:** This is the second draft of the proposed agreement between the Town of Greenburgh and the Village. I have been in discussion with the Town Assessor's office and today with the Town Supervisor's office trying to get this back on their calendar. Their Board meeting is next week. I would like authorization to sign an agreement with some minor technical changes, specifically, the indemnification clause, which should require mutual indemnification as opposed to what the Town has proposed. We would like to have the ability to move forward on this and get the G.I.S. information as soon as possible.

**Mayor Kinnally:** I have a number of comments I will give to you. Does anybody else have any comments on this?

**Village Manager Hess:** Several members of the Board had in December supplied comments on the original agreement. Trustee Walrath and I met with the Town Attorney and the Town Assessor with the Board's proposals for the changes, which they agreed to. The second draft did not incorporate all those changes.

**Trustee Walrath:** The indemnification is the only problem. I believe the Manager is correct that the other points are minor. I would like to find a way that we do not miss the next Town Board Meeting.

**Mayor Kinnally:** That is fine. The nature of my comments are that there are a number of inconsistencies in the agreement. This seems like a form that does not have anything to do with the nature of the information and material that is being given to us. All of this material is in the public domain, and they treat it as proprietary. The representations are only one-sided. The indemnification is out of place in something like this. If we are going to have an intermunicipal agreement it should be parallel and mutual, and it is not.

**Trustee Walrath:** I think it was done by a junior member of the attorney's staff. There is improvement on the first draft, but it still reflects that it started out as what you would sign with a construction contractor, not an agreement between two municipalities.

**Trustee Jennings:** I have a question about the timing. I am prepared to support your request, Neil, but I do not understand the rationale for it. I would prefer to see the finalized document, and then give you authorization to sign it. I do not particularly like giving you authorization based on an imperfect and incomplete document. What is the timing issue that makes this necessary?

**Village Manager Hess:** We are trying to get the information as soon as possible. The Town of Greenburgh is meeting early next week, and we have an amended agreement in hand. We would like to get the information next week as long as the agreement is acceptable. We can wait for the final agreement from the Town if you feel more comfortable with that.

**Trustee Walrath:** The Town has been the source of the delay since June. I understand your concerns, Trustee Jennings. I do not want to give them an excuse for further delay.

**Mayor Kinnally:** If we get the comments by the end of the week and you give it to Brian Murphy to review, we are not going to have it before out next meeting anyway, so why don't we wait. But do not take the pressure off the Town. Tell the Town that we want to make sure that we have the final document, and they should move forward on it on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

On MOTION of Trustee Jennings, SECONDED by Trustee Holdstein the following Resolution was TABLED until February 20, 2001:

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Manager to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Greenburgh to exchange G.I.S. information after review and approval by the Village Attorney.

AYE	NAY
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Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	Х
Trustee Michael Holdstein	Х
Trustee David Walrath	Х
Trustee Bruce Jennings	Х
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	Х

## **13:01 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - ZONING CONSULTANT SERVICES**

**Village Planning Consultant Walker:** This is the result of the Planning Board's long planning effort and their completion of the Community Vision Plan, and is an effort to change the Zoning Code to conform to the Community Vision Plan. The priority for the Planning Board is to hire a zoning consultant who will look closely at the zoning in the Central Commercial District. If this is to be divided up into phases, that would be their first objective. They are also concerned about Ridge Street and the residential neighborhoods around Warburton zoned MR1.5, as well as the Conservation Overlay District recommended in the Community Vision Plan. The CCD issue involves looking at permitted uses and the bulk area requirements, and the extent of the CCD, because now it extends down Warburton Avenue south of Washington to Nodine Street, into an area which has been for years primarily residential. In addition, part of Washington Avenue is commercially zoned, part is limited industry, and it has a lot of residential.

Ridge Street has complex zoning, partly limited industry and partly MR1.5, a multi-family zoning. The Ridge Street Subcommittee of the Planning Board has recommended that a new residential zone be created specific to Ridge Street to reflect the density there now: rather than a high density multi-family zoning district, to come up with a medium density residential zone, a combination of two-, three-, four-family houses. And to look at the limited industry because there has been no industry on Ridge Street for years.

The other two pieces are to look at the zoning of the MR1.5 and MR2.5 districts around the downtown in terms of density. Is that the kind of density we are looking for around the downtown core and around Warburton Avenue, up and down Washington, and the smaller streets off of Warburton? They are zoned multi-family, which would allow as high a density as something like 27 units per acre. Those are very narrow streets on very steep hills, and currently the density is nothing like that.

