

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1998**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, at 8:15 p.m. 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 Anthony Gagliardi, Deputy Village Attorney Brian Murphy (8:20 p.m.), Village Manager Neil Hess, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

**CITIZENS:** 4

**CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

**Mayor Kinnally:** Our first item on the agenda tonight is the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to various members of Boards and Commissions who have served our Village so well over a number of years. Two of those recipients are here this evening, David Deitz and Dr. Mark Korsten. We present first to David for yeoman service on the Library Board...thank you very much for everything. And, Dr. Mark Korsten for the Youth Council...how many years?

**Dr. Korsten:** Seventeen.

**Mayor Kinnally:** It really is remarkable the number of years: 17 for Dr. Korsten, 10 for David. They are representative of the many, many people who serve our Village in so many capacities for no money and no glory. Thank you very much.

We also have certificates for Gail Hoffman, who is the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission; David Harrison, the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals; and Dr. Joseph Cook of the Police Commission, who have other engagements tonight and could not be here. But I thank them also on behalf of the Village.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Mayor Kinnally:** The next item is the announcement of the appointment of Anthony Gentile as a police officer of the Village. He will be starting Friday, the 19th of this month. We welcome him to the Village. He serves now as the chief out of Riverview Manor, Hose Company Number 3. I welcome him on board.

**PRESENTATION - HASTINGS VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Larry Marone:** I am excited to announce to you and to the citizens of our Village that a newly-formed grassroots organization, with support from the Chamber of Commerce and from the

Village government, has been formed. A few interested people have been getting together at a local restaurant here in town, and we have started what we have named the Village Improvement Project.

Acting on a recommendation from Mayor Kinnally, Christina Griffin, the chair of the Architectural Review Board, started the process of forming this independent volunteer group. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, along with Teresa Caruso, my fellow Board member, and Chamber member Clyde Michaels, I feel there is a strong merchant contingent representative on this newly formed organization. Residents include Michelle Noe, Jean Zimmerman, and Toby Mardis, and now that school is getting out we are going to draft Mrs. Kinnally onto our team. She is going to lend her support, too.

This organization will look for opportunities to enhance our downtown. We plan to tie in to existing groups and programs.. Hastings faces many tough changes ahead. As a retailer downtown for 19 years, I have seen our Village change. I am anxious to look towards the future. We are all well aware of the major development project in nearby Yonkers and the proposed Shoprite on 9A. These threats, which I believe to be major threats to our downtown survival, helped to unite this group. The Village Improvement Project, however, cannot succeed without help from all around the community. All segments can reach out and help. We call out to you, if you are interested in joining us.

To help us get started, we have joined the National Main Street Center. This is an exciting National Trust Historic Preservation Main Street program, which has been in operation for over 22 years. The Main Street approach provides eight principles that pertain to all areas of downtown revitalization. I would like to outline these eight principles for the Board:

1. **Comprehensiveness:** This is a complex undertaking, and to be successful a long term approach must be taken.
2. **Incremental effort,** which means we will be taking one step at a time.
3. **Self-help:** We must have the desire, and tonight I ask for yours.
4. **Public and private partnerships:** We all live, or work, in this Village, so why not join together and try to do something that is right.
5. **Identifying and capitalizing on our existing assets:** That is pretty simple; we know what makes this Village unique. I think it is time to share it with others.
6. **Quality:** This is what the Village of Hastings has been all about since I have been in business here -- quality.
7. **Change:** This is a little scary one, because sometimes change is necessary to improve economic conditions. Carefully undertaken public support and awareness for change will build as our programs grow.

8. Action-oriented: From small projects at the beginning to larger-scale activities down the road, all with the same goal in mind -- to support the downtown of Hastings.

