

TOWN BOARD
GARNERVILLE, NY
JUNE 9, 2008

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw met at a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 9, 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

204-08 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF MAY 27, 2008; submitted by the Town Clerk on motion by Councilman Gamboli, seconded by Councilman Cancel, were unanimously adopted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

205-08 RESOLVED, that bills numbered 1,836 through and including 1,965 in the amount of \$1,069,463.71 audited at this meeting, be and they are hereby paid.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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

206-08 RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND IS HEREBY ACCEPTED: POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2008.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AND CONSOLIDATED EDISON SOLUTIONS, INC.

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

207-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CONSOLIDATED EDISON SOLUTIONS, INC. TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS FOR TAX COLLECTING

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

208-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE RECEIVER OF TAXES TO ACCEPT VISA AND MASTERCARD FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAX BILLS AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT 3% OF THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX BILL WILL BE ADDED TO THE CHARGE TO COVER CREDIT CARD COSTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES.

RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH LT. MICHAEL J. MOORE

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

209-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH LT. MICHAEL J. MOORE, EFFECTIVE THROUGH JULY 30, 2008.

ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF RESIGNATION FOR ADARIS ORTIZ, ASSISTANT COURT CLERK

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

210-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM ADARIS ORTIZ, ASSISTANT COURT CLERK, EFFECTIVE JUNE 3, 2008.

AWARD OF RFP NO. 5-2008- RETRACTABLE BELT STANCHIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW JUSTICE COURT

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

211-08 RESOLVED, THAT TWO (2) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WERE SUBMITTED TO COURT CLERK, CLAUDIA OSSMAN TO PURCHASE EIGHT (8) RETRACTABLE BELT STANCHIONS AND SIX (6) RETRACTABLE BELT WALL UNITS FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW JUSTICE COURT, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AWARD THE RFP TO EQUICROSS, THE LOWEST PROPOSAL AT A COST OF \$1,568.81, WHICH WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH THE JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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APPOINTMENT OF TOWN JUSTICE – JOHN K. GRANT

The following resolution was moved by the Full Board.

212-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY APPOINT JOHN K. GRANT OF THIELLS, NEW YORK TO THE POSITION OF TOWN JUSTICE TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THOMAS WALSH, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY PROJECTS APPROPRIATION CONTRACT #M080921

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

213-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY PROJECTS APPROPRIATION CONTRACT #M080921 FOR FUNDING OF \$75,000. TO PURCHASE TWO FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES WITH SNOW PLOWS.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY PROJECTS APPROPRIATION CONTRACT #M080920

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

214-08 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY PROJECTS APPROPRIATION CONTRACT #M080920 FOR FUNDING OF \$150,000. FOR REPAIRS TO THE AMERICAN LEGION WAY BRIDGE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ilan Shulan, Thiells stated that at the last Town Board Meeting he requested that the Supervisor and Chief of Police gather information about the 287 (g) Program. After lengthy thought, he would like to withdraw and cancel his request. Mr. Shulan thanked the Board for listening to him.

Supervisor Phillips thanked Mr. Shulan for being a concerned constituent. The Supervisor recognized Mr. Shulan's time and effort that he puts into the community and appreciates his ideas and interest.

Barry Burman, 19 Turner Drive, Garnerville stated that he read an article in the Journal News regarding the \$500,000 in overtime hours that were accumulated by the Clarkstown Police. Two of the 10 officers who received this overtime were K-9 officers. He was concerned that if the Town was to get a K-9 Unit how they would prevent that from happening with our police. Instead of a K-9 Unit, why can't we hire two new cops?

Supervisor Phillips stated that this is a very sensitive subject. There are many ways to negotiate contracts for the K-9 Unit. The K-9 officer could work seven hours and an hour to train the dog. If we are successful with our negotiations with the PBA, we could do this with a limited amount of overtime. We also have to keep in mind when other communities request mutual aid. K-9 Units are in big demand and have a great ability to crowd control. We are very sensitive to the cost and have never ignored the cost.

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Peter McGuire, 14 Wayne Ave. asked the Board in what areas would we see the K-9 Unit.

Supervisor Phillips stated that we would like to see them walking around in the Village of Haverstraw on Broadway, in areas of West Haverstraw on Benson Street and in Garnerville on Bridge Street. If we are successful in negotiating with the PBA, the K-9 Unit will evolve into a walking patrol dealing with problems such as drugs and quality of life. Young men are hanging out in front of businesses, walking the streets and are intimidating to the customers. Beginning this Tuesday, we will be holding Police Committee Meetings that will be open to the public at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month. The July meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8th at 8:00 pm.

