# VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 13, 2004

A Regular Meeting was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 8:15 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee Bruce Jennings, Trustee Marjorie Apel,

Trustee Peter Swiderski, Village Manager Neil P. Hess, Village Attorney Brian

Murphy, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Michael Holdstein.

**CITIZENS:** None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Jennings with a voice vote of all in favor, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2003 were approved as presented.

## **APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

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

Multi-Fund No. 41-2003-04 \$101,570.20

Multi-Fund No. 42-2003-04 \$ 71,817.14

Multi-Fund No. 43-2003-04 \$174,832.81

## 1:04 PLANNING CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

**Village Manager Hess:** This consulting agreement takes the elements from the RFP and the information that was given to the planning consultant at the interviews and subsequent meetings, which she incorporated into this letter of agreement. It is for a period of six months, or it can be terminated by either party with 21 days' notice. I recommend it.

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 authorize the Village Manager to

sign the attached agreement with Angela Witkowski d/b/a Housing and Neighborhood Development Services (HANDS) to provide technical,

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> planning and administrative services for the Planning Board and other involved Village Boards and Departments as a Consultant pursuant to the terms of the agreement.

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

Mayor Kinnally: Neil, perhaps you would review our interview process for this position.

**Village Manager Hess:** We advertised in professional journals, on various professional web sites, and in *The Enterprise* and the *Journal News*. We received appropriately 18 resumes from as far away as South Africa, Michigan, Texas. The top five candidates were interviewed by an interview committee headed by Susan Maggiotto and including Bruce Jennings, Michael Holdstein, Rhoda Barr, Bob Lee, Patty Speranza, Carmine Itri, and Meg Walker. I had told the Board that if the committee came up with a unanimous choice for the position, that we would like to start the person on January 5 because it would be a good transition. The committee unanimously recommended Ms. Witkowski.

## 2:04 DESIGNATE GENERAL VILLAGE ELECTION DAY

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees designate Tuesday, March 16,

2004 as General Village Election Day, for the purpose of electing two (2) Trustees for a term of two (2) official years each, and one (1) Village Justice for a term of four (4) official years, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the polls are to be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00

p.m. at each Election District.

ROLL CALL VOTE AYE NAY

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ROLL CALL VOTE

Trustee Michael Holdstein	Absent
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X
Trustee Peter Swiderski	X
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X

**Trustee Swiderski:** When it comes to the appointment of assistant judge, that occurs once the judge has been elected?

**Mayor Kinnally:** It occurs at the organizational meeting, our first meeting in April. The process is that the mayor appoints, with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

## 3:04 DESIGNATE ELECTION DISTRICTS

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees designate the following Election

Districts for the General Village Election Day, to be held on Tuesday,

March 16, 2004:

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
18 <sup>TH</sup> 19 <sup>TH</sup> 20 <sup>TH</sup> 21 <sup>ST</sup> 22 <sup>ND</sup> 23 <sup>RD</sup> 52 <sup>ND</sup> 59 <sup>TH</sup>	HARMON COMMUNITY CENTER AMERICAN LEGION HALL ANDRUS MEMORIAL HOME PROTECTION ENGINE NO. 1 HARMON COMMUNITY CENTER RIVERVIEW MANOR HOSE CO. NO. 3 UNIONTOWN HOSE CO. NO. 2 AMERICAN LEGION HALL	44 MAIN STREET FARRAGUT AVENUE 185 OLD BROADWAY 573 WARBURTON AVE. 44 MAIN STREET 8 83 EUCLID AVENUE 25 ROSE STREET FARRAGUT AVENUE
	And be it further	
RESOLVED:	that the polls are to be open between the h p.m. at said places.	ours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00

AYE

NAY

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Trustee Michael Holdstein	Absent
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X
Trustee Peter Swiderski	X
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X

## 4:04 GRIEVANCE DAY

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 designate Tuesday, February 17,

2004 as Grievance Day, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson,

New York, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the Board of Assessment Review will meet at such designated time

and place for the purpose of completing the Assessment Roll and of

hearing and determining complaints in relation thereto.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE AYE NAY

