

TOWN BOARD  
GARNERVILLE, NY  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw met at a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 9, 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**

**355-13 ADOPTION OF TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTE OF JULY 15, 2013 AND AUGUST 12, 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.

**356-13 RESOLVED**, that bills numbered 2,910 through and including 3,172 in the amount of \$878,881.51 be and they are hereby paid, audited at this meeting, be and they are hereby paid; and Highway Vouchers numbered 411 through and including 446 in the amount of \$37,143.85 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.

**357-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2013 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND IS HEREBY ACCEPTED.**

**PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE AND AWARDS TO THE 2013 NORTH ROCKLAND GIRLS SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONS**

<i>Amanda Blutig</i>	<i>Victoria McNamara</i>
<i>Gabriella Cocucci</i>	<i>Abby Montera</i>
<i>Bailey Cummings</i>	<i>Gianna Nitti</i>
<i>Fiona Cummings</i>	<i>Faith Quinn</i>
<i>Daniella Devaney</i>	<i>Sam Riccardi</i>
<i>Cate Feerick</i>	<i>Halle Strieter</i>
<i>Mari Fernandez</i>	<i>Stephanie Velez</i>
<i>Danielle McManus</i>	<i>Brianna Williams</i>

*Neil Blutig, Coach*

**FOR CAPTURING THE TITLES OF  
GIRLS UNDER 13, NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONS  
NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE, NEW YORK DIVISION, GIRLS UNDER 13  
CHAMPIONS  
NPL NATIONAL SEMI-FINALISTS**

A motion was made by the Town Board members for a two minutes recess.

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After a two minute recess, a motion was made by the Town Board to reconvene the Town Board Meeting.

**2013/14 MUNICIPAL SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT EXTENSION BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AND THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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

**358-13 RESOLVED, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF FRANK BROOKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW YORK D.O.T. FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXTENDING THE LUMP SUM MUNICIPAL SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT AT AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$48,963.95 TO BE PAID TO THE TOWN BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR THE EXTENSION YEAR 2013/2014.**

**SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING - SEWER ASSESSMENT ROLL 2013**

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

**359-13 RESOLVED, THAT PURSUANT TO THE TOWN LAW A PUBLIC HEARING WITH REFERENCE TO THE SEWER ROLL FOR THE YEAR 2013 SHALL BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013 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.**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR JUSTICE COURT CLERK TO ATTEND ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR THE NYS ASSOCIATION OF MAGISTRATES COURT CLERKS, INC.**

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

**360-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, HEREBY GRANTS PERMISSION FOR CLAUDIA OSSMAN, JUSTICE COURT CLERK TO ATTEND THE NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MAGISTRATES COURT CLERK'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN ALBANY IN ALBANY, NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 6, 2013 TO OCTOBER 9, 2013 AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200.00.**

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2013**

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

**361-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE SUPERVISOR IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (A) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550,000.00 AND HIGHWAY DB FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,000.00 PURSUANT TO THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2013. (SEE ATTACHED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.)**

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**APPOINTMENT OF COURT ATTENDANT – PETER QUINN**

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

**362-13 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY APPOINT PETER QUINN OF POMONA, 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.**

**CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECT – BOWLINE PARK LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS**

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

**363-13 RESOLVED, THAT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF MICHAEL COTIER, PARK DIRECTOR, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY CLOSE THE CAPITAL PROJECT FOR BOWLINE PARK LIGHT IMPROVEMENTS, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT THIS CAPITAL PROJECT WAS BUDGETED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230,000.00. OF WHICH \$213,657.47 WAS EXPENDED TO COMPLETE THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROJECT AND \$16,342.53 WILL BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE PARK LAND FUND.**

**CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECT – 2012 BELGIAN BLOCK CURB IMPROVEMENTS**

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

**364-13 RESOLVED, THAT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF FRANK BROOKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY CLOSE THE CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE 2012 BELGIAN BLOCK CURB IMPROVEMENTS, AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED, THAT THIS CAPITAL PROJECT WAS BUDGETED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000.00. OF WHICH \$98,136.90 WAS EXPENDED TO COMPLETE THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROJECT AND \$11,863.10 WILL BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND.**

**AWARD OF RFP NO. 6-2013 – SEALING OF GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS AT HAVERSTRAW SANITARY LANDFILL**

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

**365-13 RESOLVED, THAT THREE (3) RFPs WERE SUBMITTED TO RON BADONE, PE, CONVERSE ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, PC FOR SEALING OF GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS AT THE HAVERSTRAW SANITARY LANDFILL, AND BE IT FURTHER**

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**RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AWARD RFP NO. 10-2013 TO MIGCON DRILLING, INC. OF CALIFON, NEW JERSEY AT A PRICE OF \$4,750.00 THE LOW BIDDER.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ken Rubin, 326 Country Club Lane asked if the school board regulates how to raise the taxes and are they cutting back?

