

TOWN BOARD
GARNERVILLE, NY
APRIL 22, 2019

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw met at a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 22, 2019, at 7:00 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 (Absent)
Councilman	Hector L. Soto (Absent)

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

210-19 **ADOPTION OF MINUTES - TOWN BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2019** as submitted by the Town Clerk and on motion by Councilman Cancel, seconded by Councilman Gamboli were unanimously adopted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

211-19 **RESOLVED**, that bills numbered 1157 through 1309 in the amount of \$651,927.28 and Highway bills numbered 208 through 236 in the amount of \$20,074.43 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.

212-19 **RESOLVED**, that Police Department Activity Report for the month of March 2019 has been submitted and is hereby accepted.

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw held a Public Hearing on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:05 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 (Absent)
Councilman	Hector L. Soto (Absent)

PUBLIC HEARING – TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO 2 – 2019

Supervisor Phillips announced that this Public Hearing was being held to consider adopting Local Law 2 – 2019 to adopt Business Improvement Exemption as authorized by Section 485-b of the Real Property Tax Law.

The Town Clerk read the proof of publication.

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PRESENTATION BY WILLIAM M. STEIN, TOWN ATTORNEY

William M. Stein, Town Attorney stated that the proposed law would provide incentives for the construction, alteration, installation or improvement of existing businesses and the location of new businesses in the Town of Haverstraw granting tax exemptions to said businesses under NY State 485-b. It gives a stepped up tax assessment. The first year the business would be assessed at full value, but for purposes of the 485-b it would only be taxed at 50% of the full value. Each year over 10 years it steps up 5%. Such exemption shall only be granted upon application by the owner of the property and approval of the application. This local law shall take effect on April 1, 2021.

Mr. Stein also stated that there is a public storage facility project that is been contemplated where the Hood Law office is presently located. The current owners looked at doing a PILOT but it didn't work well. The Town of Haverstraw is looking at this law to attract new business in our community.

Supervisor Phillips stated that this is one of the tools that we can use to bring in rateables, which could translate into reducing the Town residential taxes. This project would add greater value to the property than the building that is currently on that location. In addition, it will create jobs during construction and after it is completed and open for business.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Keith Shikowitz, Garnerville, NY asked if the proposed location for the storage unit would be suitable due to the heavy traffic in the area.

Supervisor Phillips stated that since the property is located in the Village of Haverstraw the entire planning process went through the Village Planning Board and the Village Board and encouraged Mr. Shikowitz to get in contact with the Village of Haverstraw. Supervisor Phillips also stated that there are other similar facilities in our area and they are working well, and do not seem to have a negative impact on traffic.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

213-19 On motion by Councilman Gamboli and seconded by Councilman Cancel unanimously adopted, the Public Hearing was closed.

ADOPT RESOLUTION

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

214-19 **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw, does hereby adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2019 to adopt Business Improvement Exemption as authorized by Section 485-b of the Real Property Tax Law.

RAQUEL VENTURA
Town Clerk

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**PUBLIC HEARING – PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 127-31 OF THE TOWN CODE OF
THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW**

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw held a Public Hearing on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:10 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 (Absent)
Councilman	Hector L. Soto (Absent)

Supervisor Phillips announced that this Public Hearing is being held for the purpose of hearing all comments and suggestions regarding the property located at 321 Route 202, Pomona, New York 10970 due to the failure of the owner and/or tenant and/or occupant of the above premises to correct a condition complained of, specifically that there is an abundance of debris on the property as well as uncharacteristic graffiti painted on the building causing a public nuisance.

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

PRESENTATION BY TOWN ATTORNEY WILLIAM M. STEIN

Town Attorney William M. Stein stated that George Behn, Building Inspector, presented photographs to the Board showing the condition of the property. Mr. Behn has received complaints regarding this property. Mr. Behn issued violations and has not received a response to resolve the issues mentioned. Under Section 127-31 of the Town Code, that when there are "Zombie properties" that are in foreclosure or about to be in foreclosure or where there is no longer an interested property owner/tenant to maintain the outside of the property, the Town Board can schedule a Public Hearing to adopt a resolution allowing the Building Inspector to get estimates and hire a private contractor to do the work to maintain the outside of the property.

An Affidavit of Posting and proof that a certified letter was sent to the last known address of the property owner were presented to the Town Clerk.

BOARD MEMBERS

The Town Board found that the property had an abundance of debris on the property as well as uncharacteristic graffiti painted on the building in violation of the Town Code property maintenance provisions and gave the Building Inspector continuing authorization to retain a contractor for the remaining of the year 2019.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Supervisor Phillips stated to let the record note that no public comment was offered.

CLOSE HEARING

215-19 On motion by Councilman Cancel, seconded by Councilman Gamboli, unanimously adopted, the Public Hearing was closed.

