

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2001

An Organizational Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, April 3, 2001 at 8:05 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, Trustee-elect Marjorie Apel, Village Manager Neil P. Hess, Village Attorney Brian Murphy, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

CITIZENS: Fourteen (14)

INVOCATION

Mayor Kinnally: I would like to call on Reverend Betty Hudson to deliver the invocation for this evening.

Reverend Betty Hudson: Eternal source of all wisdom, guide the Trustees elected to serve this Village and all others who serve here. Grant them imagination, skill, and energy, that through their decisions the well-being of all our citizens may be enhanced. And grant that we, whom they seek to serve, may offer them the support and affection they need so there may grow among us all in this community respect and concern for one another.

TRUSTEE DEVITA FAREWELL

Mayor Kinnally: First we must say goodbye. I say it every year: it is a bittersweet night. There is a sense of energy and excitement when someone new comes on the Board, but it is tempered by the fact that we are losing someone who has been here for six years and has served this Village well before that time. Elsa, you are a great friend. You are a great Trustee. Reverend Hudson prayed for many things, but she did not pray for patience. It is one of the things that we have to have for a number of reasons. But the imagination, the energy, certainly that is something that every Trustee needs and Elsa brought it to bear on the Board. A great sense of humor: she was the one who kept the time on the Board, telling me it *was* time--let us move on. Elsa, you have been a member of the team, and I say that in the best sense of the word: coming prepared, coming with imagination, with ideas for the community, with sensitivity for the concerns of the community. You will be sorely missed on this Board. Thank you for serving.

Trustee Holdstein: You stole most of my thoughts, because Elsa is always the one in the Executive Sessions to make sure that we were keeping close watch on the watches. I am really going to miss you. You have been a wonderful tutor in my time on the Board, an

inspiration on how to be a good Trustee, how to listen, to analyze the issues, and always with a great sense of humor. I wish you and your family all good things, and I am going to miss you.

Trustee Walrath: I came here, first campaigning with you. I want to thank you for being a wonderful running mate two years ago. I am so glad I have had the chance to be your colleague over these past two years, and to know you. You always had the piece of paper that I had forgotten to bring. Fortunately, I think I will be sitting next to Marjorie and she will be able to remember to bring the papers for me. But you have been a wonderful Trustee, and the Village owes you a great deal. We count on you to continue in public life, perhaps not every Tuesday. Thank you very much.

Trustee Jennings: I have known Elsa and her family for longer than either one of us cares to admit, and I have watched her wonderful children grow up one after another after another after another. I appreciate and am very grateful for her service to this community. I esteem her friendship. Elsa DeVita is one of the people that makes Hastings a better place to live.

Village Manager Hess: On behalf of the staff, we are going to miss you sorely. You have been a great Trustee. Beyond that, I want to thank Jim and your children for giving you up several nights a week, at least, in your service to the Board. It has been memorable service to the Village. I know the Mayor has a few parting gifts.

Mayor Kinnally: A member of the Board of Trustees was designated to purchase a farewell gift to you, and the gift was purchased. But the dumb-body forgot it at work, so I do not have it here for you on behalf of the Village. It is not in the mail, it is in my office, and you will be getting it.

But heartfelt thanks from all of us. We have had a lot of fun. I know it sounds kind of crazy to say you had fun, but we had some great funny nights and interesting times here on the Village Board. Neil mentioned the family. I see that Julie and Jim are here. It really is a sacrifice by not only the Trustee but also the family to give up the time with your family and time on other projects. This is not a serious gift, but these were hanging on the wires at the end of Croton.

Trustee DeVita: I noticed right away. The shoes had been hanging on an electrical wire, and I was concerned about Village employees taking them down. But the employees found a creative way, a safe way, to get them down. I appreciate it. I want to talk about the patience. Being the only woman on the Board, I am the one with the patience, not them. This driving the agenda, and particularly in Executive Sessions that often

started at 11 o'clock, was true. I was always making sure that the guys were on-task and doing what they needed to do. Maybe they resent that a little bit, but okay. I hope you continue that with a female influence.

