

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 30, 2002

A Special Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, April 30, 2002 at 8:20 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee Michael Holdstein, Trustee David Walrath, Trustee Marjorie Apel, Village Manager Neil P. Hess, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

ABSENT: Trustee Bruce Jennings

CITIZENS: None

33:02 DEDICATION OF PUBLIC PARK

Mayor Kinnally: This is the last step in our process of the acquisition of what was formerly known as Marinello Cove. We need to dedicate this as public parkland, to take it off the tax rolls of other governmental entities and to dedicate it to the future of our Village residents.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson acquired a 3.18 acre parcel on the Hastings Waterfront on March 15, 2002, identified as Sheet 13, Parcel 116 on the tax maps of the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Trustees are desirous of providing improved recreational opportunities and access to the Hudson River for the residents of the Village, so therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby designate this property as a public park in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson.

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

34:02 ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND TAX RATE - FISCAL YEAR 2002 - 2003

Village Manager Hess: This Special Meeting culminates over two months of budget review by the Board. I want to compliment the Board on what has been a difficult budget to propose and review. The Board has met with all departments, asked very tough questions, and has made decisions that are tough but in the best long range interests of the Village. This budget as it stands is recommended for adoption.

Trustee Holdstein: This was a difficult process, but as with all budgets was subject to a great deal of discussion and comment. The goal was to maintain the quality of services and the quality of life in the Village the best we can; unfortunately, after a couple of years of tax decreases, we have to put forth an increase, but we tried to do it the fairest way without major sacrifices. It was a good but tough process and I will vote for it.

Trustee Walrath: The increases basically relate to contractual salary increases; the problem is the estimate of revenues are down. This has been pared as much as we thought we could. We have to watch that revenues don't slip below estimates so we don't need to pare further. We need to do everything we can to increase productivity so we get all the things done we should.

Trustee Apel: It has been a long and detailed process. We were all concerned starting out to see what the expenses were going to be and the revenues that weren't going to be. I struggled through this budget and asked a lot of questions. After a lot of consideration we have come out with a fair budget, although unfortunately taxes will have to be increased. I want to thank Neil for his hard work in putting it together.

Mayor Kinnally: Given the uncertainty of the economy it is incumbent on us to read the monthly reports Neil gives us for both expenditures and revenues. We are in a mercurial economy as the budget process in Albany has indicated. Our budgeting process does not stop tonight. We have to be vigilant along with Neil as to where we stand at any point.

Let me note for the record that Trustee Jennings is out of town on business but did indicate in the course of our work sessions on the budget that he supported the budget. He like all of us had questions about bringing the tax rate down and keeping things in balance, and ultimately he agreed with the suggestions and recommendations the Village Manager made about holding to the tax rate and being vigilant going into the future.

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 adopt the 2002 - 2003 Village Budget as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS

General Fund	\$8,811,265
Pool Fund	326,000
Library Fund	616,000
Draper Fund	<u>29,500</u>
	\$9,782,765

REVENUES

Property Tax	\$5,666,202
State Aid	453,500
Sales Tax	780,000
Surplus	632,613
Other	<u>2,250,450</u>
	\$9,782,765

And be it further

RESOLVED: that the property tax rate be established at \$130.16 per thousand of assessed valuation.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Special Meeting to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

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