

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2003**

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, February 4, 2003 at 8:15 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

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

ABSENT: Trustee David Walrath, Trustee Bruce Jennings.

CITIZENS: One (1).

APPOINTMENT

Mayor Kinnally: Former Trustee Edward Carroll is appointed to the Board of Assessment Review for purposes of reviewing grievances at Grievance Day on February 18, 2003 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the conference room of the Municipal Building. The other members are Julius Chemka and John Huelsman.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

Multi-Fund No. 57-2002-03 \$ 78,972.42
Multi-Fund No. 58-2002-03 \$ 1,355.00
Multi-Fund No. 59-2002-03 \$ 51,021.92

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Holdstein with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2003 were approved as presented.

9:03 LEASE OF POLICE VEHICLES

Village Manager Hess: The police chief's leased vehicle expires in April and the detective's leased vehicle expires in July. We are requesting authorization to order both vehicles, one for delivery in April and one for delivery in July. There are funds budgeted for these vehicles. In this year's budget it will save us \$23,000.

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 authorize the lease of two police vehicles under New York State contract for an amount not to exceed \$325.00 per month per vehicle.

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

10:03 RETURN OF ACCOUNT AND AFFIDAVIT

Village Clerk Maggiotto: The delinquent accounts report is the official document of delinquent accounts as of December 31, 2002 that we are required to file. However, it is not an accurate representation of the delinquent accounts. Many have been paid already. As of today, the number of delinquent accounts is 58 for a total amount outstanding on taxes of \$71,722, which is almost 99% of taxes collected.

Trustee Holdstein: Do we have a mailing notifying people of the delinquency?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: Yes, we send out letters in the middle of the month.

Trustee Holdstein: What percent of these are paid through a bank?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: I would say about half.

Trustee Holdstein: Is that just the timing when the banks issue the money, or is it negligence on the part of banks forwarding the taxes?

Village Clerk Maggiotto: I am reluctant to use the word negligence. A lot of things happen to the second-half payments: if the mortgage is sold during that time frame, things slip through the cracks. In our letters we ask the homeowner to notify the bank immediately if it is responsible for paying the bill. In almost every case where there is an escrow account, it

gets paid within the month. We have our persistent delinquents, and it is generally the same people that end up on the lien list every year. But that number is quite small.

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Holdstein 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 2002-03 Village tax roll.

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

11:02 VILLAGE ELECTION INSPECTORS - REPUBLICAN

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 appoint the following Village Elections Inspectors for General Village Election Day, Tuesday, March 18, 2003 as Republican Inspectors:

INSPECTORS	DISTRICT
George Gray Evelyn Reid	18 th
Connie Rasulo Roberta Bennett	19 th
Martha Koblosh Mary Matzura	20 th
John Olyha Walter Honovich	21 st

Eleanor McGinige Bessie Kochan	22 nd
Mariam Anthony Winnie Hazou	23 rd
Cecilia Kingston Jean Hornbothel	52 nd
Meriba Gursky Jan Gustafson	59 th

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

12:03 VILLAGE ELECTION INSPECTORS - DEMOCRATIC

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees appoint the following Village Elections Inspectors for General Village Election Day, Tuesday, March 18, 2003 as Democratic Inspectors:

INSPECTORS	DISTRICT
Viola Kepcher Elizabeth Waczek	18 th
Gloria Matzura Nettie A. Funchess	19 th
Eleanor Matza Laura Gardner	20 th
Olga Morabito Ezra Matza	21 st
Anna Zahurak	22 nd

Karen Jacobs

Gloria Rodriguez 23rd
Christopher Costello

Adele Bean 52nd
Agnes Matzura

Rose Marie Somosky 59th
John Russo

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

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Hess: Trustee Walrath is out of town on personal business. Trustee Jennings called to say he would be late.

Each year I comment on the governor's budget when it is released. From a municipal standpoint, it is a no-change budget. State revenue sharing and highway aid remain the same. Where we are losing funds as a community is in the school district.