Supervisor Phillips stated that everyone is under the 2% tax cap. In 2000, the school budget was 105 million dollars and in 2013 it was 206 million dollars – that's unsustainable and the student population has not increased that much. When Mirant hit the school kept spending. In the Villages of Haverstraw and West Haverstraw the Town tax represents 11-12% of total taxes and in the unincorporated area 13-14% of the total taxes. Over the last four years the company that owns the Bowline power plants has sued to reduce their assessment by 98%. This would bring their total taxes to approximately \$300,000. Why would we want them in our community if that's all the taxes they would pay?

Mel Post, 1422 Roundpointe Drive, Haverstraw, NY stated that he goes to the school board meetings. In terms of taxes, he understands many of the ramifications, however, his apartment is about 1,579 sq. ft. and he pays \$9,100 in school taxes. Is there nothing anybody can do to stop this?

Supervisor Phillips stated that you have to start organizing people and go to school board meetings. This is the only way they are going to listen. 75% of the school budget is salaries and benefits and it's unsustainable.

Mel Post, 1422 Round, Haverstraw, NY asked if there were any cell towers to sell in the Town.

Supervisor Phillips stated that we have flag poles and they are nearly the amount of what antenna towers are.

Bert Singer, 10 Chestnut Drive, Pomona, NY asked if anything occurred at the state level about modifying binding arbitration.

Supervisor Phillips stated that they did but it's cosmetic. It looks good but there is nothing behind it unless your municipality is under such dire financial stress otherwise your municipality does not qualify.

Gilbert Musinger, 1416 Roundpoint, Haverstraw stated that it's very depressing to know that there's nothing we can do. The Journal News is a questionable newspaper. There are three other weekly papers. What happened to the county-wide police force? If you get people alerted by the power of the press you will have greater movement. If you make more and more people aware of this they will push. It is a long-term problem that has to be addressed.

Supervisor Phillips stated that so much of this is controlled by the state. You are right. We are not saying that nothing can be. It's a long way from the finishing line. This should be based on what people are able to pay and not on the financial shape of the municipality. Right now it's exceeding what people can pay.

Councilman Gamboli stated to write letters to everyone in sight – the governor, legislators – everyone is trying to do something about it. And the Taylor Law – it's just not going to happen. We need a "Christie" in New York State. Somebody that has the gumption to stand up. It's the entire state – no one can live here. We need somebody in Albany that's going to do the job for us.

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Gilbert Musinger, 1416 Roundpoint, Haverstraw stated that if we put together a group you could lead the group up to Albany. We could do this as a board.

Bob McGannon, Central Highway, Garnerville stated that he owns a commercial building and in the last four years his taxes have gone up 32%. The school taxes are killing us. His daughter moved to South Carolina because she couldn't afford to live around here – that's the only alternative.

Supervisor Phillips stated that he agrees with what has been said at the meeting tonight That is why we have constantly held the line on taxes. Unfortunately, not everyone has been doing the same. Much of it has to do with salaries and benefits and this is what needs to be addressed in school taxes and in other taxing jurisdictions. We need for someone to start a forum where people can voice their concerns about any taxing entity.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Labor Day concert was great at Bowline. We had a huge crowd. The Parks Department did a great job.

Open Air-Concerts were well attended this year – Bowline Park was packed every Thursday night.

Golf course is doing well – they had a tremendous season.

The Town's Annual Halloween Festival and House Decorating Contest will be held next month. We would like to thank all of the businesses for their generosity and continued contribution to our community.

Primary Day is tomorrow – please go out and vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**366-13** Supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr. stated that he would like to close tonight's meeting in memory of Frederick T. Zugibe, George Cobb, Carol B. Randt, Elizabeth Nemeth, Justin C. Goings, Lillian L. Stein, Kenneth Archibald Risien, Jr., Diana Lee Tolleson, Joan Manger, Debra Gelman, Richard F. Larkin, Miguel Montero, Jose I. Peralta and Sister Kathleen Gorres, who recently passed away. The Town Board members further extended their condolences and sympathy to the families. Therefore, a motion was made by Councilman Cancel, seconded by Councilman Gamboli, unanimously adopted, the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

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**KAREN L. BULLEY**  
Town Clerk



Town of Haverstraw  
Budget Adjustments  
For period ending 8-31-13

Prepared By	Initials	Date
Approved By	MB	8/31/13

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<u>General Fund (A)</u>					
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2	Attorney - Contractual	A	1430-04		400,000.00	
3	Social Services Admin	A	6010-04		100,000.00	
4	Parks & Recreation	A	7110-04		140,000.00	
5	Revenue Receivables	A	0000-2680			69,000.00
6	Miscellaneous Revenues	A	0000-2770			160,000.00
7	Intertfund Transfers	A	0000-5031			70,000.00
8	Other Payments in lieu of taxes	A	0000-1081			51,000.00
9	Hospital & Medical Ins	A	9060-08			200,000.00
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11					✓	✓
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15	<u>Highway DB Fund</u>					
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17	Street Maintenance - Contractual	DB	5110-04		25,000.00	
18	Intertfund Transfers	DB	9950-09		48,000.00	
19	Street Maintenance Capital Outlay	DB	5112-02			73,000.00
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