

TOWN BOARD
GARNERVILLE, NY
FEBRUARY 28, 2023

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw met at a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 2023 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 (Absent)
Councilman	Vincent J. Gamboli
Councilman	John J. Gould
Councilman	Johnny Ortiz

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

133-23 ADOPTION OF SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2023 AND TOWN BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2023 as submitted by the Town Clerk and on motion by Councilman Gamboli, seconded by Councilman Gould were unanimously adopted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

134-23 RESOLVED, that bills numbered 469 through 582 in the amount of \$285,998.87 (\$2,396.21– Highway Department) audited at this meeting, be and they are hereby paid.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

None.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES AND CERTIFICATES IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

APPOINTMENT OF JACQUELINE BECKER - POLICE OFFICER - FULL TIME

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

135-23 RESOLVED, THAT UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF PETER MURPHY, CHIEF OF POLICE, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY APPOINT JACQUELINE BECKER OF HAVERSTRAW, NEW YORK TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER, FULL TIME FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2023 AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THIS APPOINTMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ROCKLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL, AND MS. BECKER SHALL SERVE A PROBATION PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS.

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The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 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 (Absent)
Councilman	Vincent J. Gamboli
Councilman	John J. Gould
Councilman	Johnny Ortiz

PUBLIC HEARING - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2023 PROGRAM

Supervisor Phillips stated that the purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss the Rockland County Consortium of Town and Villages Community Development Citizens Viewpoint 2023 Program. The County of Rockland publishes the legal notice.

PRESENTATION BY HOWARD T. PHILLIPS, JR., SUPERVISOR

Howard T. Phillips, Jr., Supervisor stated that this is the Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing that we do every year, which has been extremely successful using federal funds. Over the years, the Town has secured well over \$600,000 in funds. This year we will use the money for Bowline Point Park improvements. This hearing is open to the public for suggestions as to where the funds can be used and what is eligible. The Town of Haverstraw's Citizens Advisory Board has met and will make recommendations on how the money will be used for the 2023 program.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public comments.

BOARD MEMBERS

No Comments.

CLOSE HEARING

136-23 On motion by Councilman Gould, seconded by Councilman Ortiz, unanimously adopted, the Public Hearing was closed.

ADOPT RESOLUTION - REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

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

137-23 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY REQUESTS THAT THE FOLLOWING PROJECT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE AWARD OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ROCKLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM: THIS YEAR WE WILL USE THE MONEY FOR BOWLINE POINT PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

**RAQUEL VENTURA
TOWN CLERK**

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RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AND VJ NETWORKS, INC.

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

138-23 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO RENEW AGREEMENT OF SERVICES WITH VJ NETWORKS, INC. OF GARNERVILLE, NEW YORK TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE COMPUTER NETWORK AT THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE STATION AT A COST OF \$2,700.00 A MONTH COMMENCING MARCH 1, 2023 UNTIL FEBRUARY 29, 2024.

AWARD OF RFP NO. 5 - 2023 – DRYJET AERIFICATION - GOLF COURSE

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

139-23 RESOLVED, THAT ONE (1) RFP WAS SUBMITTED TO CHRISTOPHER DYROFF, GREENSKEEPER, TO DRYJET AERATE TO THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW GOLF COURSE FOR THE 2023 GOLF SEASON, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AWARD RFP NO. 3-2023 FOR DRYJECT AERATION OF THE GREENS FOR THE PHILIP J. ROTELLA GOLF COURSE IN APRIL 2023 TO DRYJECT NORTH EAST, LLC OF DELAWARE WATER GAP, PENNSYLVANIA, THE SOLE SUPPLIER, AT A PRICE OF \$8,387.50.

AWARD OF RFP NO. 6 - 2023– DEEP TINE AERATION - GOLF COURSE GREENS

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

140-23 RESOLVED, THAT ONE (1) RFP WAS SUBMITTED TO CHRISTOPHER DYROFF, GREENSKEEPER, TO PROVIDE DEEP TINE AERATION TO THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW GOLF COURSE GREENS, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AWARD RFP NO 4 - 2023 FOR DEEP TINE AERATION OF THE GREENS FOR THE PHILIP J. ROTELLA GOLF COURSE IN APRIL 2023 TO DRYJECT NORTH EAST, LLC OF DELAWARE GAP, PENNSYLVANIA, THE SOLE SUPPLIER, AT A PRICE OF \$3,990.

ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF RETIREMENT – KEVIN MILLER

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

141-23 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, DOES HEREBY ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FOR GROUNDWORKER, TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW PARKS DEPARTMENT, KEVIN MILLER EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 15, 2023.

ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF RETIREMENT – YOHANNY PENA

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

142-23 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, DOES HEREBY ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICER FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE DEPARTMENT, YOHANNY PENA, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2023.