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ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING 321 ROUTE 202, POMONA, NEW YORK 10970

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

216-19 Whereas the Town Board scheduled a public hearing on April 8, 2019 at 7:10 p.m., pursuant to Town Code §127-31, Property Maintenance - Removal by Town, regarding the failure of the owner of the property located at 321 Route 202, Pomona, New York 10970 to maintain the exterior of the premises in accordance with requirements of §127-21 and §127-22 of the Town Code

Whereas said Notice of Public Hearing was posted on the property and sent to the last-known address of the property owner as it appears on the current tax assessment roll, sent by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Request, at least 15 days prior to the date of the public hearing, and

Whereas the Town Board held the public hearing on April 22, 2019 at 7:10 p.m. and received testimony and exhibits from the Building Inspector and the Town Board having found that the property owner has failed to maintain the premises in accordance with requirements of §127-21 and §127-22 of the Town Code entitled Maintenance of Exterior Premises. Now, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Building Inspector to retain private contractors to maintain the exterior of the premises in order that they will be in compliance with Town Code §127-21 and §127-22 with such maintenance to continue throughout the rest of the calendar year 2019, and such charges and expenses shall be an expense against the record owner of the property. These expenses shall constitute a lien and charge on the real property on which it is levied until paid or otherwise satisfied or discharged and shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as other Town charges, including the \$500 administrative fee.

PUBLIC HEARING - TO ABOLISH THE ELECTIVE OFFICE OF RECEIVER OF TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AND TO CREATE THE POSITION OF AN APPOINTED RECEIVER OF TAXES.

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw held a Public Hearing on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:15 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 (Absent)
Councilman	Hector L. Soto (Absent)

Supervisor Phillips announced that this Public Hearing was being held to consider adopting Local Law 3 – 2019 to abolish the Elective Office of Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Haverstraw and to create the position of an Appointed Receiver of Taxes.

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

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PRESENTATION BY SUPERVISOR PHILLIPS AND WILLIAM M. STEIN, TOWN ATTORNEY

Supervisor Phillips stated that the Receiver of Taxes position and her office are extremely busy twice a year when they are collecting taxes in January for the Town and County taxes, and in September for the School taxes. After that time, they have a significant decreased amount of work. What the Town is trying to do by making the Receiver of Taxes an appointed position is to create more flexibility and more availability so that the Receiver of Taxes and her Deputy can help the other offices in Town Hall. We are trying to serve the people of Haverstraw in a more efficient and greater capacity. Donna Rose, our current Receiver of Taxes, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ann McGovern, Receiver of Taxes, for the Town of Haverstraw, effective as of March 30, 2019.

William M. Stein, Town Attorney stated that this Local Law will not go into effect until January 1, 2022 and is also subject to a mandatory New York State referendum which means that this will be on the ballot this coming November.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Supervisor Phillips stated to let the record note that no public comment was offered.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

217-19 On motion by Councilman Cancel and seconded by Councilman Gamboli unanimously adopted, the Public Hearing was closed.

ADOPT RESOLUTION

Supervisor Phillips stated that before taking the vote to adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2019 he wanted stated on the record that both Councilman Gould and Councilman Soto expressed their approval to adopt Local Law No. 3-2019 and they also wanted it stated on the record.

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

218-19 **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw, does hereby adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2019 to abolish the Elective Office of Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Haverstraw and to create the position of an Appointed Receiver of Taxes.

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Town Clerk

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**AGREEMENT WITH RESCUE ONE TRAINING FOR LIFE, INC. AND
THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW**

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

219-18 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ONE TRAINING FOR LIFE, INC. TO PROVIDE THREE (3) CPR/AED GROUP CLASSES FOR TOWN HALL, PARKS DEPARTMENT AND GOLF COURSE EMPLOYEES AT A COST OF \$65.00 PER PERSON.

**CREATE POSITION – DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWN OF
HAVERSTRAW BUILDING DEPARTMENT (FULL TIME)**

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

220-19 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY CREATE ONE (1) DEPUTY BUILDING INSPECTOR, FULL TIME POSITION (COMPETITIVE) FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW BUILDING DEPARTMENT, AND BE IT FURTHER

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

NOMINATE ERIC DIPAOLO- POLICE OFFICER FULL TIME

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by all of the Town Board Members.

221-19 RESOLVED, THAT UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF PETER MURPHY, CHIEF OF POLICE, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY NOMINATE ERIC DIPAOLO OF POMONA, NEW YORK TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER, FULL TIME FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AND BE IT FURTHER

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

**CREATE TWO (2) POLICE OFFICER (SPANISH SPEAKING-FULL TIME)
POSITIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted by all of the Town Board Members.

