

TOWN BOARD  
GARNERVILLE, NY  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw held a Public Hearing on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Town Hall, One Rosman Road, Garnerville, New York.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING SEWER ASSESSMENT ROLL 2013**

Supervisor Phillips announced that this Public Hearing is being held with respect to the Sewer Assessment Roll for Sewer District No.1, Town of Haverstraw, the acceptance of said Sewer Assessment Roll and the establishment of sewer rent rates for Sewer District No. 1 for the year 2013.

The Town Clerk read proof of publication and presented the Affidavit of Publication to the Board.

**PRESENTATION BY SUPERVISOR HOWARD T. PHILLIPS, JR.**

Supervisor Phillips stated that this is a proforma public hearing that is held every year according to state law for the waste water assessment roll. The Sewer Assessment Roll identifies all of the properties in the Town and shows how many sewer units on the property. The Sewer Assessment Roll is in the Town Assessor's Office for your perusal Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Town Hall.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**No Comment.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**None.**

**CLOSE HEARING**

**367-13** On Motion by Councilman Gould, seconded by Councilman Cancel, unanimously adopted, the Public Hearing was closed.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION**

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

**368-13** **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw, does hereby adopt the Sewer Assessment Roll and the establishment of Sewer Rent Rates for Sewer District No.1 for the year 2013.

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**KAREN L. BULLEY**  
Town Clerk

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

**369-13 ADOPTION OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9 2013**, submitted by the Town Clerk on motion by Councilman Cancel, seconded by Councilman Gould, were unanimously adopted.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**370-13 RESOLVED**, that bills numbered 3,173 through and including 3,353 in the amount of \$560,643.15 be and they are hereby paid, audited at this meeting, be and they are hereby paid; and Highway Vouchers numbered 447 through and including 466 in the amount of \$11,492.05 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.

**371-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2013 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND IS HEREBY ACCEPTED.**

**PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO FIREMAN  
THOMAS GORMLEY**

Supervisor Phillips and the Haverstraw Town Board presented a plaque to Thomas Gormley for his 50 years of dedicated service as a volunteer fireman for the General Warren 2 Fire Department in Haverstraw. The Supervisor also thanked Mr. Joe Gordon for his who was also in the audience having 63 years with General Warren as a volunteer firefighter.

**AGREEMENT WITH ROCKLAND MOBILE CARE, INC.**

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

**372-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ROCKLAND MOBILE CARE, INC. OF CHESTNUT RIDGE, NEW YORK TO PROVIDE PARAMEDIC SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW FOR THE TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2014 AT A COST OF \$672,719.00.**

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**SET DATE FOR RECEIPT OF 2014 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

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

**373-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN CLERK BE AND SHE HEREBY IS AUTHORIZED TO PUBLISH A NOTICE THAT A SPECIAL MEETING SHALL BE HELD IN ORDER FOR THE TOWN BOARD TO RECEIVE FROM THE TOWN CLERK FOR THE 2014 TENTATIVE BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT SAID SPECIAL MEETING SHALL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2013, AT 3:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL, ONE ROSMAN ROAD, GARNERVILLE, NEW YORK.**

**CHANGE OF MEETING DATE - COLUMBUS DAY**

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

**374-13 WHEREAS, THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW IN OCTOBER, IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2013, THE LEGAL HOLIDAY FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN CLERK IS AUTHORIZED TO PUBLISH A NOTICE THAT SAID MEETING IS HEREBY RESCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013, AT 8:00 P.M.**

**APPOINTMENT OF TOWN ASSESSOR**

The following resolution was approved by all of the board members.

**375-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY APPOINT JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY OF STONY POINT, NEW YORK TO THE POSITION OF ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT SAID APPOINTMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND THE STATE OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY SERVICES, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT SAID APPOINTMENT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE AS OF 10/1/2013 FOR A TERM OF SIX (6) YEARS, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF TOWN ASSESSOR SHALL BE AS BUDGETED.**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR JUSTICE COURT TO APPLY FOR 2013-2014 GRANTS FOR THE JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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

**376-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY GRANTS PERMISSION FOR CLAUDIA OSSMAN, COURT CLERK TO**

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**APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE 2013-14 JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING SOFTWARE TO SCAN COURT DOCUMENTS AND FOR THE SERVICES TO SCAN AND DESTROY ALL CLOSED CASE FILES.**

**AGREEMENT WITH UNITED WATER NEW YORK INC. TO REIMBURSE THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW FOR LEGAL FEES IN REGARDS TO THE HAVERSTRAW WATER SUPPLY PROJECT**

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

**377-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH UNITED WATER TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT IN LEGAL COSTS INCURRED BY THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW IN REGARD TO THE HAVERSTRAW WATER SUPPLY PROJECT UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$75,000.00.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF RESIGNATION – POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY AKERS**

The following resolution was approved by all of the board members.