The Village Improvement Project will pledge itself to work to enhance existing businesses, look to recruit new and exciting businesses to the business district, help strengthen the identity of our downtown, link our efforts with the waterfront against the encroachment of the big-box stores, and make this Village the alternative choice. We are off to a good start. I believe people are excited. They like the idea that now is the time to rediscover the heart of Hastings. Please stop by the firehouse on Warburton Avenue on Saturday morning, June 20th at 9:30 a.m. We are going to have a little get-together for coffee, show some slides about the Main Street program, and hopefully sign up members to join in this effort. After that I invite you to stroll your Village streets, see your shops, and check out the newly-opened Farmer's Market that morning, and you will realize the potential of this town; a lot of us do already. Thank you, and I urge your support.

**Mayor Kinnally:** I join with you in urging people to come down on Saturday morning, 9:30 at the firehouse and then go around the corner at 10 o'clock when we have the inauguration of the Farmer's Market down here on Maple.

**Trustee DeVita:** It sounds very exciting, and certainly something I think you will get a lot of support for. I know I will support you.

**Trustee Holdstein:** Are there any specific projects that have already been identified, or are you still putting the committee together to figure out where you are going to attack first.

**Mr. Marone:** Exactly. We are at the infant stages. We would like to see anything done, from just cleaning up the streets and sidewalks, to planters and flowers; easy things like that. Down the road we are looking to government funds to help restore buildings that make this Village as unique as it is. Right now it is definitely at the stage where we are looking for volunteers.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Trustee Holdstein:** Page 10, last line. "They 'have,' not 'had' jurisdiction."

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Gagliardi with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 2, 1998 were approved as corrected.

### **APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

On MOTION of Trustee Gagliardi, SECONDED by Trustee Keaney, with a voice vote of all in favor, the following warrants were approved:

Multi-Fund No. 3-1998-99	\$ 54,787.20
Multi-Fund No. 4-1998-99	\$ 11,584.83
Multi-Fund No. 5-1998-99	\$103,652.98
Multi-Fund No. 6-1998-99	\$261,222.83

**43:98 BUDGET TRANSFERS FY 1997-98**

**Village Manager Hess:** These are transfers we do at year's end to balance all the budget accounts. It does not increase the budget, but merely transfers between accounts. The retroactive pay increase for the PBA effective June 1, 1997 represents \$53,000 of the \$163,000 in transfers.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Treasurer to make the following budget transfers for FY 1997-98:

**TRANSFER FROM:**

Contingency	A1990.4	\$120,000
Snow Removal	A5142.100 (Personal Services)	14,000
	A5142.415 (Supplies)	7,900
Employee Benefits	A9040.8 (Workers Comp.)	<u>21,180</u>
		\$163,080

**TRANSFER TO:**

Trustees	A1010.464 (Other Services)	\$ 3,500
Manager	A1230.475 (Books)	2,300
Treasurer	A1325.464 (Other Services)	7,900
Clerk	A1410.440 (Printing)	500
Engineer	A1440.464 (Other Services)	7,700
Mun. Bldg.	A1620.432 (Utilities)	100
Police	A3120.104 (Patrolmen)*	95,180
Traffic	A3310.416 (Signs)	375
Parking	A3320.100 (Personal Services)	2,700
Fire Dept.	A3410.34533 (Maint. Auto)	8,200
Parks	A7110.417 (Supplies)	600
Playgrounds	A7140.464 (Other Services)	4,500

Day Camps	A7311.100 (Personal Services)	1,625
Athletics	A7320.420 (Supplies)	1,600
Zoning	A8010.100 (Personal Services)	2,300
Shade Trees	A8560.452 (Tree Service)	<u>24,000</u>
		\$163,080

\*\$53,000 represents retroactive pay to 6/01/97

<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 Anthony Gagliardi	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

**44:98 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Village Manager Hess:** Pool Fund: additional work was done in the pool area, including expansion of the concession stand. I recommend using appropriated surplus for that capital item, amounting to \$6,000, changing the appropriation from \$19,000 to \$25,000.

Draper Fund: increase the appropriated surplus by \$14,100 and increase the capital outlay and appropriations by \$14,100, the final expenses relative to the interior restoration of the cottage.

