The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 4:15p.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

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE LEGISLATION FOR TANKER- VOIDANCE ZONES

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

233-17 WHEREAS, THE US COAST GUARD IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH NEW ANCHORAGE AREAS ALONG THE HUDSON RIVER BETWEEN YONKERS AND KINGSTON; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW IS HOME TO THE SIGNIFICANT COASTAL FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT OF THE HAVERSTRAW BAY, WHICH THE INTEGRITY OF ARE THREATENED BY THE US COAST GUARD'S PROPOSAL; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HAS DOCUMENTED ITS CONCERNS ABOUT THE ANCHORING OF PETROLEUM-CARRYING TANKERS, INCLUDING DISRUPTING THE ECONOMIC VITALITY OF THE WATERFRONT, ENDANGERING DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES, DAMAGING FISH HABITAT AND DETRACTING FROM SCENIC BEAUTY AND QUALITY OF LIFE ALONG THE RIVER; AND

WHEREAS, NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER DIDI BARRET HAS INTRODUCED ASSEMBLY BILL A06825, WHICH WOULD ENABLE NEW YORK STATE AGENCIES TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS IN DESIGNATING "TANKER-AVOIDANCE ZONES"; AND

WHEREAS, NEW YORK STATE SENATOR SUE SERINO HAS INTRODUCED THE SAME MEASURE IN THE SENATE AS BILL S05197; AND

WHEREAS, THIS PROPOSAL WOULD ENABLE NEW YORK STATE TO TAKE A STRONGER ROLE IN CONTROLLING THE PLACEMENT OF ANY ANCHORAGE AREAS FOR PETROLEUM-CARRYING VESSELS, TO ENSURE THAT THE NEEDS OF THE HUDSON RIVER AND RIVERFRONT COMMUNITIES ARE PROTECTED; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW TOWN BOARD EXPRESSES ITS SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL A06825 AND SENATE BILL S05197.

TOWN BOARD GARNERVILLE, NY MAY 24, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS

No Comments.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilman Cancel and seconded by Councilman Soto to adjourn the Special Meeting. 234-17

RAQUEL VENTURA

Town Clerk