

TOWN BOARD
GARNERVILLE, NY
OCTOBER 27, 2008

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw met at a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Town Hall, One Rosman Road, Garnerville, New York.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On Roll Call the following members answered to their names:

Supervisor	Howard T. Phillips, Jr.
Councilman	Isidro Cancel
Councilman	Vincent J. Gamboli
Councilman	John J. Gould
Councilman	Hector L. Soto

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

328-08 **REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2008** submitted by the Town Clerk on motion by Councilman Gamboli, seconded by Councilman Cancel, were unanimously adopted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Councilman Gould offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Cancel, and on roll call unanimously adopted.

329-08 **RESOLVED**, that bills numbered 3,727 through and including 3,927 in the amount of \$310,843.46; and Highway Vouchers numbered 559 through and including 573 in the amount of \$7,655.15 audited at this meeting, be and they are hereby paid.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

NO REPORTS.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COLOR GUARD

APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT IOVINO

The following resolution was moved by the full Town Board.

330-08 **RESOLVED, THAT UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF CHARLES MILLER, CHIEF OF POLICE, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY APPOINT SCOTT IOVINO OF THEILLS, NEW YORK TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT, FULL TIME, CONTINGENT PERMANENT FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, THAT MR. IOVINO HAS BEEN CLEARED ON ALL PRE-EMPLOYMENT TESTS BY THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THIS APPOINTMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL, AND MR. IOVINO SHALL SERVE A PROBATION PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS.

**AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF ROCKLAND LAW ENFORCEMENT
TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM (LETPP) HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**

Councilman Soto offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Gould, and on roll call unanimously adopted.

331-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW FOR THE LETPP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,625.28.

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON 2009 PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET

Councilman Cancel offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Gamboli, and on roll call unanimously adopted.

332-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN CLERK BE AND SHE HEREBY IS AUTHORIZED TO PUBLISH A NOTICE THAT A PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE HELD ON THE PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009, AT THE TOWN HALL, ONE ROSMAN ROAD, GARNERVILLE, NY, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2008, AT 7 P.M., AND THAT ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND SHALL BE HEARD BY THE BOARD, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN LAW THE PROPOSED ANNUAL SALARIES ARE HEREBY SPECIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

SUPERVISOR.....	\$97,388.03
COUNCILMAN (EACH).....	\$18,808.06
TOWN CLERK.....	\$82,319.64
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT.....	\$94,953.33

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND NARCOTICS TASK
FORCE AND THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW**

Councilman Gould offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Soto, and on roll call unanimously adopted.

333-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE HOWARD T. PHILLIPS, JR., SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF A POLICE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO ROCKLAND COUNTY NARCOTICS TASK FORCE FOR THE YEAR 2008 FOR THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.

**INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF AWARD OF RFP NO. 9-2008 – REPAIR OF TOWN
VEHICLE**

Councilman Gamboli offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Cancel, and on roll call unanimously adopted.

334-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY INCREASES THE AMOUNT OF RFP NO. 9-2008 FOR THE REPAIR OF A TOWN VEHICLE TO \$2,785.95 FROM \$1,856.25.

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RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 316-08 – AWARD OF BID FOR THE ADDITION AND RENOVATION OF THE HAVERSTRAW AMBULANCE BUILDING

Councilman Gamboli offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Soto, and on roll call unanimously adopted.

335-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY RESCIND RESOLUTION NUMBER 316-08 AWARDED THE BID TO T.M. BRENNAN CONTACTORS, INC. OF HAMBURG, NEW JERSEY FOR THE ADDITION AND RENOVATION OF THE HAVERSTRAW AMBULANCE AND DIRECTS THE ARCHITECT TO PREPARE NEW BID SPECIFICATIONS.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH OMNI POINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Councilman Gamboli offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Cancel, and on roll call unanimously adopted.

336-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A SITE LEASE OPTION AGREEMENT WITH OMNI POINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR LEASE OF SPACE AT THE PHILIP J. ROTELLA MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLAG POLE CELL TOWER, AT THE INITIAL RENT OF \$2,000 A MONTH AFTER THE OPTION PERIOD.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN MICHAEL R. LAUDIEN, GOLF PRO AND THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW

Councilman Gamboli offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Soto, and on roll call unanimously adopted.