222-19 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY CREATE TWO (2) POLICE OFFICER (SPANISH SPEAKING), FULL TIME POSITIONS (COMPETITIVE) FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND BE IT FURTHER

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

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**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – TO HEAR ALL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS
REGARDING THE PROPERTY LOCATED 450 WILLOW GROVE ROAD,
STONY POINT, NEW YORK 10980**

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

223-19 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 127-31 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR ALL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 450 WILLOW GROVE ROAD, STONY POINT, NEW YORK 10980 DUE TO THE FAILURE OF THE OWNER AND/OR TENANT AND/OR OCCUPANT OF THE ABOVE PREMISES TO CORRECT A CONDITION COMPLAINED OF, SPECIFICALLY THAT THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF DEBRIS ON THE PROPERTY AS WELL AS UNCHARACTERISTIC GRAFFITI PAINTED ON THE BUILDING CAUSING A PUBLIC NUISANCE. SAID PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 AT 7:05 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.
HAVERSTRAW TOWN BOARD**

**AWARD OF BID - TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW BID NO. 9– 2019 – BUS
TRANSPORTATION FOR SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM – 2019**

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

224-19 RESOLVED, THAT UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF HOWIE TIELL, DIRECTOR OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM, AND THE BIDS HAVING BEEN FOUND IN ORDER BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AWARD THE BID FOR THE BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM 2019 TO TOTAL CHARTER CORP. OF HAVERSTRAW, NEW YORK, THE SOLE BIDDER, AT DAILY BUS ROUTES OF \$195.00 PER DAY AND SPECIAL TRIPS AS MENTIONED IN THE BID SPECIFICATIONS.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Larry Levine, Haverstraw NY expressed concern regarding the conditions of the roads that exist around us and wants to know what is been done to improve the quality of the roads.

Supervisor Phillips stated that last year the Town repaved 26 roads in the unincorporated area of the Town, and this year the Town will be repaving between 27 and 32 roads. Also, we reached out to State representatives regarding Route 202 and they stated that they will be repaving a portion of Route 202 within the Town. They also stated that Route 9W will be on hold until a decision regarding the Champlain Hudson Power Express “CHPE” project is made since it would run through Route 9W if approved.

Keith Shikowitz, Garnerville, NY stated that cars come down Havervale Lane at high speeds and is very concerned someone will get hurt, and wants the Board to consider raising the fine for offenders to discourage them and also lowering the speed limit.

Supervisor Phillips stated that the Town will look into that and that Police officers will continue to monitor the area.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Phillips thanked the Helen Hayes Hospital Foundation for honoring him with a Rose Award on Friday, April 12th and congratulated Dr. Mary Guarracini who received a Rose Award for Excellence in Physical Rehabilitation.

We are pleased to announce that the Town is moving ahead with the Town recreation center which will be located in the 25 acres that we were able to acquire from the State at Helen Hayes Hospital. We have secured grants for this project.

The Opening Day Parade and Ceremony for the Haverstraw Little League on April 13th went very well and we would like to wish everyone a great season.

The Annual NAACP Dinner at the Pearl River Hilton will be held on Thursday, April 25th at 6:00 pm.

Jawonio's 12th Annual Kidz Express Fundraiser at the Paramount Country Club will be held on May 2nd. Congratulations to the Ingram Family and the Haverstraw Little League will be honored this year.

On Saturday, May 4th at 12 pm, the Catholic Charities in Haverstraw will be having their Blessing of the Soil. This great organization grows vegetables and gives it to the residents of the community.

On Saturday May 11th we will be having a Shredding Event here at Town Hall from 8am-12 noon.

The Ribbon Cutting and Grand Reopening of the Haverstraw Brick Museum will be held on May 5th at 1:00 pm. We hope you can join them to celebrate this great occasion.

The Philip J. Rotella Memorial Golf Course is looking great. Golf Registration continues at Town Hall, Monday through Friday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

The Town of Haverstraw Youth Board has a great trip to the Maritime Aquarium on April 27th.

Memorial Day Services begin at Town Hall at 9:00 am; proceed to Calico Hill, the Village of Haverstraw World War II Memorial, the Civil War Memorial on Hudson Avenue, and end at Mt. Repose with the main ceremony. We will always remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

The Memorial Day Watchfire is on Wednesday, May 29th starting at 11:30 pm. It is a very solemn and moving ceremony. After the names of the Vietnam veterans are read, everyone is welcomed to state a name of someone who served in the USA military and is no longer with us.

The 16th Annual North Rockland Community 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd at 9:00 am. Registration begins at 7:00 am. Proceeds will benefit three North Rockland families. We hope you are able to join us and support this great cause.

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ADJOURNMENT

225-19 Supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr. stated that he would like to close tonight's meeting in memory of Roseanne C. Brophy, John Patrick Harlan, Joanna Barry, Arthur Seymour Bleiwas, Sandra Generous, John Patrick Harlan, Joseph "Joe" Michael Mazza and Joseph O'Connor who recently passed away. A motion was made by Councilman Gamboli, seconded by Councilman Cancel and unanimously adopted and the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

RAQUEL VENTURA
Town Clerk