

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JANUARY 21, 1997**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 21, 1997 in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee James B. Keaney, Trustee Elsa C. DeVita, Trustee Michael Holdstein, Trustee Susan Winn, Deputy Village Attorney Brian Murphy, Village Manager Neil Hess, and Village Clerk Mary Callas.

**Mayor Kinnally:** As you can see, Trustee Holdstein has cornered the market in gauze. We also send our best wishes to former mayor Julie Chemka, who is convalescing from bypass surgery. I understand he came home from the hospital today, and I know he'll be glued to the tube watching this. Speedy recovery. We hope to see you around. This is what rooting for the Giants will do to someone.

**4:97 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT - UNIFORM SERVICE**

**Village Manager Hess:** We're at the end of a two-year contract with Eastern Uniform Service, who was our low bidder two years ago on our uniforms. They have provided high-quality service and high-quality uniforms to the Village for the past few years. The staff of the Public Works Department recommends that the contract be extended. Eastern Uniform has agreed to a two-year extension at the current price of \$3.50.

**Trustee Holdstein:** These are uniforms for Public Works and Parks employees.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve a contract extension for uniforms to Eastern Uniform Services through December 31, 1998 at a price of \$3.50/man.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Trustee James B. Keaney	X	
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee Susan Winn	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

**5:97 - VEHICLE ACQUISITION**

**Village Manager Hess:** Under our vehicle replacement program we have scheduled the replacement of three police vehicles in the 1997-98 budget year.

We have two '93 Caprices and a '95 Caprice marked vehicle due for replacement. Each of these vehicles, based on the current bids under contract, are \$21,500 each, which would be a total of \$64,500. The Chief and I looked at various alternatives to the expense of replacing these vehicles, and we make the following recommendation: that we purchase one marked vehicle at a cost of \$21,500, and that under the new state contract we lease two vehicles for fleet purposes. I provided the Board with a copy of the conditions of the contract from the Office of General Services for the lease. If we lease two vehicles for a period of three years our savings in the first two years alone will be over \$57,000, as opposed to purchasing the three vehicles. In addition, I should point out that in '98-'99 we would otherwise be scheduled to replace two vehicles and it will only be necessary to replace one. That brings our total savings to \$57,700 over the two-year period. The marked vehicle will be a Chevrolet Caprice.

**Mayor Kinnally:** What are we going to do when the Caprice is no longer available?

**Village Manager Hess:** We don't know at this point. Right now they're providing a Chevrolet Lumina, which is a mid-size vehicle, as a police package from Chevrolet. It's a front-wheel drive vehicle and not a very good police package in terms of size or durability. The other is the Ford Crown Victoria, which the state is now picking up under state contracts. Those cars are running over \$20,000 apiece with the police package. We purchased one Blazer as a police package, and we're currently trying that to see how that works out.

We're hoping that there will be enough outcry across the country to bring the Caprice back. It's a very reliable police vehicle. We have purchased Fords in the past and have not been entirely pleased with the Ford, from the standpoint of its durability or transmission. We found that the replacement time with a Ford was sooner than with the Chevrolet. We get 18 months per vehicle with the Chevrolet Caprice, and we got nowhere near that when we had the Ford Crown Victoria.

**Trustee DeVita:** The mileage allowance is 20,000 miles per year. Is that realistic for us?

**Village Manager Hess:** The '93 Caprice has run less than 20,000 per year on the first one, Car 4, and the car that will be assigned to me will only be 12,000 miles per year, tops.

**Trustee Winn:** Where will the cars that we are replacing go?

**Village Manager Hess:** If a car is in better condition than any of the current department head vehicles then it would be transferred. Otherwise, it will be sold.

**Trustee Winn:** Are there state contracts for leases other than for Blazers, and are they less expensive?

**Village Manager Hess:** Not in terms of the 4 X 4's. The Ford Bronco is 330 a month, the full-size vehicles are all more expensive also.

**Trustee Keaney:** Why are we leasing two and purchasing the other one?

**Village Manager Hess:** Because they don't have the police package yet under the lease in the larger car. I should point out that it's something we're going to look at in terms of our entire capital program in terms of our vehicles, purchase versus lease in the future. The lease packages that the state has gotten now are exceptional in terms of mileage allowance, no down payments, closed-end leases.

