

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 1998**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, December 15, 1998 at 8:07 p.m. in the Municipal Offices, 615 Broadway.

PRESENT: Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Trustee James B. Keaney, Trustee Elsa C. DeVita, Trustee Michael Holdstein, Trustee Anthony Gagliardi, Village Manager Neil P. Hess, Village Attorney Brian Murphy (8:10 p.m.), and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto.

CITIZENS: 13.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On MOTION of Trustee DeVita, SECONDED by Trustee Gagliardi with a voice vote of all in favor, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 1, 1998 were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

Multi-Fund No. 57-1998-99	\$262,257.62
Multi-Fund No. 58-1998-99	\$179,333.06

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Kinnally: David Dosin has been appointed as a sergeant in the police department effective December 30; effective today Gerry Maggi has been appointed as a patrolman. My congratulations to both of them. I welcome Patrolman Maggi to the force. He worked for the Village a number of years ago. It is nice to have him back and to have him on-board.

66:98 BOARD MEETING CHANGE OF DATE

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees change the dates for the January Regular Meetings from January 5 and 19, 1999, to January 12 and 26, 1999.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee James B. Keaney	X	
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee Anthony Gagliardi	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

67:98 PUBLIC HEARING - HUDSON VALLEY TENNIS CLUB

Village Manager Hess: The Hudson Valley Health and Tennis Club has filed an application to the building department for a building permit based on their approvals received, going before the Planning Board for their addition and the Zoning Board of Appeals. However, a public hearing is required before the Board of Trustees can issue a building permit or certificate of occupancy.

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 schedule a Public Hearing for January 12, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter to consider the application of Hudson Valley Health and Tennis Club, Inc. for a building permit and certificate of occupancy for an addition to the existing two-story structure.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
Trustee James B. Keaney	X	
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	X	
Trustee Anthony Gagliardi	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

68:98 PROPOSED TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO THE HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND, INC.

Mayor Kinnally: The issue of affordable housing has been considered in the Village for well over 10 years, and a number of boards and commissions, as recited in this resolution, have had an opportunity to review this. Recently two lawsuits were brought in connection with this property: one against Westchester County regarding funding, and the other one against the

county and the Village having to do with alleged illegality on the part of the Village in approving certain applications which came before boards and commissions. In two decisions handed down last week by Judge Nastasi in Supreme Court of Westchester County both of those lawsuits were dismissed. As of this date we have not received a notice of appeal from the losing parties. With no appeal pending and no stay on any action that the Board could take, the matter is before this Board to consider whether the property should be transferred to the Hastings-on-Hudson Affordable Housing Developmental Fund, Inc.

The resolution is conditioned upon the necessary funding being obtained by the sponsors for the construction of the affordable housing units. In the event that funding is not forthcoming this resolution would be null and void to the extent that no transfer would be effected.

Village Manager Hess: The resolution also provides for a conservation easement on the west side of the property. It does not affect the size of the property transfer. It merely provides for a future connection both north and south, if necessary in the future, for a greenspace or pathway, for example.

Susan Richman, 21 Pinecrest Drive: In an article last week in *The Rivertowns Enterprise* regarding the suit filed by the Pinecrest Association, it was reported that the Village spent \$10,600 in response to the suit. I feel that this is a lot of money. What irks me most is that it is \$10,600, plus \$5,000, since I am a contributing member of the Pinecrest Association, that could have been saved. The Village only had to follow its own environmental laws and those of the state. Prior to any lawsuit being filed, the Pinecrest Association went before the Planning Board and brought up the fact that an important step had been overlooked. Ed Weinstein, a member of our Planning Board, stated that he assumed SEQRA been followed. He thanked us for bringing it to the Board's attention, and said it would be looked into. SEQRA is a an extremely important step because it provides the environmental assessment by an expert and gives the Planning Board relevant, accurate information on which to base all its decisions.

The Pinecrest Association did not want to file a lawsuit, but felt compelled to do so when it learned that SEQRA was totally ignored. I want to make it clear that the judge did not rule against the requirement of SEQRA, but rather against the Pinecrest Association because it filed the suit beyond the 30-day time limit. This does not diminish the responsibility of the Village to do SEQRA for the safety of all concerned. The same judge also ruled that the Pinecrest Association lawsuit against the county, in which the Village is also named, was premature because no formal county commitment had been made to support the project.