337-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW CONTRACT WITH MICHAEL R. LAUDIEN OF THIELLS, NEW YORK TO THE POSITION OF GOLF PRO AT THE PHILIP J. ROTELLA MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE AS SET FORTH IN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF HIS CONTRACT FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING ON MARCH 1, 2009 AND TERMINATING ON FEBRUARY 28, 2010.

ADDENDUM TO LEASE WITH SONOMA GRILLE, INC.

Councilman Gamboli offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Gould, and on roll call unanimously adopted.

338-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN ADDENDUM OF LEASE WITH SONOMA GRILLE, INC. INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENT FOR THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM BY \$12,000.

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AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT GENESLAW CO.

Councilman Soto offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Cancel, and on roll call unanimously adopted.

339-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY RETAINS ROBERT GENESLAW, PLANNING CONSULTANTS TO UPDATE THE BLIGHT STUDY FOR THE POWER PLANT LOCATED AT THE LETCHWORTH VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS PREVIOUS AGREED UPON FEE SCHEDULE DATED JANUARY 2008.

APPOINTMENT OF IVONNE SANTOS AS TRAFFIC PROSECUTOR

Councilman Gould offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Cancel, and on roll call unanimously adopted.

340-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY APPOINTS IVONNE SANTOS OF GARNERVILLE, NEW YORK TO THE POSITION OF TRAFFIC PROSECUTOR IN THE JUSTICE COURT IN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT MS. SANTOS SHALL SERVE IN THE CAPACITY AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR NOT AS AN EMPLOYEE AND SHE SHALL BE PAID AT THE RATE OF \$100.00 PER HOUR.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Frances Welsh, Beach Road, Haverstraw spoke to the Supervisor regarding an article that appeared in the Journal News about a landfill in New Jersey where they expect to supply 30% of the local municipalities electricity needs, which was organized 12 years ago. He asked if the Town would consider doing something like that.

Supervisor Phillips stated that two companies came in to look at something similar to using the landfill for energy. One company said that it wouldn't be profitable and another company said that there wasn't enough methane gas. The Town's landfill has begun to settle and methane gas has been escaping. The landfill has been venting for about eight years. Unfortunately, because of the size of the landfill it doesn't become economically practical.

Stephen Moetzinger, 24 Harbor Point Drive, Haverstraw presented pictures to the Supervisor and Board members of people in the Village illegally parking their cars on the sidewalks. He asked if the Town Council could review the laws concerning parked cars on sidewalks.

Chief Miller stated that he had a conversation with Mayor Kohut from the Village of Haverstraw concerning this problem. There are parking enforcing officers in the Village that should be enforcing the laws. We will meet with Supervisor Phillips and Mayor Kohut this week regarding your concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor stated that the Halloween Festival was yesterday. It was a beautiful day and everything went well with the exception of two incidents. Next year we are considering an age limit to 12 years old and restrict to Town of Haverstraw residents only. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and all of the ladies from Town Hall did an excellent job. Chief Miller and the officers also did an excellent job. It was nice to see so many young families in the park enjoying themselves.

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There will be a Public Hearing on the Town Budget this Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. All are invited to attend. This will be the first time in three years that the residents will see an increase in taxes. We are doing everything possible to hold the budget down. The two major causes for the increase are policing and the Mirant bond. We were hoping to pay the Mirant bond off with the Letchworth money. Police cost increased \$700,000 because since taking over the Village of Haverstraw more officers were added.

Supervisor Phillips stated that the detectives arrested 8 people within 10 days of shots being fired. The downtown area is too dense. The population is beyond what it should be. We need to start checking all the different apartments. The number of arrests has gone up. We need help and cannot do it alone. It must be a global approach.

ADJOURNMENT

341-08 Supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr. stated that he would like to close tonight's meeting in memory of Victoria Jansen, Andrew J. Coss, Ronald A. Kelly, Pasquale Sutura, Irving Wiggs and Elaine A. Hopkins, who recently passed away. Supervisor Phillips, the Town Board members and the Elected Officials further extended their condolences and sympathy to the families. Thereafter, a motion was made by Councilman Soto, seconded by Councilman Gould to adjourn the Town Board Meeting.

JOSEPHINE E. CARELLA
Town Clerk