On MOTION from Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Keaney the following resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the purchase of a marked police vehicle from Major Automotive Group, Long Island City, at a maximum cost of \$21,500, and the lease of two (2) Chevrolet Blazers pursuant to New York State Contract No. PO51138.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Trustee James B. Keaney	X	
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee Susan Winn	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

#### **6:97 - REYNOLDS FIELD-PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

**Mayor Kinnally:** The next item is the purchase of playground equipment for Reynold's Field. A presentation was made at our last meeting by Ray Gomes, and a review was undertaken of the various bids that were submitted for this equipment.  
[ Mayor reads resolution ].

**Village Manager Hess:** You have copies of the proposals we received from three bidders on the Reynold's Field playground equipment. As the Superintendent explained several weeks ago, we're recommending Gametime on the equipment, which was the low bidder. We'd like to get the order in for the equipment so we can get it installed this spring at Reynold's.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Kinnally called for a resolution.

On MOTION from Trustee DeVita, SECONDED by Trustee Holdstein, the following resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor & Board of Trustees approve the proposal of Gametime for playground equipment at Reynold's Field at a maximum cost of \$22,000.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Trustee James B. Keaney	X	
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee Susan Winn	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

**7:97 - COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATIONS**

**Mayor Kinnally:** We have been discussing for awhile certain changes to be made to the Community Center. We have problems there accommodating the crowds, the money that we handle, the paperwork, and securing some of our electronic equipment. The proposal was to construct an office on the west side of the Community Center. Three bids were submitted. The lowest bid was \$14,062.50 from Brugnatelli Construction. It has been reviewed by Mr. Hess and by Mr. Gomes.  
[ Mayor reads proposal ].

**Trustee Winn:** Did the Architectural Review Board look at this?

**Village Manager Hess:** Christina Griffin was kind enough to take a look at it, make some suggestions. She has changed the rendering a bit and made suggestions for colors.

**Trustee Holdstein:** Have we ever worked with this contractor before?

**Village Manager Hess:** Not that I recall, although he has come highly recommended. Trustee DeVita and I also met with the Youth Advisory Council on this, and showed them exactly what was going to be done there. They had some input.

**Trustee DeVita:** The Community Center is in need of other renovations in terms of painting, furnishings, and so forth. That will not be included with this contractor?

**Village Manager Hess:** No, that would be separate. But she did make recommendations as to colors, etc. for painting inside. I think Ray has included that in his budget request.

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Keaney, the following resolution

was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the proposal of Brugnattelli Construction for Community Center office renovations at a maximum cost of \$14,062.50.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Trustee James B. Keaney	X	
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee Susan Winn	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

**Mayor Kinnally:** We have some good news now: the announcement of the appointment of Kevin Mignogna as a probationary patrolman joining our police department effective on January 27. My congratulations to Kevin. We welcome him to the force. We interviewed four very strong candidates for the position this time, and I must say that Hastings was blessed with people who are exceptionally qualified and it was a difficult decision. Personnel matters are generally tough, but when you're making an appointment for a policeman who will be here at least 20 years it's a particularly important one.

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

**Village Manager Hess:** We had a telephone audit and received a refund of \$1,050 from Nynex.

We received correspondence from the Arbor Day Foundation on potential grants for tree planting. In the budget there will be a recommendation to increase our tree planting in the Village. I have asked the Conservation Commission to undertake a study of the public rights-of-way and park areas, and to make recommendations for an overall planting program. We did this several years ago. Bob Boardman did the original study, and we completed the planting program that the Conservation Commission at that time suggested. With the loss of many trees over the last several years, it's time that we move forward again in terms of our planting program.

The governor's budget was released for the state fiscal year beginning April 1st. The amount of aid stays pretty much the same for municipalities. There is a reduction somewhat in CHIPS capital funding. The overhead and maintenance money stays the same as it did last year, so we have no real increases projected in the state budget. Some good news is there's potential for some additional school funding in the upcoming year for the Hastings schools.

