

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MARCH 7, 2006**

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 8:05 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee Michael Holdstein, Trustee Bruce Jennings, Trustee Marjorie Apel, Trustee Peter Swiderski, Village Manager Francis A. Frobel, Deputy Village Attorney Marianne Stecich, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

**CITIZENS:** Seven (7).

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Mayor Kinnally:** We are announcing the reappointment to the Planning Board of Bob Lee and Bill Logan for a term of five years each from the start of the official year in April, 2005. They have a little over four years remaining on their terms.

Also appointed are Advisory committee for the Disabled: Jackie DiLorenzo, Joan Walsh, David Parker, and Jack Gavin. Cable TV committee: Raf Zaratzian, Bob Perlstein, and Paul Hammons. Conservation Commission: Peter Wolf and Dr. Jacques Padawer. Library Board of Trustees: Dan Frank. Parks and Rec Commission: Kevin Dawkins. All of these are reappointments except for Jack Gavin and are retroactively effective in the same fashion as I indicated for the Planning Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Apel with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7, 2006 were approved as presented.

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Holdstein with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2006 were approved as presented.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

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

Multi-Fund No. 55-2005-06 \$ 67,218.51

Multi-Fund No. 56-2005-06 \$ 53,029.09

**25:06 BOULANGER PLAZA DESIGN AGREEMENT**

**Mayor Kinnally:** We have two resolutions on this evening dealing with Boulanger Plaza, the design contract and the authorization to bid. We have Christina Griffin here this evening. We are going to defer action this evening, but maybe Christina could give us a brief overview. We will have a work session and a special meeting next week to consider these two resolutions and the entire project and, in the interim, get a little more information. I would like to have a motion for a special meeting

### **WORK SESSION**

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled a Special Meeting to consider resolutions 25 and 26 of 2006 for Tuesday, Mar. 14, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Holdstein with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled an Executive Session following the Special Meeting on Mar. 14, 2005 to discuss personnel items, boards and commissions, and professional services contracts.

**Christina Griffin, Architect:** The planning started almost four years ago. It was meant to be broken into two parts. Phase 1 was the development of the wall and the property to the north, which is finished. Phase 2 is to renovate the parking lot. In addition to replacing the paved areas, we would like to create paved paths, eliminate all the meters, have two parking dispensers, and, if possible, have paved areas along the storefronts. These are some concept sketches that were done a few years ago. This shows the front of Boulanger Plaza facing Main Street and how we could develop it with paved areas of granite benches and low walls. This is a sketch of how we could develop the back of these storefronts. The goal is to see if we can go out to bid with a base project, where we have the main sidewalk and this sidewalk, and have some alternates for developing paved areas in front of the storefronts.

We have several ideas on materials that we should talk about at the work session. This cost estimate is based on using concrete pavers because it is more affordable than real stone. It can look almost like stone, and the more it looks like stone the more expensive it is

**Trustee Apel:** On the original plan there had been a discussion of putting the handicapped parking in the middle. I see them way in the front. I am sure you gave this some thought, but they are way over here and you have to walk and walk.

**Ms. Griffin:** We need to discuss this because usually you put the handicapped spaces near a sidewalk so they do not have to cross traffic. There are pros and cons for both locations.

**Trustee Holdstein:** What have we decided on the distance from the end of the median to the wall? Is it going to be 16 or 22 feet? Your drawing here shows 23.2.

**Ms. Griffin:** This is exactly what is there now, and we are planning to maintain that. We found that they need that turning radius, especially for the delivery trucks.

**Trustee Holdstein:** Are we going to eliminate the parking on that wall, or keep it?

**Ms. Griffin:** It has been eliminated.

**Trustee Holdstein:** I was looking with one of the merchants on Saturday. The last space ends with a piece of concrete that comes down probably 4½ feet. Vehicles driving around that curve, regardless of whether it is 16 feet or 22, are crushing over that concrete. You really do not need it to come down four feet.