Let us put this behind us. Let us carry out SEQRA, the way the law requires. The basic question also is, Why is the Village afraid to do this study in the correct, legally-responsible manner? What is the advantage to the Village of pushing forward on building two houses on this

extremely steep slope, while an alternative of building 16 units on Division Street is dragging along at a snail's pace. Let us do what is best for the Village. In the end, that is what we are all here for, and what we are concerned about.

Sue Smith, Chairperson, Affordable Housing Committee: With regard to Division Street, we certainly are interested in and pushing forward. We have said all along that we need both projects, and more beyond that, to meet the 30 units that the county has said we should create.

If the funding for this project is not acquired I would like you to consider at that time that the property be sold to a private developer and the money that would be realized put into an affordable housing fund to make it possible to build in another location, to buy additional land, or toward construction. Property to the north that is very similar has been built upon in the Village, and a lot of Hastings is built on similar kinds of property, so this is not an exceptional situation, and I suspect it would be attractive to a private developer.

Ms. Richman: Is it possible to find out why the SEQRA is not being done?

Mayor Kinnally: I do not think this is anything I want to deal with now. I do not believe it was before the Board of Trustees. It was before the Planning Board on SEQRA, and they will have to speak for themselves.

Ms. Richman: The Planning Board said they were looking into it, and obviously they forgot.

Mayor Kinnally: The Planning Board is independent of us. We do not dictate, or direct them. But if they are looking into it I will see that they get back to you with an answer.

Michelle Hertz, Euclid Avenue: Is someone going to make sure that the facility of the dye company is working properly so that the smells do not waft up to those houses?

Mayor Kinnally: This concern has been passed on to the Department of Health and the DEC, and I believe they have addressed it.

Ms. Hertz: There are no houses above it right now; there are a lot of trees, and that is a buffer. But there is a plan to put houses there. It seems like a problem.

Mayor Kinnally: That is all we can do. We do not have jurisdiction to say that your place smells funny and we have to shut you down.

Trustee Gagliardi: Our transferring land shows the county that we are serious about affordable housing. Westchester County is coming out with a promotion for new incentives for builders looking into new affordable housing.

Trustee Keaney: I would like to ask Sue Smith a question about the conservation easement. You were the one who originally proposed it. What did you envision by that? Sort of a "no-build zone," or access along a pathway?

Ms. Smith: The idea came from Naomi Tour some time ago, and I was following through on her idea. It was envisioned that there would be walkways along the waterfront, either figure-8's or loops. You could walk along the water in one direction and come back in another. There is an effort to make pedestrian pathways around the Village, and this seemed to be a place near the waterfront that would provide an opportunity to get added value. It might be a way to connect up to Warburton if people were walking.

Trustee Keaney: Would the existing staircase from Warburton to Southside be impacted?

Ms. Smith: No, that is owned by Uhlco, as is the other property to the north. Maybe at some point Uhlco could be encouraged to give those pieces of property to the Village. When Anaconda was in full-force people used those walkways to walk to the waterfront to work

Trustee Keaney: Affordable housing has been an important issue in this Village for some time. We have gotten over the hurdle of whether it is a good thing for the Village. The question now is whether we should approve the transfer of this site for this purpose. We have received letters and e-mails and have listened to people at meetings. This is my response to the issues raised.

I heard that this site is central to waterfront development, and that it would provide pedestrian and vehicular access to the waterfront, so we should not do anything with the site until the LWRP plan is in place. We, the LWRP, have discussed the fact that the pedestrian stairway would still be there, and the fact that the site is extremely steep. To put in a roadway that would take vehicles from Southside to Warburton at that location would be very challenging. You would have to loop it around in such a fashion that it would look like a street in San Francisco. There would be no greenery there; it would be all asphalt.

In the early eighties the Gruzen report on the waterfront suggested that we link Southside with Warburton, and they had three options. But those options were much further south, not at this site. That point needs to be made clear. There is nobody more interested than the LWRP Committee in seeing a revitalized waterfront and seeing access to it, but that site is really not the place for a roadway. Some other people say that this abuts a park. It does not abut a park. As you can see on the map, it is not contiguous to the existing Riverside playground.