Some mandate relief has been proposed in the coming year. First of all, a constitutional prohibition on unfunded mandates. A number of the items which the Board of Trustees has no

control over are mandates from the state. This would be a prohibition that the legislature could not pass a bill without funding to the local government. One we've been working on for many years would raise the WICKS Law threshold to one million dollars. Another one would be under binding arbitration, which is for both police and paid fire. It would require panels to give primary consideration to a municipality's ability to fund an award without a property tax increase.

There is a state law which does not affect us, but affects many other municipalities. If you have a paid fire department and you have a disabled firefighter, they go out under a section called 207-A. Any time the union gets an increase, that firefighter also gets the increase even though he's disabled and no longer working; he gets full salary, and every increase. This has seriously affected a lot of cities.

The last one in his budget package was to conform municipalities' asbestos roofing requirements to private sector standards, and I'm not exactly sure what that means. As far as I know, we're under the same EPA regulations, and when we redid the roof on this building and the library we had to conform to those standards.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT**

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

**Mayor Kinnally:** Last week over 3,000 cubic yards were removed from Building 15. As of the end of last week we had 24,970 cubic yards which have been removed over a 15-week period. The requirement under the order of Judge Coppola was that a minimum of 9,000 cubic yards be taken out every three months. We are well in excess of that, and we're encouraged. If there's almost 254,000 cubic yards removed I would estimate that there's another 6 to 8,000 cubic yards that have been processed and ready for removal. Discussions continue about the possibility of removing the processed debris by barge. We have continued to encourage the contractor to pursue it, and apparently he is doing so. It's also our hope, as I have reported in the past, for the contractor to get another screener, which would certainly increase the output and allow us to clean up that building way ahead of schedule.

We are still planning to have a work session on the night of the 28th of January, at which time ARCO will be here to discuss its findings on the waterfront, and to present an outline of the feasibility study that they have not yet filed with the state but are in the process of doing.

Also on the agenda that evening will be a report by the principals who are interested in acquiring the property and developing the waterfront, Mr. Greene and Mr. Kheel. If the Board has any questions we may be able to pass those on to the speakers, but we will not take any questions from the public. This is not a public hearing. The purpose of the meeting is informational. If and when Mr. Kheel and Mr. Greene file anything with the Village, there will be ample opportunity to discuss their proposals. We are planning to televise live on the evening of the

28<sup>th</sup>. This will be our first live show, and we will also run it on tape frequently in the following weeks.

## **2. Bus Shelters**

**Village Manager Hess:** We receive annually approximately \$800 per bus shelter in the Village. We have two: one on Farragut Avenue across from the high school, and the other on 9-A and Ravensdale. If the Board would like to consider any other potential locations for the bus shelters we can take a look at it.

**Mayor Kinnally:** You should take a look at the current shelters to see the footprint that's needed, and to take that into consideration when you're assessing where these might go. They're lighted at night and they carry advertising, so areas that are strictly residential are not likely candidates for the sites.

**Trustee Winn:** Does the Beeline System keep any records on how many people they pick up at each stop? That may make it easier for us to decide whether or not we want to put another shelter someplace.

**Village Manager Hess:** The highest volume locations there's no room to put shelters in: Warburton Avenue, downtown.

**Mayor Kinnally:** There'll be one or two pickups in the other location.

**Trustee Winn:** Could you check that? That might make it a little easier for us.

## **3. Municipal Building Renovations**

**Mayor Kinnally:** We have had discussions over the past many months about Municipal Building renovations. We've got to move on this, make some determination on what we want to do and how we want to do it. The consensus is that Option A was the one, and there was some question of reconfiguring and moving some of the personnel around. I don't know if that's necessary to make preliminary decisions if we want to go forward with this.

**Village Manager Hess:** Most of the office sizes are the same. The plan adds significant space for the Building Department, and does a lot of major renovations in the Police Department.

**Mayor Kinnally:** The proposal is for \$1,260,000. We have 120 on-hand, which would be \$1,140,000. But no provision was made in the estimates for furniture and things of that nature. I think the consensus of the Board was that if we were going to put money into the building that would be the opportune time to change some of the furniture. So we would add another \$100,000. We're talking a bond of about \$1,250,000 for the work.

