

VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
APRIL 1, 2003

An Organizational Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at 8:05 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

PRESENT: Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee Michael Holdstein, Trustee David Walrath, Trustee Bruce Jennings, Trustee Marjorie Apel, Trustee-Elect Peter Swiderski, Village Manager Neil P. Hess, Village Attorney Brian Murphy, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

CITIZENS: Fifty (50).

INVOCATION - FATHER JAMES SMYTHE

PRESENTATION - TRUSTEE WALRATH

Mayor Kinnally: As we often do at the organizational meeting, we say hello to new people and goodbye to people who have served our Village for so long. Tonight, we have the same thing with Trustee David Walrath stepping down from the Board. He has served on this Board for four years and has been an active participant in so much of our community: the trailways, working at Sugar Pond, working with the drainage project at Fenwick. David has been truly a very vital component to this board, an energetic person who has given of his time and of his energy, not only sitting up here on the Board but doing so much behind the scenes.

David, I would like to thank you for all that you have done for us, and with us, and wish you God speed. I am sure this is not the last we will see of you. I know you have volunteered to continue with your service, and we will gladly take you up on that. On behalf of the Village Board I would like to present a token of our appreciation and a memento for what you have done here. I hope you remember us.

Village Manager Hess: Trustee Walrath has agreed to serve as an advisor to the Village. And anybody who knows David, as I have known him for over 20 years, he comments during meetings that he always takes little notes that he calls scribble-scrabble. On behalf of the staff, we have a Trustee Walrath retirement scribble-scrabble notebook with the Village seal.

Trustee Holdstein: It has been a delight to serve with David for the past four years. He has truly dedicated himself to serving the Board and the Village, and has been a tireless worker on so many issues. Fortunately for the Village, he has been primarily, although not exclusively, in retirement, so he could afford quite a bit of time and energy to devote to the Village, which he has done wonderfully. I think that special note should be made of David's work with the trailways. He has led this community in developing a very exciting set of

trailways in the community that I know many of us in this room have appreciated. I thank you for serving with us. I thank you for teaching me many things having to do with water flows and engineering theories, and so forth. I have learned a lot. David has been an open and honest trustee. We have not always agreed, but as a member of a five-person board, he has served the community well. I wish him well in all future endeavors.

Trustee Jennings: David, I first remember meeting you when I was taking a shower or something, and you were campaigning and you rang my doorbell. I realized then what a tireless campaigner you were, and have been. I did not realize, though, until I started working with you on the Board what a tireless trustee you also are and have been. It has been a real pleasure for me to watch you not only devote the time and energy necessary for our official proceedings, but all the extraordinary extra work you put in on behalf of the Village. Partly because only your expertise would do, but mainly because you are such a devoted and dedicated public servant, and I really admire it. Thank you.

Trustee Apel: I have been sitting next to David for two years, and I know for sure I am going to miss him. When we first met a number of years ago and we were campaigning, I certainly learned that no matter how old I get, I think David will have more energy than anybody I know. He manages to go over the entire community and has energy after that to go on and do meetings. He has been invaluable to the Board. His expertise in engineering has been something which we have been very thankful to have, and I know that he will still be contributing that knowledge. So even though I will not be sitting next to you I certainly will miss you. Thank you, David.

Trustee Walrath: Thank you very much. This was a wonderful board I served with, and it will be a wonderful board when Peter takes his oath. It has been a great pleasure to serve with this board and with the prior boards. I guess I am the second-most senior. Bruce has joined the Board since I was on it. Two people have left, and working with them was great, too. I just want to say thank you for the kind words. I will continue to work with the Village as much as I possibly can. I have finally gotten around to getting some work done on our house, so we may put it on the market. We are not leaving the Village, but five bedrooms are more than we have any earthly need for. So the painters are at work right now, the floor sanders will come soon, and we will relocate somewhere in this wonderful village. Thank you very much.

29:03 COVE RENAMING

Village Manager Hess: We have one other thing that Trustee Walrath would like to participate in. Mayor, I am going to ask you to go down to the microphone. What is going to be offered is a resolution moved and seconded unanimously by the Village Board.