Trustee Michael Holdstein	Absent
Trustee Bruce Jennings	X
Trustee Marjorie Apel	X
Trustee Peter Swiderski	X
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X

## 5:04 TAX LIEN SALE

**Trustee Swiderski:** May I have an explanation.

**Village Manager Hess:** Unpaid taxes as of that date can be sold to the lowest bidder. If I want to bid on a piece of property that had unpaid taxes of \$2,000, for example, I would bid 12%, 1% per month, and if I was awarded the bid I would get a tax sale certificate. I would pay the Village \$2,000, and when those taxes were paid I would be reimbursed \$2,000 plus 1% per month. If two people bid on the same taxes, then they bid down the percentage.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees designate Tuesday, March 16,

2004 as the Tax Lien Sale date at 10:00 a.m. in the Village Clerk's Office, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson,

New York.

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

#### VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Hess: The Conservation Commission is meeting now about the deer herd population in Hastings, lyme disease, and tick control. This will be the first of a series of meetings. I hope to have the Conservation Commission work closely with the new Public Health Commission, once that is constituted. The Audubon Society of Greenwich has done a complete study and management plan for the control of white tail deer in Greenwich, Connecticut. I downloaded it this afternoon and made copies for everybody. I supplied it to the committee that is being formed next door.

We have had a preliminary analysis done by Lothrop Associates on the Community Center. They are developing some preliminary plans, similar to what they did at the library. We hope to bring that to the Board, and invite the Parks & Recreation Commission to a meeting sometime in early March to start reviewing the plans and getting input back to Lothrop Associates.

We are in the process of developing the 2004-2005 budget. If the Board has any input relative to potential projects, capital projects, ideas for the operating budget, if you could give me those prior to January 23 it would be appreciated.

The Downtown Partnership is reviving the Citizen of the Year program and would appreciate anybody's input for candidates for Citizen of the Year. It is expected that we would announce either one or more designees in mid-March.

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**Trustee Jennings:** When the library renovations were taking place, and I was liaison, I observed how closely the librarian and the Library Board members worked with that process. I am wondering about the analogous entity for the Community Center. Is it going to be the Recreation Commission, or are we going to have to set up a special body to oversee the process and work with the architect and the builder in the way that the Library Board functioned?

**Village Manager Hess:** We will do it differently because the initial drawings and analysis are going to come to the Board of Trustees and the Parks & Recreation Commission jointly. It is not going to be massaged by the Parks & Recreation Commission to a final form and then brought to the Board of Trustees. Both boards will work jointly through the entire process. Construction would not start till 2005, so we have this entire year to develop the program, develop the plans, get ready with bid packages and specifications for late 2004-early 2005 so we can go out to bid and be ready to go in the construction season 2005.

**Trustee Jennings:** Are you going to be playing the role that Sue Feir did as staff for this project?

**Village Manager Hess:** Yes. We had an initial meeting similar to what Jim Lothrop did with the library staff with all the interested parties, so they could develop the initial breakout of square footage needs of Youth Advocate, youth services and senior programs, and try to fit it into a building plan. All the initial staff input has been reviewed with Lothrop.

**Trustee Apel:** Are these different plans than what we saw a number of years ago?

**Village Manager Hess:** Yes. The feasibility study had what they called a clean-up plan, which was repainting the 7,000 square feet building and not doing much else. There was one with a very small addition, and one was a major renovation. The committee that reviewed all those came up with a recommendation to tear the building down and start fresh, because it was putting so much money into an older building.

**Trustee Jennings:** That was one of their options also, but what they were proposing to rebuild then was a much larger building than we have ultimately decided upon.

**Village Manager Hess:** They had a 20,000 square feet building with a gymnasium.

**Trustee Apel:** It would seem to me that we should build a three-story building, not a two-story building. We have to think long-term. How long are we going to have this building?

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If we want to sell it and move the youth center out, we would want to have a building that is saleable. And we have to think about where it is on the street. If it is two stories, it is little.