But seriously, I want to, of course, thank my family, who encouraged me six years ago to do this, and who have made a lot of sacrifices but who never really complained about it. Well, maybe Julie a little bit when I had to run out and her homework was not done, and dad was not home yet, and the babysitter did not really understand the homework, or whatever. There were times when it was certainly difficult for the family, but they encouraged me. And some of the family was disappointed then I decided not to run for reelection.

To my Board members, the Mayor, our attorney, Village Manager, Village Clerk, Rafael, to all the incredible people that work here, I thank you for this opportunity. It was an incredible learning experience. I came, six years ago, really not knowing what to expect, not knowing whether I could even do the job. That first year was rough. I learned a lot, I nodded a lot, I read a lot. I learned and I felt more and more comfortable, and I truly believe that with the support of these wonderful people we made a difference in the last six years.

I thank all of you very much and, certainly, the citizens of Hastings for supporting me as a Trustee. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Kinnally: I will ask Judge McElroy to administer the oath of office to me.

Judge McElroy: May I ask a point of order first? Am I swearing you in for another term as mayor, or another term as dumb-body?

Mayor Kinnally: Dumb-body is a lifetime appointment.

Judge McElroy administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Kinnally.

Mayor Kinnally administered the Oath of Office to Trustee Walrath and Trustee Apel.

28:01 - MAYORAL AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS

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

A. Village Treasurer

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint **Neil P. Hess**, Village Treasurer, for a term of two (2) official years.

B. Village Clerk

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint **Susan Maggiotto**, Village Clerk, for a term of two (2) official years.

C. Deputy Village Clerk

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint **Linda M. Knies** Deputy Village Clerk for a term of one (1) official year.

D. Registrar

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint **Susan Maggiotto** as Registrar and **Marie C. Oelkers** as Deputy Registrar for a term of two (2) years through April 30, 2003.

E. Acting Village Justice

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint **Joseph A. DiSalvo** Acting Village Justice for a term of one (1) official year.

F. Historian

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint **Sandy Shortt** Historian for a term of one (1) official year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYE

NAY

Trustee Michael Holdstein	X
Trustee David Walrath	X
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X

29:01 - MAYORAL AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES DESIGNATIONS

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

A. Official Newspapers

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

B. Official Depositories

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

C. Police and Fire Surgeons

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

D. Regular Meeting Days

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

E. Authorization To Sign Checks And Instruments

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

Neil P. Hell, Susan Maggiotto, and Linda M. Knies except individual payroll checks which shall require two (2) of the following signatures:

Neil P. Hess, Susan Maggiotto, Linda M. Knies.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee David Walrath	X	
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

30:01 - EXECUTIVE SESSION POLICY

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

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

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to conduct Village business in an open fashion and to make available as much information as may legally and practically be disseminated. The New York Open Meetings Law authorizes the Board to conduct business in Executive Session in a number of areas. These include:

1. Matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed.
2. Matters which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer.
3. Information relating to criminal investigations.
4. Discussions relating to proposed, pending, or current litigation.
5. Collective bargaining negotiations.

6. Personnel matters.
7. The proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or securities.

The Board recognizes that it is authorized to use Executive Sessions in these situations, but will do so with restraint. To maintain confidentiality, and to encourage the uninhibited discussion of the subjects of Executive Sessions, the specific subject matter and any statements made, or positions taken, by all participants must remain confidential and may not be disclosed by any participant unless and until a majority of the Board votes to authorize the release thereof by the Board. It has been, and continues to be, the practice of the Board that all members of the Board, acting together, come to agreement by consensus on the specific information which is to be released to the public, the suitable vehicle for reporting that information, and the timing of the reporting. This was officially adopted by the Board of Trustees on September 28, 1993.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee David Walrath	X	
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

31:01 - RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mayor Kinnally: All members of the Board have the Rules of Procedure originally adopted by the Board of Trustees on July 15, 1997.

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
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Trustee Michael Holdstein	X
Trustee David Walrath	X
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

See Minutes of Regular Meeting of Apr. 3, 2001.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE.

Judge McElroy administered the Oath of Office to Acting Village Justice DiSalvo.

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee Jennings, SECONDED by Trustee Walrath with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Organizational Meeting at 8:30 p.m.