We have a few things to consider. Do we want it done in stages over a number of years, or do we want to bite the bullet and have it done all at once. The second question is, who makes the ultimate determination of whether we should go forward with the project and approve the spending on it. To lessen the overall impact on the building and on the way that the offices operate I would rather see a comprehensive demolition, renovation, and construction project. . The whole building is going to be torn up anyway and we might as well do it now rather than stage it over a long period of time.

**Trustee Winn:** I agree with you. There's a small enough staff in the building proper that we could probably do it with disturbing everyone once.

**Trustee DeVita:** I agree that it be done at once.

**Trustee Holdstein:** It's generally accepted that the smaller the project the less savings you reap by staging it. I think you're exactly right.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Neil, have you given any consideration to moving people into trailers when the work is being done?

**Village Manager Hess:** That is possible, though we may not find that to be a necessity.

**Mayor Kinnally:** I'm thinking of the Police Department because that's one area that's going to be gutted, and we're going to have work done here and in the basement.

**Village Manager Hess:** We plan to move some offices to different locations and still run our current operation of the police desk while the new desk is being constructed in the south end of the building. We're going to keep the operations going, but we're going to have to shift some people around while we're doing those operations.

**Trustee Holdstein:** Do you anticipate shifting within the building, or finding spaces outside the building to put them in.

**Village Manager Hess:** No, most of it will be shifting in the building.

**Trustee Holdstein:** Are monitoring cameras included with these other expenditures?

**Village Manager Hess:** Monitoring cameras require extensive controls. We have a zoned alarm system so it's not necessary to have a camera monitoring system throughout the building.

**Trustee Holdstein:** Is there some document that would show us where these numbers came from and what these numbers are planned to be spent for?

**Village Manager Hess:** I believe in the original package you received a complete list of every



item by every department, what they were looking for and recommended.

**Trustee DeVita:** I have a question about the Gallery and what's going to happen there. When do you expect this project to begin?

**Village Manager Hess:** I have been meeting with the Gallery Board right along about this. The Mayor and I had originally talked to them about a year ago, and indicated at that time that we'd probably looking at January, '97 as a start date. I met with their Board recently. They're looking at several options, but I've told them probably June would be the time they should be looking forward to finishing up their spring show and then we would start needing that space in June. They are looking at several alternatives, even for temporary space, until they can find permanent space.

**Trustee DeVita:** That would be a good space to be moving people into while we're doing lower level work.

**Village Manager Hess:** We'll be moving some people around and putting them in temporary locations while renovations are going on.

**Trustee Winn:** Is there now going to be sufficient storage space for as long as we have to keep records?

**Village Manager Hess:** Each year you can remove certain records with permission. We removed a lot of records a few years ago. One thing we're looking at is converting a lot of our files and records to disk.

**Trustee Winn:** Have we ever considered putting any of it onto microfilm?

**Village Manager Hess:** We did look at that proposal a few years ago and believe it would be cheaper to scan everything and put it on CD or disk.

**Mayor Kinnally:** The second question is the funding. This would have to be bonded. There are two options available to us. The first is that the Board treat this as any other bonded issue, hold a public hearing, have discussions among ourselves, and make the ultimate decision. But in the past, on some of the larger items, we've gone to the community, and that option is available.

There are problems, or obstacles, with both of those. It's a very large amount of money to commit the Village to, but I think the recognition on the part of the Board, and certainly on the part of the people who work here on a day-to-day basis, is that this building, as pretty as it looks from the outside, is an old building and we're trying to shoehorn the 21st century into it. One of the reasons that the cost is so high is that once we start renovation we have to comply with the ADA: we have to put in an elevator and new bathrooms that have to be handicapped-accessible; the building has to be totally handicapped-accessible. I'm not asking for a decision from the

Board tonight, but certainly we have to give some consideration to that.

Over 15 years \$1,250,000 would have a substantial impact on the community. But I think it's a necessary one. We're going to have to expand our space sometime. The economy is fairly strong. We're in very good shape. Our bonding is one of the highest; it's A-1. For the rates that the market is showing right now we're in good shape to get extremely good rates for this bond. If there was to be a referendum, when we would have it.? All these things have to be considered.