Another issue that has been raised is that this is a cherished greenspace and that it would be a violation of community values to do this. For me, that is an important issue. There seems to be a feeling in town that nothing should be built ever on open space or greenspace. I think that is extreme. Certainly, open space and greenspace is a community value that is important. It brings up economic values, and it helps our psychic values. The Ferrandino report stated that the 154

acres of Village-dedicated park, and the 105 acres of state and county open space, were far beyond the national standards. When you balance the interests of open space against the urgency of providing affordable housing, I am in favor of approving the transfer of this property to the fund in accordance with the resolution.

Trustee Holdstein: I could not agree more with Trustee Keaney; I agree 110% with everything he had to say.

Ms. Richman: Regarding the stairway, has anyone been talking to Uhlich about buying the land or using the land?

Mayor Kinnally: Not yet.

Ms. Richman: Is it possible to create a second easement in case we need to put our own stairway in? The people in my neighborhood still use those stairs and they are dangerous. There is no guarantee down the line that we will get those stairs.

Mayor Kinnally: We will pursue that, and any other options available to us. We do not want to foreclose access to the waterfront so your point is well taken.

Mayor Kinnally: This issue is a very emotional one, and I join with Trustee Keaney in saying that we do listen and consider all of what is said. I do not know if there is an ideal site in this community for affordable housing. Any available sites have not been built on for a reason: they are not accessible, or they have a lot of rock, or they are very expensive, or they may not be in the best spots to get to. In many cases, they are in your own neighborhood and you are unhappy to have it there.

I do not assign any bad motives to anybody in opposing, or supporting, affordable housing. But the Warburton Avenue area has been looked at carefully over the years by the Village, by the Affordable Housing Committee, and by the County of Westchester. I do not think the impact on the Village is going to be as dire as a lot of people think it is going to be. This is a small step and does not go very far in satisfying our moral obligation to do something with affordable housing. If this is successful our position in the county will be vindicated, that we want to make sure that affordable housing is something that we have in the Village, and that we can make housing available for a significant segment of our population that contributes so much to making our Village what it is.

One of the groups of people eligible for affordable housing is the Fire Department. We received a report from the Westchester County Board of Legislators showing difficulties that communities have in attracting and retaining firemen because they cannot find a place to live in the community. I hope this is a small step to solving that housing shortage here in Hastings. We have a report from Sue Smith and the Committee about the Division Street site. It would be

wonderful to reclaim that building and revitalize the area, but the site is fraught with difficulties: rock, the stability of the building, off-street parking spaces.

Our looking for affordable housing sites does not end here tonight. The site has to be affordable so that the ultimate housing on any particular site will be affordable. I hope the Village can address many of the concerns that have been raised by people in the neighborhoods. We hope that the county will fund this project. The ultimate decision is not in our hands. It is in another layer of government who is going to come up with some funding.

I intend to vote in favor of it. I hope that everyone associated with this site and with affordable housing will continue to address the concerns that have been raised by people and come up with something that this Village can be proud of.

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

WHEREAS, the Hastings-on-Hudson Affordable Housing Development Fund, Inc. ("Fund"), a not-for-profit corporation, has requested the transfer of Village owned property located on Warburton Avenue designated on the Village Tax Map as Sheet 4, Parcel 59D ("Warburton Property") for the development of four units of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees at their Regular Meeting of October 6, 1998 referred the request to the Hastings-on-Hudson Planning Board for their recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board at a Public Meeting held October 15, 1998 unanimously voted to recommend the transfer of the "Warburton Property" to the "Fund"; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees held a duly noticed Public Hearing on October 20, 1998, at which time the Board heard all comments both for and against said proposed transfer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that there is a need for affordable housing for volunteer firefighters, ambulance corps members, Village employees, school district employees, and senior citizens; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees does hereby approve the transfer of the "Warburton Property" to the "Fund" on the condition that all necessary

funding is received by the "Fund" to develop the site for affordable units;
and be it further

RESOLVED: that the Village reserves a conservation easement on the west side of the property, as identified on the attached map and made a part of this resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE	AYE	NAY
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: I have put together a preliminary financial analysis off the tax trust agreement and what it has meant to the Village to-date.

Mayor Kinnally: On Monday December 7 the full amount due, \$157,205.00, was wired to the Village. The tax trust agreement has been paid in full. We have received \$810,908.25 from ARCO, and that satisfies all of their obligations under the tax trust agreement. We had previously received the accelerated \$150,000 upon the transfer of the property from the owners of the site to ARCO.

