

TOWN BOARD  
GARNERVILLE, NY  
OCTOBER 15, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw met at a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 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**

**384-13 ADOPTION OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23 2013, AND TENTATIVE BUDGET MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2013** 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.

**385-13 RESOLVED**, that bills numbered 3,356 through and including 3,593 in the amount of \$521,293.39 be and they are hereby paid, audited at this meeting, be and they are hereby paid; and Highway Vouchers numbered 467 through and including 511 in the amount of \$33,599.86 audited at this meeting, be and they are hereby paid.

**ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

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

**386-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2013 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND IS HEREBY ACCEPTED.**

**CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECT – CONSTRUCTION OF PUMP STATION AT BOWLINE PARK**

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

**387-13 RESOLVED, THAT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF PATRICK BRADY, PE, CONSULTING ENGINEER, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY CLOSE THE CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUMP STATION AT BOWLINE PARK, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT THIS CAPITAL PROJECT WAS BUDGETED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000.00. OF WHICH \$101,635.00 WAS EXPENDED TO COMPLETE THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROJECT AND THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$18,355.00 WILL BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE SEWER FUND (SS).**

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**CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECT – BATHHOUSE ROOF & CONCESSION STAND AT BOWLINE PARK**

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

**388-13 RESOLVED, THAT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF MICHAEL COTIER, DIRECTOR OF PARKS, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY CLOSE THE CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE BATHHOUSE ROOF AND CONCESSION STAND AT BOWLINE PARK, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT THIS CAPITAL PROJECT WAS BUDGETED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00. OF WHICH \$63,800.00 WAS EXPENDED TO COMPLETE THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROJECT AND THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$6,200.00 WILL BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND.**

**CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECT – HOEY CIRCLE STREAM REPAIR**

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

**389-13 RESOLVED, THAT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF PATRICK BRADY, CONSULTING ENGINEER, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY CLOSE THE CAPITAL PROJECT FOR HOEY CIRCLE STREAM REPAIR, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT THIS CAPITAL PROJECT WAS BUDGETED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00. OF WHICH \$24,800.00 WAS EXPENDED TO COMPLETE THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROJECT AND THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$5,200.00 WILL BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND.**

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

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

**390-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY AUTHORIZES MICHAEL GAMBOLI, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO TRANSFER \$42,931.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT FUND TO CORRECT FUNDING OF VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS.**

**PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

Supervisor Phillips and the Town Board members honored and recognized several outstanding Hispanic citizens of the Town of Haverstraw for Hispanic Heritage Month. Councilman Soto stated that October is designated as Hispanic Heritage Month. In the Town of Haverstraw, Hispanic or Latino makes up approximately 32% of our population comprising f Puerto Rican, Dominican, Mexican and Ecuadorian. The Village of Haverstraw makes up approximately 60% of Hispanic or Latino. Haverstraw significantly has the largest Latino percentage in Rockland County. Originally, Puerto Rican and Dominican, Haverstraw has seen an influx of other Hispanic groups including Mexican and Ecuadorian in recent years. These groups have contributed to the culture, economy and rich history of our Town. Supervisor Phillips, and Councilmen Cancel, Gamboli, Gould and Soto recognize and honor the following individuals: Virginia Candelario; Angel and Guadalupe Ferreira; Israel and Maria Mercado; Americo “Matite” Sanchez; Luis Rivas; Ercilio and Lucinda Liranzo; Johnny Ortiz; Eric Collazo; Pamela Rodriguez; Melanie De La Cruz; Lizbeth Ramos; Luis Tejada and Yliana Vazquez.

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Supervisor Phillips and the Town Board members presented a plaque to the Haverstraw Little League Cardinal Champions for their 2013 victories.

**PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO THE**  
**2013 HAVERSTRAW LITTLE LEAGUE CARDINALS**  
**MAJOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

**TEAM RECORD: 22-2**

*Andres Almonte #6*  
*Brandon Bottoni #12*  
*Joel Echevarria #1*  
*Chris Enriquez #13*  
*Kevin Ferreira #3*  
*Joe Lieberman #4*  
*Sean Liquori #7*

*Juwan Lopez #9*  
*Kedwin Lopez #14*  
*Joey LoRusso #2*  
*Christian LoRusso #5*  
*Jason Maldonado #8*  
*Oscar Reyes #11*

*Tom Bottoni*  
*Manager*

*Marco Lopez*  
*Coach*

*John LoRusso*  
*Coach*

*Frank DeLusso*  
*Honorary Member*

**TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS**  
**TEAM PITCHING STAFF STRIKE OUTS**  
**266 BATTERS**  
**TEAMS TOTAL HITS**  
**196**  
**PITCHING STAFF ERA PER GAME**  
**2.8**  
**TEAM HOME RUNS**  
**20**

**IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE THAT THE**  
**PEOPLE OF THE TOWN HAVERSTRAW AND ELECTED OFFICIALS**  
**PRESENT THIS PLAQUE TO YOU FOR DEMONSTRATING THE ABILITY, TALENT**  
**AND ATHLETICISM REQUIRED IN CAPTURING THE TITLE**  
**OF**  
**2013 MAJOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**

***“THESE CARDS DON’T FOLD”***

**ON THIS 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2013**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Lou Morris, 23 Richard Ct. voiced his concerns about an accident on Thiells Mt. Ivy Road across from Mt. Ivy Café. He stated that it was dark and that he could hardly see the officer who was directing traffic since their uniform shirt was gray. It was very difficult to see. They should have reflectors on their clothing. Mr. Morris wanted to bring it to the Board’s attention.

Supervisor Phillips stated that Mr. Morris brought up a good point. It may have been the State Police. Police Chief Charles Miller was in the audience and the Supervisor asked him if our officers wore some type of reflective gear.

