

TOWN BOARD  
GARNERVILLE, NY  
OCTOBER 26, 2009

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw met at a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2009 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**

**323-09 TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2009** 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 Soto, and on roll call unanimously adopted.

**324-09 RESOLVED**, that bills numbered 3,704 through and including 3,906 in the amount of \$451,535.80 and an addendum to the October 13, 2009 Town Board Meeting, to change the bill numbers to 3,548 to 3703 be and they are hereby paid; and Highway Vouchers numbered 574 through and including 602 in the amount of \$22,221.84 audited at this meeting, be and they are hereby paid.

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

**No Reports.**

**REJECTION OF BID NO. 12-2009 - BELGIUM BLOCK CURB IMPROVEMENTS**

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

**325-09 RESOLVED, THAT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF JOSEPH CARUSO, PE OF MASER CONSULTANTS, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR BID NO. 12-2009 – BELGIUM BLOCK CURB IMPROVEMENTS.**

**ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT –2009 ROADWAY RESURFACING PROGRAM**

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

**326-09 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY APPROVES THE 2009 ROADWAY RESURFACING PROGRAM OF THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, AS A CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00, THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:**

**CHERRY LANE, CHERRY CIRCLE, OAK RIDGE ROAD, QUAKER ROAD, CEDAR ROAD, BIRCH DRIVE, WOODLAKE ROAD, EASTLAKE DRIVE AND HIGHLAKE DRIVE.**

**AWARD OF BID NO. 13-2009 – 2009 ROADWAY RESURFACING PROGRAM**

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

**327-09 RESOLVED, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF FRANK BROOKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS, AND THE BIDS HAVING BEEN FOUND IN ORDER BY WILLIAM STEIN, TOWN ATTORNEY AND JOSEPH CARUSO, PE OF MASER CONSULTANTS, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AWARD BID NO. 13-2009 TO RESURFACE THE FOLLOWING STREETS TO TILCON NEW YORK. INC. OF WEST NYACK, NEW YORK ,THE SOLE BIDDER, AT A PRICE OF \$440,747.00:**

**CHERRY LANE, CHERRY CIRCLE, OAK RIDGE ROAD, QUAKER ROAD, CEDAR ROAD, BIRCH DRIVE, WOODLAKE ROAD, EASTLAKE DRIVE AND HIGHLAKE DRIVE**

**CREATE POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER (CAD) (SPANISH SPEAKING) FULL TIME**

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

**328-09 RESOLVED, THAT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF CHARLES MILLER, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY CREATE THE POSITION OF POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER (CAD) (SPANISH SPEAKING) FULL TIME PERMANENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS POSITION IS SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL.**

**APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD LOPEZ – POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER (CAD) (SPANISH SPEAKING) FULL TIME**

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

**329-09 RESOLVED, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF CHARLES MILLER, CHIEF OF POLICE, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY APPOINT EDWARD LOPEZ OF GARNERVILLE, NEW YORK TO THE POSITION OF POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER (CAD) (SPANISH SPEAKING) FULL TIME, PERMANENT, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AT THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE STATION, AT SALARY CONTRACTED, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT SAID PERMANENT APPOINTMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND IS THE RESULT OF SUCCESSFULLY PASSING THE POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER (CAD) TEST, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT MR. LOPEZ WILL SERVE A PROBATION PERIOD OF (2) TWO YEARS.**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTH ROCKLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FOR TWO (2) RESOURCE OFFICERS AND THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW**

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

**330-09 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO APPOINT A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AT NORTH ROCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:45 A.M. TO 2:45 P.M. FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 TO JUNE 25, 2010, AND AT THE FIELDSTONE SECONDARY SCHOOL BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 TO JUNE 25, 2010, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL REIMBURSE THE TOWN FOR THE COST OF THE TWO (2) OFFICERS IN THE SUM OF \$80,099.00 FOR EACH OFFICER, PER SCHOOL YEAR.**

**SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON 2010 PRELIMINARY TOWN BUDGET**

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

**331-09 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, 2010, AT THE TOWN HALL, ONE ROSMAN ROAD, GARNERVILLE, NY, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009, 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.....	\$99,335.79
COUNCILMAN (EACH).....	\$19,184.23
TOWN CLERK.....	\$83,966.04
HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT .....	\$96,852.39

**RETAINER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AND  
BERARD & DONAHUE, CPA, PC**

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

**332-09 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY RETAIN THE SERVICES OF BERARD & DONAHUE, CPA, PC OF SUFFERN, NEW YORK FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009, AT A COST OF \$15,000.00.**

**APPROVAL FOR US e DIRECT GOLF SOFTWARE**

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

**333-09 RESOLVED, THAT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOLF COMMITTEE AND MICHAEL LAUDIEN, GOLF PRO, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE UPGRADE OF SOFTWARE FOR THE GOLF PROGRAM AT THE PHILIP J. ROTELLA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE FROM US e DIRECT OF HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK AT A FEE OF \$4,000.00; AND \$800.00 ANNUALLY FOR MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Noel Rappaport, 7 Lewis Drive, Garnerville stated that Main Street is a joke. The County destroyed the road – it is dangerous for the cars.