**378-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, DOES HERE BY ACCEPT A LETTER OF RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES FOR POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY AKERS, FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE, OCTOBER 1, 2013.**

**APPOINTMENT OF COURT ATTENDANT – SELWART CLARKE**

The following resolution was approved by all of the board members.

**379-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY APPOINT SELWART CLARKE OF GARNERVILLE, NEW YORK TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME COURT ATTENDANT WITH THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW JUSTICE COURT ON AN AS-NEEDED-BASIS, AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$18.00, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT THIS APPOINTMENT WAS APPROVED BY THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND IS SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL.**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AND GHD CONSULTING SERVICES INC.**

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

**380-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GHD CONSULTING SERVICES INC. OF CAZENOVIA, NEW YORK FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESTORATION OF THE BOWLINE POINT PARK SEAWALL AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$44,500.00.**

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**SURPLUS VEHICLE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW PARKS DEPARTMENT**

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

**381-13 RESOLVED, BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF MICHAEL COTIER, PARK DIRECTOR, THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY DECLARES ONE (1) 2000 GMC 3500 HD RACK TRUCK AS A SURPLUS VEHICLE FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW PARKS DEPARTMENT, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT SAID VEHICLE WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE JOINT REGIONAL SEWERAGE BOARD IN EXCHANGE FOR A 2003 FORD F350 XL WITH A PLOW.**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AND ATZL, SCATASSA & ZIGLER, P.C.**

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

**382-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ATZL, SCATASSA & ZIGLER, P.C. OF NEW CITY, NEW YORK FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE EMERGENCY ACCESS FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO CREEKVIEW DRIVE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,250.00.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Burt Singer, 10 Chestnut Drive, Pomona, NY complimented the Supervisor on running a very good government so it seems. I am embarrassed by a situation that no one seems to care about democracy and freedom of speech. You wanted to eliminate lawn signs and didn't want them now instead of the lawn signs there are huge billboards. There's no need for this. You guys are going to win and you know you are going to win.

Supervisor Phillips stated that he politely disagrees with Mr. Singer. My Town Board members and I have received hundreds of complaints about these signs and not just political ones. To give you an example, there was a business from Nanuet that placed over 200 "Going out of Business" signs all over the Town every weekend. The signs became sight distance problems and we received many complaints. This is why democracy works. Our opposition had the biggest signs of anyone and spent \$3,500.00 a month for the billboard. They outspent us and out signed us but democracy does work. They outnumbered us with the signs and we believe they were paying people to put them in their stores and businesses. I appreciate everything you said. You are one of the few people who ever come to our meetings from Pomona. We want them to know what we are doing. Our best supporters are the ones who know what their taxes are. I hope you encourage more residents from the Village of Pomona to attend our meetings.

Burt Singer, 10 Chestnut Drive, Pomona, NY stated that he feels the Supervisor and Board are running a good government.

Supervisor Phillips stated that if we don't discuss the issues then you don't hear their side of it. One of our opponents demanded audits stating fraud in Town government. If you believe there's fraud then go to the media, D.A. or Attorney General. We have an independent audit done every year. Because they don't come to the meetings and they don't know what is going on. That's why people come out and support us. I hope that you would send a message back to them and get them involved.

Larry Montroy, 289 West Side Ave., Haverstraw asked if anything can be done about the bike riders.

Supervisor Phillips stated that he has seen them in the middle of the road when traffic is coming. There should be a bigger path. They are coming up from the city. The bike path in the villages goes to Bear Mountain. I will send a letter to state representatives to designate the NYSDOT to design some type of line that they can stay in.

Larry Montroy, 289 West Side Ave., Haverstraw stated that they have to start obeying the traffic laws.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Village of Haverstraw Street Fair was this past weekend. It was great to see everyone.

The Farmer's Markets in the Villages of Haverstraw and West Haverstraw are doing really well.

The Town of Haverstraw PBA presents the Bricktown Challenge Triathlon on Sunday, September 29, 2013 at 8:00 am at the Haverstraw Bay County Park.

The Rockland County Police Emerald Society had a 5K run at Bowline Park on Sunday, September 22, 2013.

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.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**383-13** Supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr. stated that he would like to close tonight's meeting in memory of Mildred Cole-Hatchard, Margaret E. Murray, Frances Antoinette Bonacci, Sister Kathleen Gorres, Lucy F. Babcock and Carols Umana, 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 Gould, unanimously adopted, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

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**KAREN L. BULLEY**  
Town Clerk