**Village Manager Hess:** We are looking at somewhere between 10 and 11,000 square feet. The present building has 7,000 square feet. A third floor would add another 3,000 to 5,000 square feet. It is a matter of cost.

**Trustee Apel:** I would like to see what the cost is over time. I do not want to build a building and find that we have outgrown it. Or, if we want to sell, in a business district having a taller building would be a benefit. We should look into the cost effectiveness of doing it now rather than worry about it later.

**Village Manager Hess:** I think we can talk about that once you get the schematics. The cost will be \$250 to \$300 a square foot. So you are talking up to \$1.5 million more. Instead of \$3 million, we are talking \$4.5 million.

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

## 1. Update on the Waterfront

**Mayor Kinnally:** Judge Conner signed the consent decree on December 19. That triggers payment provisions due under the consent decree. In my discussion with ARCO during the PRAP hearings, they were willing to pay early and we will be getting that money soon.

I spoke with George Heitzman of the DEC and requested an extension of time for the Village's comments to OU-2 because of the need to retain various personnel to help us go through the complicated analyses that were given to us in OU-2. They granted an extension beyond what I had originally requested. So we are in the middle of an extended comment period. Mark Chertok has retained consultants to assist him and the Village. We can expect a preliminary report this weekend, and we will have a meeting with Mark Chertok next Tuesday following our regular Board meeting.

I am also in receipt of comments from Scenic Hudson that will be circulated to everyone. The comments are fairly extensive, and they deal not only with OU-1, but also with OU-2. In general, they are in accord with what was incorporated in the consent decree and the settlement of the Riverkeeper's suit, and there are extensive comments on OU-2.

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Now that the consent decree is signed, we will continue discussions with ARCO as to disposition of the properties, and their commitment to open spaces and the form that that open space would take.

#### 2. Chemka Pool Renovations

**Village Manager Hess:** To summarize, the three pool bids that were awarded were the general contractor, \$1,385,000; electrical contractor, \$294,540, which included the light poles, because you approved that change order at the resolution of the award; and the plumbing, \$52,000. A number of change orders have been reviewed, both adds and deducts.

Fence change: A large fence around the new intermediate pool was part of the original plan but is not necessary. Entrance walkway: they will have to redo the handicapped access walkway. There was also consideration of an entrance walkway railing. It is not required by ADA. That would have been a \$1,600 item, which we are not recommending. Demolition of a pool wall: When they took out the kiddie pool they found an old foundation wall which has to be removed. They originally spec'd out a retaining wall which is not going to be needed. Fencing: The fencing was supposed to be extended up to the parking lot, and they found that it could interfere with the drainage that goes through there. So we have decided to leave the fencing where it is, and we have a deduct of \$6,000. A 12-foot gate: That was not in the original spec and should have been. We need a truck entrance, an ambulance entrance. Underground drainage piping: That is a deduct that wasn't needed. Eight-foot gates at the locker room: They had spec'd out a larger gate, so we have a \$900 deduct. Toilet partitions, accessories: This is required by the county health department in their review, so that is an add. Additional handicapped lifts: According to the county health department, we have to put those in. We have total adds of \$15,600, and total deducts of \$16,500. Our change order will be an \$896 deduct with the general contractor.

Going back to the first page, a \$14,950 add for the electrical. The Board indicated that you wanted to have the light poles painted a color. The cost is \$14,950.

Some items are listed for further consideration. There are two schemes for the bus turnaround in this report, a back-in turnaround and a semi-circle. I am not looking for decisions tonight. Painting of the bathhouse interior and exterior: \$10,600, which is a good price because it will take care of the entire building. Shade shelters was a deduct bid by the contractor of \$20,000, but we decided to buy the shelters ourselves at a cost of \$3,960. As part of the project, the GC had to remove the old metal lockers from the bathhouse. If we do the replacement with new plastic lockers that cost is \$4,500. I am recommending that the Board approve items B, C, and D: the painting of the bathhouse, the shade shelters, and the

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plastic lockers. We will have future discussions on the other items. Since Trustee Holdstein is not here tonight, I would like to put consideration of these over until the next meeting.

