

TOWN BOARD
GARNERVILLE, NY
NOVEMBER 23, 2009

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw met at a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 23, 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

348-09 TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2009 submitted by the Town Clerk on motion by Councilman Soto, seconded by Councilman Gould, were unanimously adopted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

349-09 RESOLVED, that bills numbered 4,111 through and including 4,313 in the amount of \$2,452,987.39 be and they are hereby paid; and Highway Vouchers numbered 632 through and including 662 in the amount of \$42,551.01 audited at this meeting, be and they are hereby paid.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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

350-09 RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND IS HEREBY ACCEPTED: POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2009.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR PARKVIEW ESTATES

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

351-09 RESOLVED, THAT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF STEVEN SILVERBERG, ATTORNEY FOR THE PLANNING BOARD AND CONSULTING ENGINEER, JOSEPH CARUSO, PE OF MASER CONSULTANTS THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY ACCEPTS THE DEDICATION OF THE ROADS FOR THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS PARKVIEW ESTATES INCLUDING EASEMENTS FOR HAVERSTRAW EQUITIES AND PROPERTY OF ROCKLAND, LLC.

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**AUTHORIZATION TO BID NO.14 -2009- PEST CONTROL SERVICES AT THE
TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW SANITARY LANDFILL**

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

352-09 RESOLVED, THAT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF RONALD BADONE, PROJECT ENGINEER OF CONVERSE ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, PC, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR PEST CONTROL SERVICES AT THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW SANITARY LANDFILL, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED THAT SAID BIDS SHALL BE RECEIVED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK, ONE ROSMAN ROAD, GARNERVILLE, NEW YORK.

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AND NYACK HOSPITAL
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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

353-09 RESOLVED, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW THE SUPERVISOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NYACK HOSPITAL FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING TO THE TOWN EMPLOYEES AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT SAID AGREEMENT SHALL COMMENCE ON JANUARY 1, 2010 AND EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2010, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT SAID AMENDED AGREEMENT SHALL BE AT A TOTAL COST OF \$7,000.

RESCHEDULE TOWN BOARD MEETING

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

354-09 RESOLVED, THAT THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009 AT 8:00 P.M., AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE SECOND TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR DECEMBER 28, 2009, HAS BEEN CANCELLED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE LEGAL HOLIDAY FOR CHRISTMAS.

**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING - TO SET 2010 GOLF RATES AT THE TOWN OF
HAVERSTRAW'S PHILIP J. ROTELLA MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE**

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

355-09 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO SET THE 2010 GOLF RATES AT THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW'S PHILIP J. ROTELLA MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE. SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009 AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL, ONE ROSMAN ROAD, GARNERVILLE, NEW YORK, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN CLERK SHALL PUBLISH SAID NOTICE AND ALL PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND WILL BE HEARD BY THE BOARD.

**EXTENSION OF LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF THE TOWN OF RAMAPO
POLICE RANGE FACILITY**

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

356-09 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF RAMAPO FOR A ONE (1) YEAR PERIOD TO USE THE RAMAPO POLICE RANGE AT NO COST TO THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW.

AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL LAUDIEN AND THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW

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

357-09 RESOLVED, THAT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW GOLF COMMITTEE, THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL LAUDIEN AS GOLF PRO FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW'S PHILIP J. ROTELLA MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PEARL RIVER
PLUMBING, HEATING AND ELECTRIC, INC. – PLUMBING FOR HAVERSTRAW
AMBULANCE CORP BUILDING**

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

358-09 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PEARL RIVER PLUMBING, HEATING AND ELECTRIC, INC. OF PEARL RIVER, NEW YORK TO PROVIDE PLUMBING SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AMBULANCE CORP. BUILDING PER THE BID SPECIFICATIONS IN THE SUM OF \$36,500.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AAA COOLERATION –
HVAC FOR THE HAVERSTRAW AMBULANCE CORP BUILDING**

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

359-09 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AAA COOLERATION SERVICES, INC., OF GARNERVILLE, NEW YORK, THE LOW BIDDER, TO PROVIDE HVAC SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AMBULANCE CORP. BUILDING PER THE BID SPECIFICATIONS IN THE SUM OF \$26,995.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Martin Bagrosky, Oakwood Lane, Thiells stated that the amount of businesses that are closing up is horrible in the Foremost Shopping Center. Is there any possibility of the Town breaking through to Balsam Road.