The Conservation Overlay District is an idea in the Community Vision Plan for the major corridors running through Hastings, particularly at the gateways to preserve the open space on the large land tracts along those corridors about 100 feet back from the roadways. The intent is to preserve in terms of aesthetics and environment, to preserve a sort of historic

feeling of coming into an area that is not urban, that is not densely developed, a feeling of spaciousness, of green. They would like to continue that even if there is development on those sites—for example, on the Andrus property—so the development would be at least 100 feet back from the roadways. We would like the consultant to make recommendations about how to draft that kind of overlay zone.

**Mayor Kinnally:** A word or caution from some of the things we deal with. There are a statements dealing with waivers of parking or no requirements of parking for the businesses. I understand we want to encourage new businesses, but if we do not have enough parking we are not moving anything forward. We hear concerns and complaints from time to time, especially around the holidays, that there is insufficient parking; if we waive the parking, we are aggravating a bad situation.

**Village Manager Hess:** We have to look at the type of use; maybe retail uses have a different parking standard than service establishments or restaurants. That is recognized somewhat in the Zoning Code now by the parking requirements and it is something the consultant has to look at. The Mayor is right. It cannot be totally waived, but I think in some cases, if you are looking to boost the retail segment of the downtown, you could waive retail parking requirements.

**Village Planner Walker:** We want to look for a consultant who has a lot of experience with this and has worked in other communities like this. We are not alone with this problem. A lot of communities, larger and smaller with downtowns that are struggling, have these same issues. We want to look at this carefully and not have some kind of blanket rule that we apply to everything.

**Trustee Jennings:** In light of the discussion we have just had about the extent to which we would like to have a consultant who will engage us in a dialogue about the planning that we have done so far, on page 6, "Task" under Section 5, 3 and 4 probably should be revised. It sounds as though we want a technical person who will apply what we have already decided and turn it into a zoning map. What I am hearing is that we want a person who not only has the technical ability to go from our plan to zoning, but someone who can comment on our plan and help us continue to think through and perhaps even revise that plan.

**Village Planner Walker:** So the idea is not just to bring the zoning up to conform with the plan, but also to review some of the concepts in the plan and give us an analysis of the plan as well.

**Trustee Jennings:** That is right. You do not want to make the RFP sound too mechanical because then you might put off some of the talented kinds of people we want to get.

**Trustee Holdstein:** In the past have we always hired a consultant to help in a zoning change, or is this the first?

**Village Manager Hess:** If it is significant enough, you need outside assistance. We are looking for a planner or a planning firm to take a look at these things and make recommendations, not come up with a draft, per se.

Village Manager Hess: What do you envision as the Zoning Committee?

**Village Planner Walker:** It is up to you, but what I propose is that there be representatives from the Planning Board, the Zoning Board, a Trustee, and a representative from the subcommittee of the Planning Board chaired by Bob Lee called The Downtown Improvement Team that has done a lot of work looking at the downtown.

A reason to hire a creative planner with experience working in small towns is that the primary goal is to revitalize the downtown, to make changes to encourage the kind of retail development and uses that we want to see in the downtown. We want it to be vibrant, vital. We want it to survive and to serve our needs.

Mayor Kinnally: I think that is great.

**Trustee Walrath:** I just wanted to second both the observations. That you were looking for somebody to flag problems in getting from goals to an actual zoning. Obviously the parking requirements are different for different things. So the language on that could be improved along with the one Trustee Jennings flagged. To tell us where we can do that, not to do it for us. Where you can, in a crowded downtown, waive parking requirements and where you cannot.

**Village Manager Hess:** I would like to see the proposals broken out into two parts: one with a concentration on the CCD, and the consultant be given up to six months for that task. In terms of the Ridge Street and the conservation, three months on top of the six months would be fine and could even be a little bit less.

**Village Planner Walker:** I lumped Ridge Street and the downtown together. The two alternates were the surrounding residential neighborhoods as one, and the Conservation Overlay District as a second.

Village Manager Hess: Isn't Washington Avenue CCD on one side and LI on the other?

Village Planner Walker: And part of the upper is MR1.5

**Village Manager Hess:** So the CCD and Ridge Street almost go together as a residential extension just outside the CCD, like Maple Avenue or Whitman Street.

**Village Planner Walker:** Also, the Planning Board sees it as a priority they want to move ahead quickly on.

**Village Manager Hess:** I do not want to constrain ourselves in time. I would rather have them meet with us more and have a few more public meetings to go through their ideas and recommendations than saying it has to be back in six months. Maybe let them propose the time frame.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals for zoning consultant services for revisions to the Central Commercial Zoning District and Adjacent Residential Districts.