Even approving all these items, we will still have approximately \$100,000 available. If the larger turnaround is approved, then we would have about \$90,000 available. I will provide a complete breakdown.

**Trustee Swiderski:** During the discussion about the pool my understanding was that at some point in the future, and not so far in the future, the building would be replaced, or modified. Was that a mis-impression?

**Mayor Kinnally:** I have said that we have to address the pool building. Neil and I have had differences on it.

**Village Manager Hess:** As part of this renovation the roof is being replaced. The bathrooms are being redone. We have to paint the building anyway. This way we can have it done by a professional and get a nice job in replacing the wood, staining it, and doing the pool building. I want to get some input from the Architectural Review Board on colors.

**Trustee Swiderski:** But the short form of your answer is that we anticipate keeping the pool building for long enough to justify the expense of the \$10,000.

**Village Manager Hess:** Definitely. We would be spending much more than that if we have our own staff do the painting every year. This should last us quite a few years.

**Trustee Jennings:** My concern about the fencing is the amount of grassy area that we have for people to sit on. The amount of usable land is one of the things that affects the sense of how crowded the pool is. When we first discussed this, it was noted to us that the placement of the new wading pool and the extension of the deck slightly was going to decrease the amount of grassy area, and the hope was that we could compensate by going a little further up the hill. Is it possible to move the fence somewhat without moving it clear back up to the parking lot and running afoul of the drainage, so that we could pick up some square footage for people to sit with their towels, even if it is on a slight incline?

**Village Manager Hess:** I could check on that. I think the discussion was because the splash pool was on that northern part, and we were losing that whole area. That is why the fence went up initially. When we moved the splash pool over to the western side we regained all that property. Then they had the problem with the drainage, and that is why they decided not to have the fence moved.

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**Trustee Jennings:** No, moving the splash pool helps. But as I am looking at this drawing, it seems that we have lost a little bit of grassy area. We are probably only talking 50 or 100 square feet and I do not want to make a big deal out of it, but if there is any way you can grab some square footage up the hill, maybe we should think about that.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Good point, Bruce, to see if we can reclaim some of it.

**Trustee Swiderski:** And the hill is a southern exposure. I do not think anyone would mind lying on a hill with a southern exposure.

## 3. Town of Greenburgh Supervisor Feiner

**Mayor Kinnally:** We have the Town supervisor here. Paul has a brief item he wants to call to our attention.

Paul Feiner, Greenburgh Town Supervisor: The Town Board is concerned about the proposed Ridge Hill project. It is a massive project, over 1.3 million square feet of space. The Town Board today decided to retain outside counsel and the services of a traffic consultant. We are going to do a brief RFP. The propose of my coming here today is to ask, one, if the Village would want to partner with the Town. We would interview together and jointly decide on who to pick, and then, hopefully, share in some of the expenses. To do this correctly is going to be an expensive proposition, but the impact to our communities is going to be enormous if we are not successful. I think that we would have a much better chance at succeeding in influencing Yonkers and the process if we speak with one voice. I have also been in touch with the Village of Ardsley and have invited them to participate. I will probably also get in touch with Dobbs Ferry. They are not impacted as much as Hastings and Ardsley and Greenburgh, but they will be impacted. I am sure that traffic mitigation is going to be a major issue, and I do not want to see Greenburgh and Hastings fight over the traffic alternatives. If we work together from the beginning we might avoid a conflict later on.

I do not expect you to make any decisions today, but just wanted to ask that you discuss it and get back to me.

Mayor Kinnally: I had a brief discussion with Mayor Amicone from Yonkers and raised with him our concerns over the scope of Ridge Hill and the traffic impacts. He told me that they had applied, and were pursuing, to have exits directly from both the Thruway and Sprain Parkway. He said that he would let me know when the presentation was going to be made on that to the City Council. Certainly this merits our close attention and monitoring. I told him that the Village was extremely concerned about placing any more traffic on Jackson Avenue,

that the assurances that had been given of low impact with the Stew Leonard project have not come to pass, and that the impact is substantial. He said that it would probably be mitigated if we could do something with the turn at the intersection of Jackson and 9-A.