INSTALLATION OF FENCING AT PHILIP J. ROTELLA MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE

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

143-23 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE ANCHOR FENCE OF NANUET, NEW YORK TO INSTALL A 6' HIGH BLACK VINYL 1"X 1" CHAIN LINK FENCE AT THE PHILIP J. ROTELLA MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE.

AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE TAX CERTIORARI – AGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

144-23 RESOLVED, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF CHARLES ZABA, TOWN ASSESSOR AND WILLIAM M. STEIN, TOWN ATTORNEY, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE SETTLEMENT FOR AGENCY MANAGEMENT, 26.07-3-1 VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW FOR TAX YEARS 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 AND 2017 BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS ON THIS LOCATION:

	ORIGINAL	REVISED	REDUCTION	EST
YEAR	ASSESSMENT	ASSESSMENT	AMOUNT	REFUND
2012	1,580,000		WITHDRAWN	
2013	1,580,000		WITHDRAWN	
2014	1,264,000		WITHDRAWN	
2015	1,264,000	1,128,800	135,200	2,727.93
2016	1,264,000	1,083,500	180,500	3,883.82
2017	1,264,000	1,046,300	217,700	4,47.46

Total \$11259.21

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AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE TAX CERTIORARI
HUDSON HEIGHTS ASSOC. INC.

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

145-23 RESOLVED, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF CHARLES ZABA, TOWN ASSESSOR AND WILLIAM M. STEIN, TOWN ATTORNEY, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE SETTLEMENT FOR HUDSON HEIGHTS ASSOC. INC., 27.53-1-56 VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW FOR TAX YEAR 2018 BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS ON THIS LOCATION:

	ORIGINAL	REVISED	REDUCTION	EST
YEAR	ASSESSMENT	ASSESSMENT	AMOUNT	REFUND
2018	400,000	260,000	140,000	2,971.22

Total \$2,971.22

APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH M. DELUCIA – WATCHMAN

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

146-23 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY APPOINT JOSEPH M. DELUCIA OF GARNERVILLE, NEW YORK TO THE POSITION OF WATCHMAN (PART-TIME) WITH THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW PARKS DEPARTMENT AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$14.50, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2023 AND BE IT FURTHER

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

NOMINATE VICTORIA E. VITELLI – POLICE OFFICER FULL TIME

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

147-23 RESOLVED, THAT UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF PETER MURPHY, CHIEF OF POLICE, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY NOMINATE VICTORIA E. VITELLI OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER, FULL TIME, FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, AS A RESULT OF A RESIGNATION/REINSTATEMENT, AND BE IT FURTHER

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

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NOMINATE ALAYS AQUINO – POLICE OFFICER FULL TIME

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

148-23 RESOLVED, THAT UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF PETER MURPHY, CHIEF OF POLICE, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY NOMINATE ALAYS AQUINO OF GARNERVILLE, NEW YORK TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER, FULL TIME FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2023, AND BE IT FURTHER

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ilan Shulein, Thiells, NY asked the Town to consider building a road parallel to the Palisades Interstate Park known as the Greenway Trail, since Route 202 is very congested with traffic. Mr. Shulein also stated that he would like to see a similar road like Route 202 constructed at the base of the mountain and parallel to Route 202 to Route 9W.

Supervisor Phillips stated that this is not practical and that the cost would be in the hundreds of millions of dollars. It would also never be approved by the Palisades Interstate Park Commission or NYS Department of Transportation.

Mr. Shulein replied that he does not care about the cost and that the Town should request a study for his proposal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Lynch's on the Green was a great success. They are located at the Phillip J. Memorial Golf course. We hope you can stop by and enjoy their great food.

We had the wonderful opportunity of celebrating Dominican Independence Day on February 27th at the Quisqueya Sports Club.

The One Year of Solidarity with Ukraine Concert Fundraiser at the Marian Shrine was held on Saturday, February 25th. All proceeds will benefit aid to Ukraine.

The Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner hosted by SW Johnson Ladies Auxiliary at the SW Johnson Firehouse on Bridge Street will be held on Saturday, March 11th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 pm. The cost is \$18 per person. For more information please call 845-947-2550

Hope you can stop by SW Johnson for their Fish Fry on a Friday until April 7th. Dinner is served from 6-8 pm. Takeout orders are available from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. For more information please call 845-947-2550.

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ADJOURNMENT

149-23 Supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr. stated that he would like to close tonight's meeting in memory of Yolanda Lopez Hatala, Ismael Deyne Jr., Lawrence James Van Pelt, Dianne Marie Herring and Maurice Ray Johnson who recently passed away. A motion was made by Councilman Gamboli, seconded by Councilman Gould, and unanimously adopted and the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

RAQUEL VENTURA
TOWN CLERK