

TOWN BOARD
GARNERVILLE, NY
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw met at a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 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	Ralph W. Kirschkel
Councilman	Johnny Ortiz

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

379-25 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING OF JULY 22, 2025 AND TOWN BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2025 as submitted by the Town Clerk and on motion by Councilman Cancel, seconded by Councilman Gamboli were unanimously adopted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

380-25 RESOLVED, that bills numbered 2546 through 2675 in the amount of \$627,642.35 (\$25,268.36– Highway Department) audited at this meeting, be and they are hereby paid.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

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

381-25 RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Haverstraw does hereby accept the Police Department Activity Report for the month of August 2025.

APPOINTMENT OF JAMES GEBERTH - POLICE OFFICER - FULL TIME

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

382-25 RESOLVED, THAT UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN J. GOULD, JR., THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY APPOINT JAMES GEBERTH OF THIELLS, NEW YORK TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER, FULL TIME, FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF A RESIGNATION/REINSTATEMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, AND BE IT FURTHER

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

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APPOINTMENT OF ARISMENDI MENA - POLICE OFFICER - FULL TIME

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

383-25 RESOLVED, THAT UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN J. GOULD, JR., THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY APPOINT ARISMENDI MENA OF NANUET, NEW YORK TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER, FULL TIME, FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF A RESIGNATION/REINSTATEMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, AND BE IT FURTHER

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

AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 130-25

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

384-25 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, HEREBY AMENDS RESOLUTION NO. 130-25 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT – 2025 MILL AND PAVER-PLACED SURFACE TREATMENT PROJECT TYPE B (12 TOWN ROADS)

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY APPROVES THE 2025 MILL AND PAVER-PLACED SURFACE TREATMENT PROJECT TYPE B (12 TOWN ROADS) AS A CAPITAL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$635,000.00 OF WHICH \$109,596.76 WILL BE FUNDED FROM THE NYS CONSOLIDATED LOCAL STREET AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIPS) (PAVE NY) PROGRAM AS A DUE TO/DUE FROM, AND THE REMAINING BALANCE OF \$525,403.24 AS AN INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM THE HIGHWAY DB FUND.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AND SOUTH STREET SEAPORT MUSEUM

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

385-25 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE HOWARD T. PHILLIPS, JR., SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH STREET SEAPORT MUSEUM OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK FOR THE SERVICE OF EIGHT (8) 90 MINUTES ADVENTURES UNDER SAIL – PIONEER SHORT ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 19, 2025 AT A COST OF \$10,000.

RESCHEDULING OF TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

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

386-25 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW IS HEREBY RESCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 AT 7:30 P.M. TO OBSERVE ROSH HASHANAH.

CREATE ONE (1) LABORER - FULL TIME POSITION FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

387-25 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY CREATE ONE (1) LABORER, FULL TIME POSITION FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, 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.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR PERIOD ENDING IN AUGUST 31, 2025

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

388-25 RESOLVED, THAT THE SUPERVISOR IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FROM THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,000.00, PART-TOWN FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00, AND HIGHWAY DB FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$530,000.00 PURSUANT TO THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW FOR THE PERIOD ENDING IN AUGUST 31, 2025 (SEE ATTACHED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.)

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Budget Adjustments
For period ending 8-31-2025

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
GENERAL FUND					
	Assessors Contractual	A-1355-0400		\$ 87,000.00	
	Celebrations Contractual	A-7550-0400		\$ 10,000.00	
	Leases - Principal	A-9788-0600		\$ 25,000.00	
	Assessors Personal Services	A-1355-0100			\$ 87,000.00
	Serial Bond Principal	A-9710-0600			\$ 35,000.00
				\$ 122,000.00	\$ 122,000.00

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
PART TOWN FUND					
	Safety Inspection Contractual	B-3620-0400		\$ 25,000.00	
	Youth Program Personal Services	B-7310-0100		\$ 25,000.00	
	Contingent	B-1990-0400			\$ 22,000.00
REVENUE ACCT	Building Department Permit Fees	B-0000-1520			\$ 28,000.00
				\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Highway DB FUND					
	Capital Project Fund	DB-9950-0900		\$ 530,000.00	
REVENUE ACCT	Miscellaneous Revenues	DB-0000-2770			\$ 530,000.00
				\$ 530,000.00	\$ 530,000.00

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**AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
AAA COOLERATION SERVICE, INC.**

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

389-25 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AAA COOLERATION SERVICE, INC. OF GARNERVILLE, NEW YORK TO PROVIDE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO THE HEAT-A/C SYSTEMS AT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ON A QUARTERLY BASIS, AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$2,595.00.

AGREEMENT WITH SCHULTZ FORD AND THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW

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

390-25 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY RETAIN THE SERVICES OF SCHULTZ FORD OF WEST HAVERSTRAW, NEW YORK TO PURCHASE AUTOMOTIVE PARTS: ONE (1) MUFFLER, TWO (2) TUBES, ONE (1) SHOCK ABSORBER, ONE (1) MOUNTING AND ONE (1) COIL, FOR A 2021 FORD EXPLORER POLICE VEHICLE FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF \$2,148.54.

**REFERRAL OF ZONE CHANGE PETITION OF ROUTE 202 HOLDINGS, LLC TO
THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW PLANNING BOARD**

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

391-25 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY REFERS THE PETITION FOR ZONE CHANGE OF ROUTE 202 HOLDINGS, LLC TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR THEIR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO CODE TOWN SECTION 167-108.