Chief Charles Miller stated that the Town of Haverstraw officers wear a reflective vest and that he will contact the State Police to see what type of gear they use.

Joel Santana, Dominican American Coalition of Haverstraw asked who from the board was present for the most recent public forums at Clarkstown and Haverstraw Middle School.

Supervisor Phillips stated that he came late to the one at Haverstraw Middle and attended the one in Clarkstown as well. This application has been going on for seven years. There have been a number of public hearings and meetings with both the Town and Planning Board and we attended most or all of them. United Water has spent \$56,000,000 into this project. It's taking seven years for the PSC to make a decision. It's not fair to the people of Rockland and New York. We are being told that they want to recoup the money from the rate payers. This has got to come to an end soon.

Joel Santana, Dominican American Coalition of Haverstraw stated that it was nice that the board recognized the Haverstraw Little League Champions tonight and the youth of our community. What message can you give to all of us and why should we stay in this village.

Supervisor Phillips stated that it's very challenging for someone starting out. We have the lowest town tax and sewer tax in Rockland County. The Town of Haverstraw has the Youth Board where we offer to all our children the opportunity to attend sporting events, Broadway plays, museums, etc. We offer Day Camp in the summer to town resident children. There is "Dancing Under the Stars" in the Village of Haverstraw. Police Academy is in its 6<sup>th</sup> year and approximately 30 students attend. The Police Explorers and Youth Court are all great programs for the youth. There is the NR Soccer, Haverstraw Little League, Midget Football, CYO & PAL Basketball; PAL Baseball, and weekend open gym in the two villages. The Town taxes are less than Village taxes. We are providing more and more services to continue these programs. The Town has a Halloween Festival every year with over 1,000 participants at Bowline. There are four new handicap restrooms, a gazebo, pavilion and dock at Bowline at no cost to the local taxpayer. Our golf course also provides youth golf camps. The Town would like to build a new shopping center at the old sand and gravel pit in Pomona to create new jobs. We need to create rateables.

Supervisor Phillips stated to Joel that this is the first time I have seen you come to a Town Board Meeting. We love when people get involved. Could you please send some literature on the Dominican American Coalition of Haverstraw? Once you see how we work with the people of Haverstraw you are going to love it. The different things our board members are involved in – St. Peter's Church, St. Greg's youth program, Elks & Knights of Columbus – Councilmen Soto and Cancel. Come get involved and we hope to see more of you.

Clementi Ferreira, 4 Union St. Haverstraw asked why the Village of Haverstraw taxes went up.

Supervisor Phillips stated that you need to go to village board meetings and ask them. They are doing a revitalization. We have negotiated with the owners of the Harbors of Haverstraw and we came to an agreement with the use of a pilot program so that he would construct the remaining five pads which will equal 144 new units. We have helped the village by use of our law enforcement tools namely with a global approach with the Sheriff Dept., DA and FBI fighting crime. Our police officers are walking the streets, but with that comes cost. We went down to 67 officers to try and save money, overtime shot up, 17 officers were on 207c line of duty injury. So we are looking for ways to fight crime and are very proactive. You cannot expect one Police Department to fight crime, it's a global approach.

The Town Board has called for a tax summit after Election Day. We are asking the County, School District, and Fire Districts to come and explain what's going on with their budgets.

Frank Abreu, Dominican American Coalition of Haverstraw stated that you are trying to do the best with the taxes and trying to keep the cost down. I don't see it in my taxes. For 8

years the taxes have gone up significantly. I have gone from paying \$5,400 to \$11,000. (Mr. Abreu stated that he lives on Malone Ave.) Where are these taxes coming from? Won't somebody work with the school taxes and try to control this. We need somebody to help us.

Supervisor Phillips stated that this is why we are having a tax summit. 60% of the budget is police.

Frank Abreu, Dominican American Coalition stated that you should protect us. You are our leaders.

Supervisor Phillips asked if they ever attended a school board meeting. Mr. Abreu, Mr. Santana and Mr. Ferreira stated no. Come to the tax summit.

Mel Post, 1422 Roundpointe Drive, Haverstraw, NY stated that he understands their plight 100%. There are three separate entities - the town, school and village. You need to go to village meetings, school board meetings and town meetings. You need to be an activist for your community. Get up and speak at these meetings and let them know what you are doing to the homes, businesses and families. Bring out your whole community.

Andres Abreu, 12 Beechwood Lane, Garnerville, NY stated that the town assessment is higher than the village assessment.

Supervisor Phillips stated that the school board goes by the town assessment. The Supervisor asked Mr. Abreu to call him and they would sit down with the Town Assessor.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town of Haverstraw's Annual Halloween Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at Bowline Park from 12 pm to 4 pm. Rain date is Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> same time and place. There will be hotdogs, goody bags, a haunted house, hay rides and inflatable rides.

The Youth Board flier will be going out soon to the schools. The Radio City Christmas Show is scheduled for Thursday, December 12. Please call Town Hall for further information at 429-2200.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**391-13** Supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr. stated that he would like to close tonight's meeting in memory of Rosemary A. Polesovsky, Josephine More, Jane A. Bové, Nancy Paride, Charles Cargile, Elizabeth Hedges, Shelia M. Larkin, William H. Baker, Pauline M. Hannapple, Phoebe Grodsky, Elizabeth Montefinese, Lucy Minenna, Norma Cintron, Jose Maldonado, Iris Elizabeth Thomas, Buhumil "Bob" Borovec, Albert Pike, Carol Ann Griffiths and Estelle Calao, who recently passed away. The Town Board members further extended their condolences and sympathy to the families. Therefore, a motion was made by Councilman Soto, seconded by Councilman Cancel, unanimously adopted, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

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**KAREN L. BULLEY**  
Town Clerk