**Supervisor Feiner:** That is another location that I definitely want to work on. I want to make sure the Town does not do what happened with Austin Avenue, where we got involved very, very late in the process. By starting early, we are preserving our rights and will maximize our chances of being as responsive to the community as possible.

**Trustee Swiderski:** Has anyone spoken to Stew Leonard or Home Depot on how they might feel about that intersection at Sprain Road and the Thruway entrance being taxed by another 8,000 people and a million square feet of retail?

**Supervisor Feiner:** We assume that they will welcome all the additional visitors. I have spoken to Congresswoman Lowey because they were seeking federal funding for connections to the Austin Avenue project. I urged her to reject it, and she said she would put it on hold. The Village might want to communicate with Congresswoman Lowey, maybe invite her to a meeting of the Village Board, and highlight some of the concerns you have. She has a lot of influence in getting federal dollars for traffic improvements or changes that Yonkers wants.

**Trustee Swiderski:** Paul, do you have a schedule for the next steps in Yonkers for the approval process?

**Supervisor Feiner:** I do not have it off the top of my head. You must get notices.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Yes, as an interested party.

**Supervisor Feiner:** That is one of the reasons why working together makes some sense. Because if the Town is working alone we might miss something. Or if you are doing it separately, you may miss something. If we could coordinate together I think it would make sense. I think most people in Hastings have no idea what the proposal is all about.

**Mayor Kinnally:** This is Hastings. People know. People are aware of the scope of the project. It has been discussed here before, and it has been covered in *The Enterprise*.

**Supervisor Feiner:** Great. Thank you very much for your consideration.

## 4. Metro North Train Station Improvements

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Mayor Kinnally: Susan, Neil, and I met with people from Metro North; they provided us very detailed drawings of the train station improvements that covered two phases of the project. The first phase is the demolition of the current overpass and the construction of a new pedestrian overpass about 40 feet south of the current overpass that would incorporate two new towers with staircases and elevators. Some of the transmission towers on the inbound side of the railroad tracks will be demolished. The second phase would incorporate the reconstruction of the train platforms, and the moving south of the southbound platform from its current location by the tennis bubble to directly opposite the northbound platform. It is an ambitious undertaking, and they expect to award the overpass contract in July, 2004, with a construction start in September or October. Prior to that time, they would do some preliminary demolition of the transmission towers. Phase II has not been funded at the present time, but they expect that they would be fully funded and would be able to proceed to the full Phase II portion of the contract at the end of the completion of Phase I, which would be about two years.

**Village Manager Hess:** As the Mayor said, Phase I of the project, just the overpass, is going to take two years. They will use part of the area on the west side as a staging area. They are also going to reclaim the area where we park for the Public Works garage for material such as steel. We will move our vehicles farther south.

**Trustee Apel:** Do they plan to put back that little area that they are ripping out here?

**Village Manager Hess:** Yes, that will be reconstructed as part of the two-year project.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Prior to Phase I, a railroad track that runs along Anaconda and behind the southbound platform will be removed. I asked if the removal of that track is going to impede our ability to move the debris from the Anaconda site by rail. They indicated that the existing spurs probably could not be utilized, and even if they were to be utilized, they would have to put a lot of money into them. They are not ruling out our ability to use rail. More money is going to have to be put into it by BP/Amoco.

**Trustee Apel:** When they start ripping up this stuff are they going to check the land for pollution, or are they just digging it up? How do we know it is not polluted under there?

**Mayor Kinnally:** All they do is remove the rail and the ties. Most of it is exposed anyway right now.

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**Trustee Swiderski:** It is the soil disturbance. The ties are half-buried. It is not an illegitimate question. They may want to take a sample or two before they start putting a backhoe in there and ripping up the ties.