Village Manager Hess: We started a reserve to account for the nonpayment of taxes by Harbor at Hastings Associates beginning in 1990. The reserve as of May 31, 1997 was \$1,626,000. We are currently finalizing the '98 audit, so I do not have the final reserve figures for this past year. The original balance due was \$795,334.46; the interest that accrued from the date of signing of the agreement through December was \$15,573.79, or a total of \$810,908.25. That is 1% per month or 12% per year.

The total outstanding taxes at the time of the agreement was \$2,400,000 less the reserve that was in existence on May 31, 1997, leaving an unreserved balance of \$781,000. The unreserved amount will be reduced by the amount of the reserve that the auditors establish for this year. The received amount, less the unreserved amount, gave us a minimum of \$29,243 added to our current fund balance, or surplus, which would be now \$260,816. When the audit is completed, and the additional reserve is established, that money goes directly to the fund balance. On a preliminary basis, we added at least \$29,000. State audit recommends for any public entity seven to ten percent of your budget in fund balance, or surplus; we are at 3.6 percent.

Investment rates are very good right now. We saw that with the Municipal Building borrowing and turning that money over into our investment program. Mrs. Maggiotto does a very aggressive job in terms of our investments, either through class or CD's, and our interest income is up despite interest rates going down.

Regarding the Municipal Building, the monitoring has been completed and the general contractor is starting demolition. The elevator contractor wished to provide a 25-horsepower motor instead of a 20-horsepower motor; if they do so it is at their cost.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

1. Update on the Waterfront

Mayor Kinnally: The DEC has agreed to put up signs at the site notifying the public of a potential health hazard in eating fish from the Hudson; I am requesting additional signs for MacEachron Waterfront Park. If they will not provide them we will provide signs ourselves.

There was a question raised about the possibility that asbestos was used in the manufacturing process down at Anaconda, and I am looking into that.

I appeared with Irene Collins on WFAS radio and discussed our waterfront, the cleanup, our hopes for the future of the waterfront, and other Hastings topics.

On the PRAP, I am advised Malcolm Pirnie continues to review all of the documentation. They are consulting with Carpenter Environmental to review their data and to coordinate certain things. We anticipate having our draft comments to the PRAP available after the new year. We will have a meeting on January 7, 1999 to consider the draft; the final version has to be postmarked to the DEC no later than January 15, 1999.

It has been brought to our attention that there is a fruit and vegetable operation on the waterfront; we have called this to the attention of the Department of Health, and we have directed the Building Department to inquire whether there may be problems from a Village standpoint. I have had asked of her a complete inventory from ARCO of all operations on the waterfront so we have control for the Village but also for a health and safety standpoint for our police, firemen, emergency personnel, etc.

2. Sprain Road/Austin Avenue

I have been contacted by people in the Town of Greenburgh concerned that there were violations on the part of the developer to the stipulation of settlement that was reached in the litigation the Town of Greenburgh brought at the beginning of 1998. In violation of the letter and the spirit of the stipulation, the developer cut down trees on private property and proceeded to work on a road that was not going to be limited in scope for emergency access, but also was to be built out

as large as they could get it. We cannot get involved in any litigation brought by others, but I intend to speak in opposition to broadening the use of Sprain Road to encompass anything other than emergency vehicles and access. We want to make sure that the developer and all of the other interested parties, including the City of Yonkers and the Thruway Authority, adhere to the spirit and the letter of the stipulation and settlement, and that we are part of the record in monitoring how far they go in complying with the stipulation or in violating the stipulation.

Ms. Hertz: We were told to leave the waterfront by Falcon, who told us they were managing the property.

Mayor Kinnally: I will find out if they are managing the property and are the agent for ARCO. However, people should not be going on that site. You are trespassing. It is private property.

Ms. Merton: I had thought Falcon's original C of O granted by the Board had expired.

Mayor Kinnally: We did not give Falcon a C of O. They were working under a state mandate for remediation. When the DEC takes jurisdiction over a site for remediation it supersedes our control over the site. I have asked for information about who is doing what on the site, and I am waiting for that.

Trustee Holdstein: Falcon came in here and did the job they were hired to do and cleaned Building 15. At a certain point they petitioned to do additional work, and applied for a right to do some other removal, and we turned them down. Jerry Festa the owner of Falcon was nothing but straightforward and honest, and did what he was asked to do.