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

# 14:01 RETURN OF ACCOUNT AND AFFIDAVIT

**Deputy Village Manager Maggiotto:** We are required to present an accounting of unpaid taxes as of December 31, 2000, with a statement that I return this account to you unpaid after diligent efforts have been made to collect same. There were 192 accounts delinquent, for a total of \$204,200. As of today, that number has been reduced to 59 accounts, for a total of \$66,702. We have a collection rate of 98.7%. We anticipate there will be further collections. A number of these accounts are on here because of errors by the banks and the

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mortgage companies.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees certify and approve the attached Return of Account and Affidavit for the 2000-01 Village tax roll.

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

#### **15:01 PUBLIC HEARING POOL FEES**

**Mayor Kinnally:** This is a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission. We will have a public hearing on this February 20.

Trustee DeVita: February 20 is a time when schools are out and a lot of people are away.

Mayor Kinnally: Good point. We will put it off until March 6.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter to consider the advisability of increasing pool fees.

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

## 16:01 ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2001 - TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BUREAU AND VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Mayor Kinnally: This was the subject of a public hearing a few weeks ago.

**Village Manager Hess:** The Village Code has "meter holidays" for free parking in the downtown for national holidays. Our Code was not consistent with the national calendar, and this amends those holidays within the Code to recognize the federal holidays.

**Trustee DeVita:** Why are we removing this violation of Chapter 94, Animals, Article I, Dogs and Domestic Animals?

**Deputy Village Manager Maggiotto:** This is not a traffic violation; it is covered in another Section of the Code, Dogs and Domestic Animals. Under that section the judge has the authority to levy a fine from \$25 to \$100.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2001 amending the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson as follows:

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

1. Section 63-3 of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is hereby amended by increasing the fines as indicated below:

Type of Violation	Fine
Parked over lines	\$10
Backed into meter	10
No parking (other, corner, etc.)	10
All night parking 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	10
Alternate parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	10
Fire zone or hydrant	75

Parked on sidewalk	10
Parked left side to curb	10
Parked more than 12 inches from curb	10
Parked on bridge	10
Other parking	10
Back wheels to curb	10

#### 2. §63-3 is hereby amended by removing the following:

Violation of Chapter 94, Animals, Article I, Dogs 25 and Domestic Animals

#### 3. §282-8.B is hereby amended as follows:

The following holidays are to be added: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Veterans' Day.

The following holidays are to be removed: Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday.

4. §282-38.B is hereby amended to read as follows:

No person shall park a vehicle in any parking meter space during the days and hours prescribed in this article <u>except Sunday or legal holidays</u> while the parking meter for such space indicates by signal that the lawful parking time in such space has expired.

5. This Local Law shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

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

# **17:01 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE VEHICLES**

**Village Manager Hess:** Our vehicle build out date is February 15, so we try to put in our orders for new vehicles early in the year to meet the date. Otherwise, we end up waiting a year for vehicles for the following fiscal year.

We are replacing a 1992 Chevrolet with 193,000 miles and a 1993 Chevrolet with 134,000 miles. We are recommending the purchase of two additional 4-wheel drive vehicles. With the three storms we have had this year, we were not able to put police vehicles on the road except for the one SUV in the police department. We are recommending two more SUV's, one of which will be a marked police car, so we will have proper coverage. It is now more advantageous to buy than to lease. The leases are only good for three years; at the end of the lease they have to be turned back to the lease agent.

We were able to extend our useful life of fleet vehicles from five to seven years and on major pieces of equipment we had a seven year replacement schedule. We are doing an analysis on whether we can extend that to between eight and 10 years. Mike Gunther and I are taking a look at that. We will have some recommendations in the next two to three months.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the purchase of two (2) 4-wheel drive vehicles under New York State contract for not more than \$50,000.