**Ms. Griffin:** Did you see the last plan? We took that little sliver of curb out.

**Trustee Holdstein:** We have not fully vetted the parking meter issue. We have attempted to do it. I got flack from a lot of people who did not like it. We are going with a concept here that almost says what it is going to be without us giving the community an opportunity to get comfortable with this new system. A lot of people were very irate about it before giving it a chance. My concern is whether we can get an opportunity before we make a decision like this which is a little more in stone.

**Ms. Griffin:** You also have to balance that with the benefit of providing a pedestrian path.

**Mayor Kinnally:** The problem with the meters was not with the concept. It was with the hardware that we had. We had one that was placed in the middle on the building. The suggestion here is for two. That would allow people to exit either way without having to walk an inordinate distance. Not that it is a lot, considering what you walk in the city or whatever, but the recommendation is to do away with the mechanical meters and to go with some sort of box. We are going to have to come to a decision on whether or not you want the

mechanical meters in there. My reaction is that this is a great opportunity for us to break away from the mechanical meters. They do not operate well, they are expensive, maintenance is high, and if we can get a unit or units that work, not like the ones that we were snake-bitten with last summer, that it is the way to go. Dobbs Ferry has it without any problems. New York City has it in midtown without any problems.

**Trustee Holdstein:** I do not disagree. My question is, can we have a trial period again to get people's reaction and feel for it? I still agree with you.

**Village Manager Frobel:** We met with some vendors, but I do not know if we have time to have another trial run. We will have to talk about it.

**Trustee Jennings:** Will we end up with the same number of parking spaces that we have now?

**Ms. Griffin:** This plan is already set up for handicapped spaces, and this is the same number of spaces that you have now. If we put them here you would lose one space.

**Trustee Swiderski:** Any buy-in from the stores regarding work they would do to beautify their sides?

**Ms. Griffin:** We have had many meetings over the last 3½ years with building owners and tenants. We have identified all the waste containers that have never been concealed. That would be a major improvement. All these areas, if we could pave them, we have an estimate of cost for each property. How the cost would be shared or how we are going to deal with that is under discussion, but it would be treated as a separate element in the project.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Christina, thank you for this update and I encourage all, including the public, to take a look at this and to be ready to work through this next Tuesday night.

#### **VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Village Manager Frobel:** Staff continues to work with the Chamber of Commerce in preparation for an event the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, a celebration that will include some local artists and activities for young people.

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

## **1. Update on the Waterfront**

**Fred Yaeger, ARCO Liaison:** We want to extend our deepest sympathies to the Village on behalf of the Atlantic Richfield Company for the loss of the fire chief.

With regard to OU-2, we are presenting the OU-2 supplemental feasibility study to NYSDEC at the end of this month. Regarding the OU-1 remedial design schedule, that is moving along on track. We will be presenting that by early August. Dave Kalet, the project manager for Atlantic Richfield, will be in town in about two weeks, so at the next Board of Trustees meeting, if there are questions on the OU-1 or on the OU-2, he can provide the detailed information that you might require.

## **2. Other**

**Mayor Kinnally:** As everyone probably knows, we lost Bob Schnibbe on Friday night. He died at a fire in Irvington responding on mutual aid and also as battalion chief of Westchester County coordinating mutual aid. Bob's service to the community is unparalleled, and one that we have yet to comprehend. In honor of Bob, Village Hall will be closed on Friday to allow our staff and everyone connected with the Village to attend his funeral, which will be held at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church.

For the Village it is an incalculable loss, and personally it is a deep, distressing one for me. Bob was a great friend to all of us, a terrific resource to the community in ways that not many people knew. What he did behind the scenes and how he went the extra mile to help the Village, to work for the Village in any number of capacities, from fire chief to volunteering on Safety Council to being our insurance agent. Fran said to me the other day, in just the short period of time that he has been here he sees how much Bob has done for the Village and what an integral part he was of the Village, community, and family; that he will be sorely missed. I would like to adjourn in his memory this evening.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting in memory of Robert J. Schnibbe, Jr. at 8:25 p.m.