Next Tuesday night at a taped work session C&G Engineers will present initial results for the Fenwick area drainage project and some proposed alternatives for the Board's reaction and consideration. We notified the neighborhood of the meeting. We set an agenda with 1) C&G making their presentation; 2) the Board responding to the presentation and asking any questions; and then 3) opening it up for questions and answers from the public.

We will also have a discussion on the preliminary design of the cove development. Over the next month we plan to have the Parks and Recreation Commission, the LWRP, and the Board of Trustees involved in a joint meeting to finalize the design. Topographic and depth data are being developed as part of the planning process.

We will have a proposal for the redesign/redevelopment of Boulanger Plaza for the meeting on February 18 so that we can proceed with construction during August.

This week several potential interns from Hastings High School are coming to meet with departments who are going to present brief overviews of what goes on their departments; the interns are going to select which departments they would like to work in.

We discussed at the last meeting the repeal of the Wicks Law. I will have a resolution for February 18 supporting the repeal of the Wicks Law. The governor has included that in his budget as he has every year since he has been governor. But this year may have a better chance than other years.

I would like a public hearing on Tuesday, February 18 on proposed recreation fees for the summer camps and youth football.

Mayor Kinnally: I am in receipt of a memo from Paul Feiner, Greenburgh supervisor, announcing a meeting to develop strategy to get the state to repeal the Wicks Law. Greenburgh is particularly interested in it because they are building a new town hall and the Wicks Law could increase the cost of construction by as much as 30%. It is good to see a multi-pronged attack against this.

Trustee Holdstein: How does state aid affect our budget?

Village Manager Hess: It is a very small portion of our budget. We receive \$57,000 in state revenue sharing, which is a little over a dollar per thousand. In CHIPS aid we receive about \$75,000.

Trustee Holdstein: Where is the funding for Boulanger Plaza coming from?

Village Manager Hess: There is about \$69,000 in the capital fund for downtown sidewalks and related improvements.

Trustee Holdstein: As we approach a challenging fiscal budget year, we cannot stop all our projects and the improvements that we do throughout the Village, but I am concerned that we may have to see if that can wait another year based on everything else we have to look at.

Village Manager Hess: The challenge I am giving the designer is to design a project that, including their fee, shall not exceed \$69,000.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

1. Update on the Waterfront

Mayor Kinnally: Mark Chertok and I had a meeting with ARCO's counsel on settlement. We continue to talk. I am not going to say if we are close. Being close to a settlement is in the eye of the beholder. We continue to talk and share ideas also with the Riverkeeper and the environmental engineers that we have retained.

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2. Update on the Quarry

Mayor Kinnally: We have received notification from the state that they are looking at it. They do not see this as a high priority item as far as remediation. We will continue with our efforts to get the community involved in coming up with plans for future use of the site. Our concerns about remediation of the quarry a year ago were, thankfully, overblown. We are in good shape, and the state does not see a big problem. We are waiting to get a closure report.

Village Manager Hess: It will not be until after June. They are checking a number of other sites. They have put this one on the back burner because it is not what they consider a high priority site because of its condition.

Trustee Apel: Metro North, where are we with them and Mark Mannix?

Mayor Kinnally: We are going to push them for a meeting. It will probably be a public hearing at which they will not take questions.

Village Manager Hess: His request at the end of last week was that they would like to have a meeting with certain Village officials and they did not want a public meeting. Our response was we would be glad to meet with you to review your updated plans, but we expect there is going to be a public meeting after that for public input.

Trustee Apel: At the last meeting the concern about testing on properties, especially the gas station, was brought up. It was followed by an article in the paper that the federal government had found some labs that were lying on tests. I thought it was important that we check to see who was doing our lab testing. Neil is checking on that.

Village Manager Hess: We have to go to the EPA Website and download the labs, and then send it to Mark and have him double-check any labs that have done testing on the waterfront.

Mayor Kinnally: Also send it to Warren who subcontracted that out, and to the Riverkeeper to the extent that they used any outside labs.

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:40 p.m.