Ms. Hertz: I am not upset with Falcon, but we thought they were not going to be there anymore. We thought they were cleaning Building 15 and then leaving.

Mayor Kinnally: I told ARCO that I am concerned about security on the site and that they have not addressed the situation of people near the river itself. I asked them to put up a fence going from the north end to the south end of the site, and wrapping around, so that no one could get access to the river. I am waiting to hear from ARCO in that regard.

Ms. Merton: Does the Village have the ability to use its powers to order ARCO either to take those buildings down or make them structurally sound as a matter of public health and safety?

Mayor Kinnally: As a matter of public health and safety they do not pose a threat to anybody because people are not supposed to be there. I also told ARCO that I wanted them to get rid of the derelict buildings on the site, and they said that they would look into it.

David Walrath: There are public businesses down there that retail, such as the auto body shop. ARCO ought to isolate the public coming in for business purposes from the rest of the site.

3. Safety Council

Mayor Kinnally: We have a report from the Safety Council dealing with a number of traffic issues: the stop on Ravensdale; school crossing guard at Warburton and Washington; South Clinton Avenue one-way; traffic safety on Amherst; and a dead-end sign on Marianna..

Diane Adler, 2 Southgate Avenue: A number of people requested a stop sign at the intersection of Ravensdale and Kent because the traffic is getting worse and worse. It is a hazard to cross the street there. People walk their dogs in the area on the other side of Ravensdale; there are stores we walk to. There are small children and bicyclists, and cars trying to get across Ravensdale and to turn on Ravensdale. Despite the fact that the Safety Committee assured us that there was not a problem, the 10 or 15 people at that meeting feel there is a problem. There is a concern there is no sight line for the stop sign there. It seemed to the people at the meeting that a compromise had been reached; that a stop sign would be put further to the east on South Clinton and that rumble strips would be placed. I am now told neither of those were recommended. The only thing recommended was a warning sign, which is already there, and that the foliage would be cut back.

A number of us felt that a traffic study of the entire quadrant—Ravensdale, Farragut Parkway, Farragut Avenue to Saw Mill River Road—needs to be addressed. When Austin Avenue opens we are going to be flooded with cars. The reality is that whatever millions of cars are going to be going to Stew Leonard's, a lot are going to be going through our neighborhood. We have no idea how all these different traffic patterns will impact. We would really like to get the traffic back onto Saw Mill River Road where it belongs, and we would like to have a traffic study done to find the best way to mitigate these problems.

Barry Weinraub, South Clinton Avenue: We had gone to the Safety Council meeting with a number of proposals, one of which was to make South Clinton one-way, and Stanley one-way, going in opposite directions. At the meeting it appeared to me that they did approve of putting in a no left-hand turn at the end of Stanley at Farragut Avenue to stop the traffic that is coming down South Clinton and Stanley to make that left-hand turn at Saw Mill River Parkway. There is an ever-increasing amount of traffic, and they are accelerating down our street at 50 miles an hour heading for the Saw Mill River Parkway. Something has to be done to alleviate this and to recognize that we live on a small residential street and not an entrance ramp to a highway.

Mayor Kinnally: We have tried to close some of the entrances and exits to the Saw Mill Parkway over the years but the state has refused because there have been no fatalities. Speeding is a problem throughout the Village, even by our residents.

Mr. Weinraub: The bulk of the traffic is people crossing over the bridge and taking South Clinton to get onto the highway.

Village Manager Hess: I did not understand the recommendation of the Safety Council to put up signs on Ravensdale Road saying there is no access under the Saw Mill Parkway, then creating a no left turn at the end of Stanley. People will make a right-hand turn and turn around, so it would not reduce the traffic looking to go southbound on the Parkway. One suggestion would be to create a no left-hand turn onto South Clinton and a no left-hand turn onto Stanley; this would reduce that Greenburgh traffic that crosses the Ravensdale bridge to go south on the Saw Mill.

Trustee Holdstein: Changing traffic patterns in one place creates problems in another. This goes to Miss Adler's point about an overall study. Another point is signage in the Town of Greenburgh. At the light at Jackson Avenue where the cemetery is, rather than going over the bridge into Hastings, signs that indicate to drivers either go up Saw Mill River Road to Lawrence or south to Tompkins would keep the traffic on Saw Mill River Road.

Trustee Gagliardi: That is another problem. If you divert the traffic and say no left turn they are going to go down Clinton and Clarence instead of traffic going the other way.