**Trustee DeVita:** If a referendum is voted down, what are our options?

**Mayor Kinnally:** We could bite the bullet another time and go ahead and do it. I don't see in ten years this building being usable. We're not going to be able to provide the services that we should be providing. We've outgrown it. It's a tough decision to ask the Gallery to leave, but I think everybody recognizes that we're short on space for the planning and building department and meeting space.

**Village Manager Hess:** If it's voted down in referendum, the public has spoken at that point. Even if the Board passed a bond resolution it would still be subject to what's called "permissive referendum," which means that in a 90-day period, if petitions are presented, then it would have to go for a referendum anyway. In my original estimates it looked like a potential with principal and interest of about \$152,000 a year. The impact ranged from approximately \$34.50 per year for a \$10,000 assessment to about \$69.00 a year for a \$20,00 assessment. The overall cost would be in the neighborhood of from 80 cents to \$1.20 per week. I assumed a six percent financing rate, although I think we'll get somewhat less than that. The impact in terms of the tax rate would be about \$3.45 per thousand. That would be a little over three percent in terms of an increase in the tax rate. The options are either pass a bond resolution with the required time frame, see if the public wants to have a referendum, or pass the bond resolution and put it directly to referendum.

It would take approximately three months to put together the plans and specifications before it went out to bid. All we have is a preliminary and some general schematics. I think we could start some of the preliminary demolition in the summer.

**Trustee Holdstein:** And the money necessary for this could be appropriated in the following year's budget.

**Village Manager Hess:** The initial impact would be in the '98-'99 fiscal year.

**Trustee Holdstein:** If we pass a bond and then get money from back taxes on the waterfront, could we then immediately apply it to the bond.

**Mayor Kinnally:** Yes we could, but the question is do we want to. One of the things we've talked about in the past is that because of the nonpayment of these taxes we do not have the

surplus with the cushion that is recommended. My suggestion is that money go into surplus so that we have that buffer. That will help us in the future. It enhances our credit rating. When you're talking about going out to bond you're paying today's debt with tomorrow's dollars, and generally you're better off doing it that way.

**Trustee Holdstein:** I don't want to link it to this and plan to soften this blow.

**Village Manager Hess:** This project should stand or fall on its own merits.

**Trustee Holdstein:** Understood.

**Mayor Kinnally:** We will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **4. Credit Card Municipal Payments**

**Mayor Kinnally:** General Municipal Law has been amended to allow municipalities to accept payments of fines and taxes, etc. with credit cards. Stores generally pay a premium anywhere from a small percentage to four or five percent to the credit card companies because the credit card companies guarantee the payment, and they also do all of the administrative nightmare that goes along with it. The question we have to determine is whether or not the Village wants to avail itself of this opportunity, and if so what the impact will be. Will we have to pay the fee, or can we pass it along to the taxpayer. I would not want the municipality to absorb the cost. Neil, before we consider this, can you see what other communities have done and whether or not the credit card companies have a different program for municipalities.

**Village Manager Hess:** We will do that. The law indicates not only that we can allow payment by credit card but the fee would be an added charge.

**Village Manager Hess:** If someone is paying, let's say, a pool permit and it's \$200 and the fee is two percent, they're going to have to pay \$204 to the credit card company. We don't need to accept 20 different cards, but at least two of the major cards. Communities have been requesting this for many years: there's instant verification and you don't have to deal with bounced checks. We'll find out exactly what the companies are offering. We would use our procurement procedure and bid it out.

**Trustee Holdstein:** We can only charge for that service payment; people should understand that we can't profit over and above that in any way. This is strictly to cover our administrative costs, and any costs to whoever we're working with on this. It's not as a profit maker for the Village, it's simply to offer the service to the community.

#### **5. Other**

**Mayor Kinnally:** I received a call last week from Senator Spano's office stating that he was

soliciting a list of projects on our part that would qualify for funding under the Environmental Bond Act of 1996. I spoke briefly with Mr. Hess, and I would ask you to think of any projects that we might be able to get some funding on: the waterfront, around the salt shed to retain the salt and not have it run off, our dump up at the quarry, the sewer system with funding for the infiltration.