Library Fund: increase the appropriated surplus by \$4,500 and library fees by \$1,000 for a total of \$5,500, funding the additional part-time clerks that the Board authorized during the fiscal year.

**Mayor Kinnally:** I do not recall budget amendments in the past. Is this something different?

**Village Manager Hess:** In the past the auditors, when they come in June, make various amendments and adjustments. However, because of scheduling problems, the auditors will not be here until September. I want to have these budget amendments on the books so we can file our state report and not have to send an amended report later on.

**Trustee Holdstein:** These different accounts under the surplus are different parts within your budget; are they surplus monies that you are reallocating to these three areas?

**Village Manager Hess:** These are surplus applicable to the Pool Fund, surplus applicable to the Draper Fund, and surplus applicable to the Library Fund. Those are separate funds.

**Trustee Holdstein:** So all three of these funds had a surplus from which you could move them into these other areas? It is not coming from another surplus in the budget?

**Village Manager Hess:** No. If you look at the audit from last year you will see balance sheets for each of the separate funds. There will be an item called fund balance, which is surplus. If you look at those accounts it will show you the exact fund balances in each of those accounts.

**Trustee Holdstein:** When you do the budget do you try to run with balances in each one of these accounts?

**Village Manager Hess:** I try to maintain a percentage of the budget within the fund balance, somewhere in the neighborhood of seven to 10 percent of it.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve the following budget amendments as of 5/31/98:

	<u>ORIGINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>
<b><u>POOL FUND</u></b>		
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>		
Appropriated Surplus C1081	- 0 -	\$ 6,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$205,150	\$211,150
<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>		
C7110.451 Maint. Building	\$ 19,000	\$ 25,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$205,150	\$211,150
<b><u>DRAPER FUND</u></b>		
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>		
Appropriated Surplus D1081	- 0 -	\$ 14,100
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 14,300	\$ 28,400
<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>		
Capital Outlay D7110.3	- 0 -	\$ 14,100
	\$14,300	\$ 28,400



**Trustee Holdstein:** So the recycling bins are, in fact, on Metro North property?

**Village Manager Hess:** Yes. That is all Metro North all the way through to the bridge.

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees award the bid for survey work on Southside and Washington Avenues to The Munson Company, 189 Main Street, White Plains, New York in the amount of \$7,000.

<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 Anthony Gagliardi	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

**46:98 INVEST IN KIDS CONTRACT**

**Village Manager Hess:** The Invest In Kids contract covers \$4,000 of the \$24,000 that we were awarded. This contract provides funding for our Summer Youth Theater program.

On MOTION of Trustee DeVita, SECONDED by Trustee Gagliardi, 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 Invest in Kids Program contract with the County of Westchester for the period 7/01/98 to 8/25/98.

<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 Anthony Gagliardi	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	



## **VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Village Manager Hess:** At the last meeting Mr. Carlton, who lives at Draper Park, appeared before the Board to inquire about assessment grievances. Those grievances had been filed by the Village for the four separate properties involved. They were filed this morning, and we will await word from the Board of Assessment Review of the Town of Greenburgh.

Everyone is reminded of the free summer concert series, which has a number of co-sponsors, the major contributor being AT&T for this year's concerts. The first is on Saturday, July 4, Big Brother and the Holding Company, and Cills Random Box, a local Hastings group; Sunday, July 5, the Westchester Philharmonic; and Sunday, August 2 the Westchester Philharmonic.

Everyone is also reminded of Hastings Weekend, which will be from Friday night, July 31 through Sunday, August 2. Karaoke night at the pool; senior social; Fire Department horseshoe tournament; the family picnic in MacEachron Park on Saturday; and then everything finalizes on Sunday night with the Westchester Philharmonic at the Burke Estate.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

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

**Mayor Kinnally:** I met with one of the owners of the Marinello property in Florida last week. The Village is undertaking review and research into the property, and I am going to ask for an executive session for land acquisition following this meeting so I can fill everybody in on our discussions. We did not really get into price. We talked more concepts than anything else. I thought the meeting was constructive and we will continue discussions with both owners to try to come up with a price and terms that are acceptable to everybody. In part, this is going to depend on what happens with our grant application, but I hope by the end of the summer to have some substantial progress in our discussions.