Supervisor Phillips stated that we are looking into this and that the Supervisor spoke to Joe Caruso, PE of Maser Consultants, who is the Town Engineer, and he said that he would have an answer by the beginning of the new year. Supervisor stated that he was not sure if a traffic study was necessary because the distance from the intersection was short and wants to make sure that the cars are not stacked. Let's give Mr. Caruso a chance. I'm sure he will come back with the right thing.

Martin Bagrosky, Oakwood Lane, Thiells stated that it's a terrible situation.

Supervisor Phillips stated that the parking spaces to the east are really ever used. There is no way they will meet site distance.

Martin Bagrosky, Oakwood Lane, Thiells stated that the taxes are driving the businesses out of here. His taxes have increased 118% over the past few years.

Supervisor Phillips stated that in September of 2009 there was no increase in N.R. School tax.

Martin Bagrosky, Oakwood Lane, Thiells stated that the STAR Program has been wiped out. Right now we are paying actually double.

Supervisor Phillips stated that they have been reducing the STAR exemption every year. They took out your rebate check and reduced it every year and they are not sending you a rebate check this year.

Martin Bagrosky, Oakwood Lane, Thiells stated that it's driving businesses out.

Supervisor Phillips stated that we still have the lowest Town taxes in Rockland County, lowest sewer tax in Rockland County and Hudson Valley. We are lower than any community.

Martin Bagrosky, Oakwood Lane, Thiells stated that the taxes increased by 118% since 2000 and I am not saying it is the Town tax. Town, County and Solid Waste went up 300%.

Supervisor Phillips stated that in 2004 we began an agreement with the Village of Haverstraw for about \$800,000 to \$1 million to phase in their Police Department. The Town of Haverstraw's budget increased considerably because of the police in the Village. The Village of Haverstraw decided they no longer wanted a Police Department. The Police are part of the General Fund and are the number one increase in our budget. The police make up 73% of the increase in our spending.

Martin Bagrosky, Oakwood Lane, Thiells stated that many unnecessary calls have made this go up. Kids are on ATVs and dirt bikes, and people are calling left and right. It's probably costing \$300,000 a year to chase a kid on a motor bike.

Supervisor Phillips stated that we will entertain any ideas on saving money.

Martin Bagrosky, Oakwood Lane, Thiells stated that he gave them hints as to where they were on the dirt bikes.

Councilman Cancel stated that Middletown taxes are higher than here.

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Martin Bagrosky, Oakwood Lane, Thiells stated that Middletown is going down the toilet.

Supervisor Phillips stated that the PBA is not happy with us because we went to binding arbitration. This is the one area that we cannot cut. Taking over the Village of Haverstraw has put a lot of a burden on the Town. Over the summer, the Village asked the Sheriff's Department to assist them with mounted patrol and the PBA is suing the Village.

PRESENTATION TO WILBUR ALDRIDGE

Supervisor Phillips and the Town Board members presented a picture of Martin Luther King, Jr. to Wilbur Aldridge to honor him for being recognized and receiving the E. T. Reed Medal from the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church. Supervisor Phillips stated that it was his pleasure to recognize a person who has dedicated his life to the civil and human rights of all human beings. Wilbur is a man who has served on numerous boards and committees and most importantly, he is a devoted husband to his wife, Margaret Keyes Aldridge and a Trustee of his beloved Calvary Baptist Church. Wilbur is a person who has made a difference in this world for the betterment of society. Wilbur believed that he could change the world for the better and he has. It is my pleasure to present this gift from the people of Haverstraw in recognition of his receiving the prestigious E. T. Reed Medal from the NAACP.

ADJOURNMENT

360-09 Supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr. stated that he would like to close tonight's meeting in memory of Edna H. Robinson, Adriane D. Gibson, Gloria M. Henningsen, Ernest Fisher, Joan C. Lewis, Herminia Ferosa, Marion McGilvray, Elizabeth Wilson, Shelia Ann Bertrand and Charles F. Freyfogle, Jr., 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 Cancel the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

JOSEPHINE E. CARELLA
Town Clerk