Peter McGuire, 14 Wayne Ave. stated that he appreciates the police presence in the Village and that the TASK Force really has to be enforced more. Isn't the committee going to be a bias one if you and the Board members are on the committee?

Supervisor Phillips stated that the number one priority is the safety of the public. The Elected Officials, Chief of Police and Lieutenants are also part of the committee. I will be asking for input from the citizens, PBA, businesses, etc. The Supervisor understands that Mr. McGuire is very concerned with the downtown areas. Is cost going to be ignored? No. This problem has to be approached globally. Tom Zugibe, DA has brought in the State Police, TASK Force and Sheriff's Dept. We need help from all types of law enforcement.

Peter McGuire, 14 Wayne Ave. asked if prior to the merger, was there an independent study done regarding what the needs were in the Village.

Supervisor Phillips stated that an independent company did not come in to do a study.

Peter McGuire, 14 Wayne Ave. asked what the positive side of being accredited was and would the Town consider being accredited.

Supervisor Phillips stated that being accredited involves a lot of training and the positive side is that it lowers your insurance costs. The Town will be working toward accreditation.

David Freid, Former County Legislator, who now works as Sheriff James Kralik's safety advocate, thanked the Board for allowing Sgt. Manny Figueiroa to accompany him to California. Manny really stands out. He is a committed and superior officer.

Bruce Leach 22 N. Wayne, West Haverstraw, Academy of Model Aeronautic, Inc. asked if the Supervisor and Board Members could come to the flying field at the Sanitary Landfill and bring the Journal News. Mr. Leach thanked Mike Cotier, Parks Director for opening the gate every Saturday morning.

Supervisor Phillips stated that we have not received any complaints about the airplanes being flown at the Landfill and we are very happy with the way things have been going. We would like to get the full Board down at the Landfill with some children and the Journal News for a demonstration.

BOARD MEMBERS

Councilman Cancel thanked the Town for use of the soundstage during the Puerto Rican Day Parade. After the parade there were people hanging out and no issues. The police did a great job.

Councilman Gould stated that he would like to reiterate the remarks made by the Supervisor and Councilman Cancel. With regards to the Police Committee, nothing is a done deal. We are only going to meet the needs of the community and try to come to some compromise. The Town will hold as many Public Hearings as we need. We need to send out

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letters to the Police Department, different businesses and residents and make every effort to give the opportunity to move forward in a reasonable manner and evaluate what we have and where we would like to be in a few years. During the Puerto Rican parade there were many people on the street and Sgt. Figueroa along with approximately six officers handled a situation with total professionalism. A few arrests were made and everything was back to normal in a very short period.

Councilman Soto complimented Judge Tom Walsh on the fine job he did while he was a Town Justice and congratulated John K. Grant as the newly appointed Town Justice. He will do a tremendous job. Councilman Soto worked together with Mr. Grant in the Village of West Haverstraw and he will be a benefit to the Town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Saturday is the Multi-Cultural Festival at Bowline from 12 noon – 5:00 p.m.

Bowline Pool opens this Sunday on Father's Day, 6/15/08.

Town of Haverstraw Fireworks will be on Thurs., July 3rd at Bowline Point Park. Rain date will be Friday, July 4th. Ob-La-D, Bla-Da Band (Beatles tribute) will perform at 6:00 pm followed by Swingtime Big Band starting at 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm. Fireworks display will begin at approximately 9:30 pm.

Summer Evening Concerts Series will commence on July 10th at 7:30 am and will continue every Thursday until Labor Day. The concerts are open to the public and are free.

Village of West Haverstraw will be holding an Italian Festival at Peck's Pond June 21 & 22, 2008, between the hours of 12 noon and 10:00 pm on Saturday and between the hours of 12 noon – 7:00 pm on Sunday.

ADJOURNMENT

215-08 Supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr. stated that he would like to close tonight's meeting in memory of Elizabeth De Lusso, Peter B. Telfer, Jr., Dorothy Elizabeth Aventurato, Josette Hewitt, Frederick J. Lodini and Richard Henry Warren, 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 Cancel seconded by Councilman Gould, and the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

RAQUEL VENTURA
First Deputy