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

# 18:01 VILLAGE ELECTION INSPECTORS - REPUBLICAN

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint the following Village Elections Inspectors for General Village Election Day, Tuesday, March 20, 2001 as Republican Inspectors:

Bessie Kochan George Gray		18 <sup>th</sup>
Lillian Guerin Roberta Bennett		19 <sup>th</sup>
Martha Koblosh Mary Matzura		20 <sup>th</sup>
David Riggs Walter Honovich		21 <sup>st</sup>
Eleanor McGinigle Anna Zajac		22 <sup>nd</sup>
Mariam Anthony Winnie Hazou		23 <sup>rd</sup>
Carol Gunther Theresa Matzura		52 <sup>nd</sup>
Meriba Gursky Steffanie Selvaggio		59 <sup>th</sup>
ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita Trustee Michael Holdstein Trustee David Walrath Trustee Bruce Jennings Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X X X X X	

## **19:01 VILLAGE ELECTION INSPECTORS - DEMOCRATIC**

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint the following Village Elections Inspectors for General Village Election Day, Tuesday, March 20, 2001 as Democratic Inspectors:

INSPECTORS		DISTRICT
Viola Kepcher Elizabeth Waczek		18 <sup>th</sup>
Gloria Matzura Nettie A. Funchess		19 <sup>th</sup>
Susan Marchionni Eleanor Matza		20 <sup>th</sup>
Olga Morabito Ezra Matza		21 <sup>st</sup>
Anna Zahurak Yung Beece		$22^{nd}$
Gloria Rodriguez Christopher Costello		23 <sup>rd</sup>
Adele Bean Agnes Matzura		52 <sup>nd</sup>
Olga Meyer John Russo		59 <sup>th</sup>
ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	Х	

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Trustee Michael Holdstein	Х
Trustee David Walrath	Х
Trustee Bruce Jennings	Х
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	Х

# VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

**Village Manager Hess:** Again I want to compliment the Department of Public Works on an outstanding job during the snowstorm yesterday. I also want to compliment our residents, who have been very cooperative in getting their cars off the streets. It was difficult last night. A number of trees and limbs came down and there were telephone and power outages in some areas of the Village. We got great cooperation from both Verizon and from Con Ed. Everyone did an excellent job: police, fire, public works.

Con Ed last week will start the Mount Hope main replacement on Feb. 17. They will do their connections, where they need to, in the center of the street, and the rest of the work will be done approximately 3 to 6 feet within the curb line. They will maintain at least two lanes of traffic. The best-case scenario is one week, and worst-case is three to four weeks. They will be under all the same requirements that the Board put them under on Washington Avenue, such as plating excavations and giving us notification of the plumber on-call, maintaining traffic at all times. They will work scheduled hours, not to interfere with school or school buses. They will be sending letters to all residents in the area of the work. They are aware of our requirements in terms of weather, snow, plowing, etc.

**Mayor Kinnally:** We had a very difficult storm yesterday. It happened in the middle of the day, and it was very heavy: wet, dense, compact snow. The DPW did a great job. We have made changes over the years that are now really showing. We bought a lot of new equipment. We upgraded the trucks to diesels. We are looking at different plows. Also, from a maintenance standpoint, we are not having the breakdowns we used to; we are being well-served by the equipment, by the men, by the management. My hat is off to all of them.

Trustee Holdstein: Especially to Jerry Dailey, in charge of maintenance.

# **BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

1. Update on the Waterfront

**Mayor Kinnally:** John Cahill and I have been unable to get together to start talking about where the DEC is going with this. We going to endeavor to set up a meeting in the next week or so.

**Village Manager Hess:** He is no longer the DEC Commissioner. He is going over to the governor's office as counsel, senior staff person.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Congratulations to him. We are losing a good friend, but I hope the transition will be smooth. I will still try to meet with him.

# 2. Cropsey Painting

**Mayor Kinnally:** The Village Board has withdrawn its notice of appeal, and we will make a presentation at the School Board meeting next Monday with our proposal. I had a conversation today with Barbara Newington about putting the painting in the Municipal Building, to see if she had anyone on staff, or knew anyone, to assist us with our concept of recessing the painting into the wall. She said she would be happy to do that. She would love to see the painting remain in the Village, and she thinks that the Municipal Building would be the appropriate spot.

# 3. Other

**Trustee Walrath:** Neil and I have talked about moving the cleanup day to the same day as the Rowley's Brook dedication. I think it is a good idea. We should try not to neglect other areas of the Village, but try to focus on trails that need cleaning up and conclude it with the dedication ceremony for the Rowley's Brook trail.

**Trustee Holdstein:** Trustee Walrath and I are hoping to embark shortly on neighborhood meetings and solutions for the Fenwick Road drainage problem. Trustee Walrath faxed me today a proposed letter to send to all affected people, and we hope to find a date probably in the third or fourth week of February. This is a heads-up to the community that we are in the planning stages of trying to sit down with people and move it forward. We want to notify all those on the property maps, but we also want to make the public aware so that people who are not directly affected but who have thoughts or feelings can participate in the dialogue.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Walrath 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**

On MOTION of Trustee Walrath, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:15 p.m.