Supervisor Phillips stated that the County is tapering the roads and they were here today. The cars are coming up to the bridge and there is a three inch lip – it's terrible. Skip Vezzetti, from the County, milled the road and said that the guy was going out there today to taper the road. This has made for treacherous driving conditions. The Supervisor spoke to Scott Vanderhoef, County Executive and he stated that the machine broke down and is causing a big delay.

Noel Rappaport, 7 Lewis Drive, Garnerville stated that it's the same all the time.

Supervisor Phillips suggested that Mr. Rappaport call the County Executive's office and complain about Main Street. The roads are terrible and unsafe. The roads were milled about three weeks ago.

Noel Rappaport, 7 Lewis Drive, Garnerville brought to the attention of the Supervisor the full page ad in the Rockland County Times regarding the Haverstraw Police Beat. They put down every crime in the Town of Haverstraw. The Journal News did the same thing and its only in the Town of Haverstraw. Armed robbery is going on all over the place. There was one attempted burglary on Hudson Ave.

Supervisor Phillips stated that you can't stop idiots from committing these crimes. We are catching them.

Chief Miller stated when the press calls he gives them the information.

Noel Rappaport, 7 Lewis Drive, Garnerville asked why we are being totally dumped on with all of the Section 8 from Spring Valley and Nyack.

Supervisor Phillips stated that unfortunately everything is confidential. We met with Joe Abate, Rockland County Community Development Office and Section 8 is a big problem from Spring Valley. Landlords are renting to these Section 8 tenants. Mr. Abate and the County are working with us.

Noel Rappaport, 7 Lewis Drive, Garnerville stated that the women from 5 Broadway in Haverstraw moved back in.

Supervisor Phillips stated that we need the Village of Haverstraw to become more aggressive and the code enforcement officer also be more aggressive, as well.

Noel Rappaport, 7 Lewis Drive, Garnerville stated that Palisades Gardens now has Section 8 living there.

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Supervisor Phillips stated that the Chief and I need to sit down with the owners of Palisades Gardens. It's very frustrating for us.

### **TOWN BOARD MEMBERS**

Supervisor Phillips stated that the Radio Airplane Control Club was at Bowline Park and Peck's Pond this morning giving a demonstration. We would like to have the club do a demonstration at Bowline for the Halloween Festival or maybe for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The airplane club meets every Saturday morning at the new park on Beach Road.

Supervisor Phillips complimented Frank Brooks, Superintendent of Highways and his staff for the great job they did for the Highways open house. All the Departments work together and assist each other. We really do save a tremendous amount of taxpayers' funds.

Halloween Festival was yesterday. Over 5,000 hot dogs and goody bags were given out to the children. The Town really appreciates all of the sponsors. We would like to thank Annette Hendrie for organizing the Halloween costume party and all of the other Town employees and volunteers who helped to make the day a success.

Supervisor Phillips complimented Chief of Police Charles Miller for the number of arrests we had over the last week. The police are doing a very good job and seem to be on top of everything. We need the villages to work with us and to have another meeting with Tom Zugibe, DA.

St. Peter's and The Rotary had Spaghetti Dinners on Friday night and Knights of Columbus had 50s Night. On Saturday, Leo Laders celebrated their Octoberfest.

The Philip J. Rotella Memorial Golf Course is doing well. People are still playing.

Halloween Haunted House Decorating Contest will begin this week and the judging will be held this Thursday evening. Tilcon donated \$600 for five prizes in different amounts.

This year the Town reinstated the Tall Ships to take students from Haverstraw Middle School, Willow Grove, St. Peter's and St. Gregory's Schools to sail up the Hudson River.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**334-09** Supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr. stated that he would like to close tonight's meeting in memory of Omar Suarez, Virginia Prendergast and Aurea Mangual, 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 Gamboli, seconded by Councilman Soto the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

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**RAQUEL VENTURA**  
First Deputy