On the issue of Building 15, we have a report that in excess of 1,400 cubic yards have gone out in the last two weeks. I spoke with Wayne Smith of F.C. Hastings today about the amount of material that is still remaining. His assessment of what is there and the Village's estimate of what remains is somewhat different. Mr. Smith is coming to Hastings on Friday to review what is in Building 15. I expressed my concern that the volume of the material that we wanted to be going out had not been going out. I reminded him that September 1 was the deadline. He told me that they were shooting for a completion date of mid-August. I am not so sure that his schedule accommodates everything that is in the building, but when he comes to Hastings he can get a better view of what is there and adjust his schedule accordingly so that by mid-August everything will be removed. He said that

they are still in negotiations to find a home for the fine material which had been screened and stored on the west side of the building. I am more concerned with the C&D debris on the east side of the building. I am encouraged that material continues to go out. Part of the slowness in getting the material out in the last few weeks has been due to the rain, because when we have heavy rains the landfill is closed because they do not want the 14-wheelers getting bogged down.

There are probably 10,000 cubic yards remaining in the building. We are anxious to see what kind of schedule he has to remove that material by the end of August.

I did not attend the meeting with ARCO last week where they discussed the bulkhead, the type of material they want to put in, and the engineering studies that have been completed to date. My understanding is that they are still on the drawing board with this study, and the likelihood of having anything done this summer grows remote.

I am meeting on Friday with Ted Kheel. He is going to bring me up to date on his discussions with ARCO and his plans for possible development of the site. My understanding is that Mr. Kheel and the Earth Pledge Foundation still intend to proceed with taking title to the site, but I will get a better update on that at my meeting on Friday.

**Trustee Keaney:** Next Monday, June 22, we are having our first organizational meeting of the subcommittees of the LWRP. At the community planning forum that was held in April at the high school about 40 or 50 volunteers signed up to work on various subcommittees. One member of the LWRP steering committee will be assigned to each subcommittee. We want to get going very quickly.

The purpose of my reporting tonight is to keep the Board up to date on what we are doing, and also to remind anyone in the Village who wants to sign up for a subcommittee that we have a very important job. We have about 10 subcommittees. The first purpose is to do an inventory and analysis. That is the foundation of the LWRP. We need that first before we can move on to projects and plans. We are hoping to complete this work in short order if we get enough volunteers.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On MOTION of Trustee Gagliardi, SECONDED by Trustee Keaney with a voice vote of all in favor, the Board scheduled an Executive Session immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss litigation, land acquisition, and personnel.

**Trustee Holdstein:** I would like to announce the first meeting of the Ridge Street study plan group on Monday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. About 1-1/2 years ago the county came out with a plan that was met with a lot of concerns. Myself, Patty Speranza from the Planning Board, Frank Perkowski, who lives on Ridge Street, and Naomi Tor, are heading up a committee to look at the entire Ridge Street area and come up with a new plan that the community will help create. It is a street that has split zoning, so we will look at re-zoning the entire area. We are planning two or three public meetings through the summer, getting everybody's input, perhaps bringing in an outside planner to develop our plan, and then for this Board to act upon that plan.

**Trustee DeVita:** Going back to the Invest In Kids grant, the Hastings Youth Theater Project will begin July 6 and run for six weeks. It is open to all students who are entering high school all the way through to recent graduates. It is under the professional direction of Andrea Adler this year, and will be meeting at the Community Center Monday through Friday evenings. You can sign up by calling Bill Finkeldey or Mike Rossi through the Bridge Program at the high school. This is a free program that has been around for seven or eight years, is quite successful, and gives students constructive, creative activity for their evenings during the hot summer.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On MOTION of Trustee Holdstein, SECONDED by Trustee Gagliardi with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Meeting at 8:52 p.m.