Mayor Kinnally: When you talk about diverting traffic, it is going to go into someone else's neighborhood. Who is going to absorb all the additional traffic? There are some roads that are built for it and some roads that are not. One-way streets do not help the situation. Stop signs, I am not so sure that they help. The big problem is the intersections at the Parkway.

Peter Swiderski, 12 South Clinton: I would like to commend the Mayor for joining in the discussion about Sprain Road. It is a complicated issue and there is no easy answer, but I add my voice to the others who are concerned. The traffic noise is already remarkable, and when you look at ShopRite putting 124 extra cars an hour onto Ravensdale. The big-box developments are going to put a lot more on Ravensdale. I am not even pretending it is outsiders. There are 8,000 residents in Hastings, and certainly a couple thousand cars, and it is going to be a cheap place to shop and a lot of people will go there. I ask you to worry about it carefully.

David Walrath, 100 Edgars Lane: The state years ago wanted to fix the one main way out of Hastings, Farragut Parkway. We had a big storm here of local residents and residents in Yonkers oppose it, and nothing ever happened. I believe that was to be accompanied by shutting a lot of the other entrances. I am wondering if it might not be well to undertake to see if we can get it reconsidered.

Mayor Kinnally: You are talking about the cloverleaf?

Mr. Walrath: That was what it was called.

Mayor Kinnally: Dave, you are a brave man to even utter the word "cloverleaf." I will make you chair in a highly-compensated position to deal with that, but we cannot pay you enough.

Mr. Walrath: I thought it was an unfortunate decision.

Mayor Kinnally: It was not a quid pro quo. I have been on the Board since 1978 and the state has never indicated any desire to close any of the exits and entrances to the Parkway.

Ms. Adler: What are the next steps to contemplate doing a traffic study?

Mayor Kinnally: We will have this as a formal discussion item probably the 26th of January.

Holly Weinraub, 61 South Clinton: There are 20 children that live on South Clinton now. Twelve of them are under six. The bus stop is loading in the morning. There are about 20 people at 7:30 in the morning walking to the bus stop. That is when the cars are going the fastest because they are late for work. The laws are being broken. They are going 50. It is a 25 mile an hour zone, and there is nobody to stop them.

Mayor Kinnally: We discussed speeding in a number of spots and the need for people to be more responsible with the School Board recently. We were talking about a public education campaign, perhaps.

Police Chief Marsic: After that meeting I sat over there from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. The average number of cars that use South Clinton and Stanley were 28. Of the 28 cars, an average of 18 made a left onto the Parkway at Farragut. . Three days is not conclusive of what is happening over there, so I contacted Greenburgh P.D., and they gave us rubber counters to put across the road for 10 days. The average speed on Stanley and South Clinton is 23 miles an hour. The officers say there is not a lot of traffic there. That is my survey.

I mentioned to the residents that there have been three accidents over there in the last three years, because we keep precise accident records. If you come out of your house on a Saturday afternoon and somebody goes by at 50, your perception is that everybody is doing 50 when, in fact, I have documentation that the average speed for a 10-day period is 23 miles an hour. Will it get worse with the box store? Undoubtedly. You are bringing more traffic in. Is there a problem now? I do not see it.

Robert Piccone, 34 South Clinton Avenue: With all due respect, Chief, I think there is a simple explanation for what you were saying. The counters were placed towards the end of Stanley, where they are going to make the left turn onto the Saw Mill River Parkway. Cars are coming from 9A, over the bridge, taking the left onto South Clinton or Stanley, and picking up momentum while they are going by the houses. The stop sign on Stanley slows them down a bit,

then they will pick up speed, and then they will slow down again for the stop sign, and take the left onto the Saw Mill. The counters were placed lower, towards Stanley. I find it hard to believe, 23 miles per hour. When they are whizzing by my house they are not going 23 miles per hour.

Trustee Holdstein: As the Mayor alluded to, we discussed this problem at a joint meeting with the school board a few weeks ago. I am imploring the people of Hastings to consider their neighbors, their neighbors' children, and their own children. This Village was not built for the amount of cars and the speed the cars are going. I think all of us who love this Village, and love its charm and its small-Village feeling, need to remember that part of it as well, and people have to take responsibility.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

On MOTION of Trustee DeVita, SECONDED by Trustee Gagliardi with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Kinnally adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:05 p.m.