**Village Manager Hess:** We could ask them to take a look. We have the existing environmental studies on the waterfront and the limits of the pollution. As a public authority they are probably exempt from it, but we can tell them the comment has been raised and ask them to do it. I wanted to point out that even though they are going to remove that side rail, they indicated that they have had projects where they have had debris shipped out by rail. They bring it over with large containers that sit on the siding and they put it in the containers, then have it shipped out at night.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Part of the area where track 6 is being removed will be turned into a concrete, ADA-compliant ramp that will go from the new overpass all the way up to the parking area that we have on the inbound tracks. And that pathway would extend beyond the current inbound platform. So you will be able to walk at grade where the tracks are now all the way up to the station, and not have to walk in the road anymore.

**Village Manager Hess:** If you park across from Kinnally Cove you can get right on and walk right down from there.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Moving the platform to mirror the outbound platform was part of what we had requested that came out of the RPA initiative. It shifts the entire focus down to a potentially developed area, and gets us farther into the construction process, tying into whatever will be the heart of any development in that location. There was a question about parking. They want to take five parking spots out of the current strip of land that we rent from MetroNorth. Neil raised with them the possibility of giving us additional space. Have you talked to them further?

**Village Manager Hess:** Yes, I asked them for a two-year extension on our existing lease, which ends in 2005, and to allow us to lease the property all the way to Harvest. Now we only lease to the fire hydrant area across from Kinnally Cove. They raised the issue that MetroNorth is taking over all their parking areas themselves. They are using a subcontractor to keep the lots clean, improve them, and plow them during the winter.

**Trustee Swiderski:** Do they charge for that?

**Mayor Kinnally:** They do not charge. They take over the entire operation, including setting fees. And the fees are higher. It has happened in Irvington. Irvington is not happy about it.

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It is something that they have been doing for the last two or three years. They would like to acquire all of our parking, and we said No, that is our parking, we are not about to give it up.

**Trustee Jennings:** But the strip you are talking about is their property.

**Mayor Kinnally:** It is their property.

**Village Manager Hess:** We split the revenue on River Street 50/50.

**Mayor Kinnally:** If they want to do it we have no say against it. But we can try.

**Trustee Apel:** But eventually, based on the design of what goes down on the waterfront, there is always a possibility that there could be Village parking on the other side.

**Mayor Kinnally:** I would be surprised if we are going to have parking for commuters on the other side.

**Village Manager Hess:** I am not so sure. That northwest corner is an ideal spot.

I am hoping we can extend that lease for a couple of years and get into some serious negotiations. I put in a request years ago for the Southside Avenue portion south of Washington Avenue. It took us two years to finally get ConEd approval so we could end up widening that street and have them move the poles. We wanted to widen up Southside Avenue. We also wanted to create another commuter parking area on Southside. They did not want to give it to us, because they were doing the Yonkers station, so the Metro North police had to come up here. Now they will need the space for the interim for the staging of these projects, which will go through 2008 to 2010. Expanding parking in that area is going to be a very long-term issue.

**Mayor Kinnally:** One staging area that they would like to get is on the west side of the tracks on Anaconda, which would be by the trailer by Riverside Auto. That is at-grade and they could work both sides of the tracks from there, and it would be very easy. We gave them contact people at BP/Amoco. It would relieve the burden of having a lot of the structural steel and heavy equipment on Southside. The more we can get over the bridge and on that site, as long as they can satisfy BP/Amoco that that site is going to remain secure and maybe they can do some improvements to that area, it would be helpful for us.

**Village Manager Hess:** That is a good partnership anyway because MetroNorth needs BP/Amoco and BP/Amoco is going to need MetroNorth in the picture for the cleanup.

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Village Clerk Maggiotto: They promised to help us keep the public well-apprized of everything they are doing through e-mails and press releases. Also, they said they would look at a suggestion Meg had made for access to the street from the northbound platform farther south. Now we get off the train and have to walk to the front, and then if we want to go back to the parking lot or down Washington we have to retrace our steps. They are looking at how we can access the street from the rear portions of the train, indicating that it was not as easy at it looked. There are engineering problems with doing that.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mayor Kinnally:** There is no public tonight.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On MOTION of Trustee Apel, SECONDED by Trustee Swiderski with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled an Executive Session immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss personnel.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On MOTION of Trustee Jennings, SECONDED by Trustee Swiderski with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:15 p.m.