WHEREAS, Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr. served on the Hastings Board of Trustees for fourteen years and as Mayor of our Village since 1993, and

WHEREAS, Lee has, through his outstanding service, leadership and dedication to our community, touched the lives of so many and helped make Hastings what it is today, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor negotiated the acquisition of Hastings Waterfront Cove, formerly known as Marinello Cove, and

WHEREAS, the 3.18 acre cove provides a unique and significant access to the Hudson River for the use and enjoyment by all of our residents, and

WHEREAS, on the occasion of Lee's election to a sixth term as Mayor of Hastings-on-Hudson, the Board of Trustees, on behalf of all Village staff and the people of Hastings wish to recognize Lee for his many contributions to our Village,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees and the entire community pay tribute to Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr. and dedicate and rename the Hastings Waterfront Cove as

KINNALLY COVE

Mayor Kinnally: Yes, you got me. I am somewhat at a loss for words. I am overwhelmed by it. Thank you very much. One of the proudest days of working on the Board is when we acquired this last year. We had a closing at Brian's office on a Friday, and it was something special. Thank you everybody for coming out. The interesting thing is that we had two of the three owners of the Cove here when we had the hearings on the condemnation. When you are trying to condemn a piece of property you have to show that there is a public purpose in it and public support for it. The two owners, who live in Rockland County, said to me afterwards that they were negotiating a price, but really wanted to see the Village get it. They were absolutely astounded at the support of the people in the community when they came out and gave the Village Board the support to say that we want to acquire this. I think that broke the logjam. The problem was not in Rockland County but with the other owner in Florida. But is a nice ending to it, and I am really overwhelmed by it. Thank you very much.

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.	Abstain

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Judge McElroy administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Kinnally, Trustee Apel, and Trustee Swiderski.

[RECESS]

[RECONVENE 8:40 P.M.]

Mayor Kinnally: Tim Hayes, the chairman of the Greenburgh Republican Party, would like to say a few words.

Tim Hayes, Chair, Republican Party: The purpose of my being here is to congratulate Peter Swiderski on his election to the Village Board. As I was teasing him earlier, in our lost campaign we could not find anything wrong with Peter and that was a big obstacle to defeating him. Same with Marge. We have a wonderful board, and the Republican Party wishes to congratulate the Mayor and all of our Trustees as we forge ahead, because we all live here in Hastings and we want the same things together.

But mainly, I wanted to tease Dave Walrath. I would like to congratulate Dave Walrath after his four years as trustee. Although he beat an incumbent Republican trustee to win his office, a friend of mine, that is water under the bridge. But Dave Walrath may hold the distinction of being the first engineer in political history to retire with honor and distinction from office. When you think of engineers in American politics, you think of Herbert Hoover, James Earl Carter III, John Sununu, and Henry R. Perot, also known as Ross. Abysmal failures. Engineers and academics; anathema to success in politics. But David Walrath, engineer albeit, a great success. Our village should recognize Dave for the great trustee he has been over the last four years. Congratulations, Dave and the entire Walrath family.

Mary Jane Shimsky, 35 Ashley Road, Chair, Hastings Democratic Party: As chair of the Hastings Democratic Party, I can never resist my opportunity to get my equal time. I wanted to amplify a point that Mr. Hayes made. When you are thinking about engineers as politicians, another group that comes to mind is the vast majority of the membership of the Soviet Politburo. If we are talking as engineers as failures in politics, that is as good a group

as any to bring up. I am glad that was David Walrath who helped the jinx against engineers in politics because over the years I have gotten to know David. Everybody talks about his energy, and everybody talks about his expertise in engineering, which are both obviously wonderful qualities, but the thing that always impressed me about David is that he always had good sense and good judgment, and took a very thoughtful approach to any problem that came his way. He has been a wonderful asset to this board for four years, and we are all going to miss him in politics and all over Hastings. He has really been wonderful, and it has been a pleasure for us to get to know him and work with him.

30:03 MAYORAL AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings 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, 2005.

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 **David Willis McCullough** Historian for a term of one (1) official year.

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

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Judge McElroy administered the oath of office to Acting Village Justice Joseph DiSalvo.

31:03 MAYORAL AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES DESIGNATIONS

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Apel 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., J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, Hudson Valley National Bank, First Union, Hudson United 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. Hess, 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
Trustee Bruce Jennings
Trustee Marjorie Apel
Trustee Peter Swiderski
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.

X
X
X
X
X

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

VILLAGE AUDITORS

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees designate the firm of **Bennett Kielson Storch Yablon & DeSantis LLP** as Village Auditors pursuant to the contract approved by the Board of Trustees on March 4, 2003 for years 2003 - 2007.

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

Mayor Kinnally: I abstain: the auditors are clients of my firm.

32:03 EXECUTIVE SESSION POLICY

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

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

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

33:03 RULES OF PROCEDURE

Mayor Kinnally: These are the rules of procedure that we have been acting under since at least July of 1997, and we have done pretty well with them so I think we should stick with what we have. That does not mean we would not revisit it if we felt things had to be changed.

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings 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
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X	
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X	
Trustee Peter Swiderski	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Kinnally: Mayoral appointments will be made at our next regular Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Swiderski with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:55 p.m.