

TOWN BOARD
GARNERVILLE, NY
OCTOBER 11, 2012

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw met at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 6:00 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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

383-12 RESOLVED, that bills numbered 3,348 through and including 3,509 in the amount of \$373,553.57 be and they are hereby paid; and Highway Vouchers numbered 492 through and including 515 in the amount of \$20,359.00 audited at this meeting, be and they are hereby paid.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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

384-12 RESOLVED, THAT THE FOLLOWING POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND IS HEREBY ACCEPTED: POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2012.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR PERIOD ENDING 9/30/2012

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

385-12 RESOLVED, THAT THE SUPERVISOR IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (A) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$502,500.00; PART-TOWN FUND (B) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00; HIGHWAY (DB) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00; AMBULANCE FUND (SA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375,000.00 AND SEWER FUND (SS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 PURSUANT TO THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012. (SEE ATTACHED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.)

SURPLUS OF CHAISE LOUNGE CHAIRS

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

386-12 RESOLVED, THAT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF MICHAEL COTIER, PARKS DIRECTOR THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE SIXTY-THREE (63) CHAISE LOUNGE CHAIRS FROM THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO BE CLASSIFIED AS SURPLUS AND BE AUCTIONED.

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**AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWN ASSESSOR TO ATTEND CONTINUING
EDUCATION SEMINAR**

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

387-12 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, HEREBY GRANTS PERMISSION TO DAVID ADAMS, ASSESSOR, TO ATTEND A NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY SERVICES EDUCATION SEMINAR ENTITLED, "VALUATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING," WHICH IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN ASSESSOR CERTIFICATION, ON OCTOBER 26, 2012 AT THE HAMPTON INN IN MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK FROM 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM AT A COST OF \$95.00.

**AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE TAX CERTIORARI – HARBORTOWN I
CONDOMINIUM**

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

388-12 RESOLVED, THAT UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF DAVE ADAMS, TOWN ASSESSOR, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE SETTLEMENT FOR THE HARBORTOWN I CONDOMINIUM (101 TOWNHOUSE UNITS), VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW, NEW YORK FOR TAX YEARS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING:

YEAR	ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT	REVISED ASSESSMENT	REDUCTION AMOUNT	EST REFUND
2010	49,765,500	47,277,000	2,488,500	\$0
2011	49,583,100	47,103,800	2,479,300	\$28,025
2012	47,107,500	32,971,700	14,135,800	\$32,402
			Total	\$60,427

William Stein, Town Attorney stated that he will be going into contract to purchase one of the units at Harbortown I. Mr. Stein, being the Town Attorney, advised Mr. Adams, Town Assessor that he could not be involved in any discussions concerning this tax certiorari. The stipulation does require the signature of the Town Attorney. I would sign with the understanding that I am potentially buying a unit.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR COURT OFFICERS FOR THE TOWN OF
HAVERSTRAW JUSTICE COURT TO ATTEND A TRAINING CLASS**

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

389-12 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, HEREBY GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE COURT OFFICERS FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW JUSTICE COURT TO ATTEND A FOUR (4) HOUR SECURITY SCREENING AND COURTROOM SECURITY TRAINING ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012 AT THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY IN VALHALLA, NEW YORK.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rochelle Sternheim, Haverstraw, NY asked the Supervisor what the word “Certiorari” meant.

Supervisor Phillips stated that “Certiorari” is the legal process by which a property owner can challenge the real estate tax assessment on a given property in an attempt to reduce the property's assessment and real estate taxes.

Councilman Cancel asked Dave Adams, Town Assessor if the Village of Haverstraw challenged the certiorari for Harbortown I.

Dave Adams, Town Assessor stated that the Village settled.

ADJOURNMENT

390-12 Supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr. stated that he would like to close tonight’s meeting in memory of two gentlemen who were former Councilmen for the Town of Haverstraw. Howard “Peter” Brooks and Frank Matone. Both former Councilmen served our community and Frank Matone was the Commissioner of Jurors. Howard “Pete” Brooks is the father of our Superintendent of Highways, Frank Brooks. The Supervisor also closed the meeting in memory of the following Town residents, who recently passed away: Gladys Santiago, Pablo Hernandez, Anthony Copicotta, Sr., Lillian Cocomello, Juan Ramon Larregui, Jr., Tammy Pannirello-Palmer, Harry Clayton Cox, Louise V. Meluzio, Nora M. McManus, Fernando Martinez, Gabriel Rodriguez, John B. Lepore, Catherine Kresback, Roza Sverdlova, Maria H. Lopez and Rose D. Ladden. Supervisor Phillips and the Town Board members further extended their condolences and sympathy to the families. Thereafter, a motion was made by Councilman Cancel, seconded by Councilman Gamboli to adjourn the Town Board Meeting.

RAQUEL VENTURA
First Deputy