**Village Manager Hess:** I received today the report of the Safety Council from their meeting on January 16.

**Mayor Kinnally:** The suggestion is that the Board consider restoration of the previous parking regulations that existed on the south side of Washington Avenue, 40 feet from Broadway. We had prohibited parking in that area that had an impact on the parking in the area. There are people on Broadway who do not have access to off-street parking. Because we have parking restrictions on Olinda and Hopke, pressure has been brought to bear to do something about reestablishing parking or taking the no-parking zone away from Olinda and Hopke. So the Safety Council met. Chairperson Tony Gagliardi, is here this evening. The recommendation is that we address that problem by restoring some of the parking that had been taken away on the south side of Washington.

**Trustee Holdstein:** What was the reason initially that we restricted on the south side of Washington?

**Village Manager Hess:** It was a recommendation from the Draper Review Board, and it was more in terms of the visual aspect of the renovated houses and the Park. That's what the original request was. It really wasn't a safety issue, per se.

**Trustee Keaney:** As I recall, there was a safety issue of the few spots right in the corner but the rest of the issue turned to the historical aspect.

**Anthony Gagliardi:** In the last meeting we heard the people who were interested in getting more parking on Olinda, overnight parking on Olinda and Hopke, and the Safety Council decided to leave it as it was. The people involved came to the Village Board and you told us to look at it again. So we looked at it again, and we decided that Washington Avenue 40 feet from Broadway was a good compromise. We thought it was an error that 400 feet or 800 feet was taken. We didn't know it was the Historical Society. Our suggestion was to restore parking 40 feet from Broadway. Most of the residents seemed happy with that.

The Village Board might want to address the problem as a quality of life issue rather than a safety issue. There was a petition from the residents.

**Trustee Holdstein:** What was the consensus of some of the people? I'm curious what the tenor was of what they had to say.

**Mr. Gagliardi:** The residents of Hopke and Olinda were definitely against any overnight parking. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, who have a house on the corner of Broadway were interested in seeing parking. Most of the people in the townhouse were interested in seeing parking. George Kepcher, who lives on Olinda, said he was instrumental in the original plan to eliminate parking, which goes back at least 15 years. He said he didn't want to see it back again. It's a few people, a lot of people in the townhouse, a couple of residents who have no driveway and the possibilities for a driveway are very limited where they live. They were looking to getting in touch with the state to see if they could put a driveway in. The state doesn't like people backing on to Broadway. I really don't think their house can handle a driveway or a turnaround, so they don't have much choice. The consensus was that if we reopen Washington we would get about 15 spaces to alleviate part of the problem.

**Village Manager Hess:** This will be on for discussion for the February 4th agenda.

**Trustee Winn:** I'd like to welcome Julie Chemka home and tell him that he is now part of the club.

I, like many of my Board members, met Red Angelovich downstairs before the meeting. He handed me a piece of paper and was talking about the proposed restaurant on the waterfront, he's MacEachron Park, and the geese and the shoreline. I think that we may want to get a copy of this over to the Planning Board for their meeting for Thursday night.

**Mayor Kinnally:** That's a good idea. We can send it along to ARB also because they're looking at the proposal.

**Trustee Keaney:** There's something else here that's really in the interest of the Village, and it's the job of the Village to do, and that's that safety and health problem with the geese and the 30 seagulls and the birds that have, according to Red, started to move in to that park. I know other municipalities have had this problem, and it seems to be very hard to solve once they move in. I don't know the answer to it, but I do know that this park is really a gem of a park. A lot of people are really attached to it. I know I am. We really owe it the people of the Village to be sure that that's open to everyone. We have to look to ourselves, and we can't look to the new neighbor to do everything for us. I don't know what the answer is, but I know what the problem is.

**Trustee Holdstein:** Responding to Nick Spano's suggestion about the environmental issues, maybe an overall park could be part of the plan.

### **APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

On MOTION of Trustee Keaney, seconded by Trustee Holdstein, with a voice vote of all in favor, the warrants were approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On MOTION of Trustee DeVita, SECONDED by Trustee Holdstein with a voice vote of all in favor, the Trustees voted to have an Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel items immediately following this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On MOTION of Trustee Winn, SECONDED by Mayor Kinnally with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting.