

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**APRIL 7, 2015**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing was held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Peter Swiderski, Trustee Marjorie Apel, Trustee Meg Walker, Trustee Nicola Armacost, Trustee Daniel Lemons, Village Manager Francis A. Frobel, Village Attorney Linda Whitehead, and Village Clerk Susan Maggiotto

**CITIZENS:** Ten (10).

Mayor Swiderski declared the Board in session for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing in accordance with the legal notice that appeared in the March 20, 2015 issue of *The Rivertowns Enterprise* to consider the Proposed Budget for the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2015 and ending on May 31, 2016.

**Village Manager Frobel:** This is your opportunity to react to the proposed budget that I presented to the Trustees in early March. The Trustees have held two budget work sessions in which we have begun to go through the budget line by line. We have a work session later this evening and one scheduled for next week. The budget, as presented, requires a very modest tax increase, less than one percent, on the average homeowner. This should be an impact of about \$27 a year. I like to think we have met our goal of putting together a budget that is financially responsible, one that respects the concerns of taxpayers, and makes certain that they receive value for their dollars with a tax increase that is of reasonable amount.

**Mayor Swiderski:** Is there anyone here who would like to comment on the budget?

**John Gonder, 153 James Street:** Every year I bring up you should have free swimming for all the children that go to the Hastings school system. Being a victim twice of almost drowning, the population in the United States only 48 percent know how to swim; 52 percent do not know how to swim. There are thousands of deaths because of drowning. I learned how to swim in the Duck Pond, and yet I still almost drowned twice; once in the Saw Mill and once in the Duck Pond. It is not very interesting to go under several times and have somebody pull you out.

We need more police. We have got so much traffic coming across Ravensdale and Jackson Avenue, up High, through James and Tompkins. We just do not have enough police for that and Graham School problems. I think you should consider that.

I have no idea that you took anything out of the budget like you did last year, \$250,000 for the water pipe size. I hope there are no surprises like that because it costs us taxpayers a lot of money for that surtax on our water bills; just because of the size of the pipe, not about the water I use.

Hearing no further comments on the budget, Mayor Swiderski asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

**CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On MOTION of Trustee Armacost, SECONDED by Trustee Walker with a voice vote of all in favor, Mayor Swiderski closed the Public Hearing at 8:05 p.m.