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AND THE COUNTY OF
ROCKLAND – OVERTIME FOR COUNTERTERRORISM TRAINING**

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

392-25 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE HOWARD T. PHILLIPS, JR., SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR OVERTIME FOR COUNTERTERRORISM TRAINING UNDER THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) AND LETPP HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE DEPARTMENT.

**APPROVAL OF SAS ELECTRICAL INSPECTION, LLC FOR ELECTRICAL
INSPECTIONS**

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

393-25 RESOLVED, BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF GEORGE BEHN, BUILDING INSPECTOR, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY APPROVES SAS ELECTRICAL INSPECTION, LLC OF GREENFIELD PARK, NEW YORK TO PERFORM THIRD PARTY ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW.

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AND CMS REALTY
ADVISORS CORPORATION**

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

394-25 RESOLVED, THAT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF HARLEY MCNALLY, TOWN ASSESSOR, THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY RETAIN THE SERVICES OF CMS REALTY ADVISORS CORPORATION OF SUFFERN, NEW JERSEY TO PROVIDE TAX CERTIORARI VALUATION ANALYSES FOR 2025 PER THE COSTS CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSAL DATED AUGUST 14, 2025 AND NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00.

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AND THE NYS
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES GOVERNOR’S TRAFFIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE - STATEWIDE POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES PROGRAM**

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

395-25 RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE HOWARD T. PHILLIPS, JR., SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES GOVERNOR’S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,544.00 FOR THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATEWIDE POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES PROGRAM EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025.

CONTRIBUTION FOR FLOOD CLEANUP AT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

396-25 WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HOSTS THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB MEETINGS AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FACILITY; AND

WHEREAS, A FLOOD DAMAGED THE FACILITY, REQUIRING PROFESSIONAL CLEANUP SERVICES; AND

WHEREAS, THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PAID SERVPRO OF STONY POINT, NEW YORK THE AMOUNT OF \$1,576.15 FOR THIS CLEANUP, WHICH WAS NECESSARY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE TOWN'S SENIOR PROGRAM;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AUTHORIZES A PAYMENT OF \$1,576.15 TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AS A CONTRIBUTION AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR THESE CLEANUP SERVICES.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AMENDMENT WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

397-25 WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE PARTIES TO A LEASE AGREEMENT EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2025; AND

WHEREAS, THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO AMEND THE LEASE TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY RENT FROM \$500.00 TO \$1,200.00, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN BOARD AUTHORIZES THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE LEASE AMENDMENT REFLECTING THE NEW RENTAL RATE.

AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE OFFICERS TO ATTEND IPTM PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE CRASH INVESTIGATION -LEVEL 1 TRAINING

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

398-25 RESOLVED, BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF OF POLICE, JOHN J. GOULD, JR., THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW HEREBY AUTHORIZES FOUR (4) TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW POLICE OFFICERS TO ATTEND THE IPTM PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE CRASH INVESTIGATION -LEVEL 1 TRAINING IN ROCHESTER, NEW YORK; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500.00 HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR LODGING TO COVER THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TRAINING.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gina Nishanian of Garnerville, NY addressed the Board regarding excessive noise from the nearby storage building construction.

Supervisor Phillips acknowledged Mrs. Nishanian's concerns regarding the construction noise and stated that the Town would reach out to the project foreman to explore possible options for mitigating the impact on nearby residents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town of Haverstraw’s Labor Day Concert on August 31st drew a large crowd to Bowline Point Park for live music by The Mighty Spectrum Band and the Hurley Mountain Highway Band. The event was a community success!

The Annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony took place today at the Haverstraw Town Hall. The event, hosted by the Rockland County Marine Corps League, serves as a solemn tribute to the victims. The community gathers to honor those lost and express gratitude to first responders.

The Town of Haverstraw is pleased to present a unique educational opportunity for our elementary school students. The historic Schooner Pioneer will be docked at the Haverstraw Marina starting on September 16th, where it will be hosting students for an engaging maritime experience. The Schooner will be offering two tours each day, beginning at 9 a.m., allowing multiple groups of young learners to step aboard and experience a piece of history firsthand. This program is part of the Town's commitment to providing enriching and memorable educational activities for its youth.

The Town of Haverstraw is partnering with Rockland Green to host a Shred Day at Town Hall on Sunday, September 21st from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. This free event offers Rockland County residents a secure way to destroy sensitive documents, with each car limited to three banker boxes of paper. The day also features a non-perishable food collection for local food pantries, allowing the community to safely shred documents while supporting those in need.

The Annual Town of Haverstraw Halloween Festival at Bowline Point Park is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2025 starting at 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. This free event is exclusively for North Rockland children 12 and under, who must be accompanied by an adult. The festival features free goodie bags, hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Inflatable rides, a haunted house, and a hay ride provide plenty of spooky and family-friendly fun for everyone who attends. We hope to see you there!

We hope our residents had a great summer and enjoyed all the events the Town has to offer, including the great amenities at Bowline Point Park and the Philip J. Rotella Memorial Golf Course. The Town of Haverstraw's seasonal events were a great success, with strong community attendance at all major functions. Highlights included the Annual Fourth of July Fireworks, the Thursday Night Open Air Concerts, Annual Latin Night, and Movies Under the Stars. A special Volunteer Recognition Night was held to honor our Ambulance Corps and Firefighters. The Town of Haverstraw also successfully offered a variety of fitness and aquatic programs, from classes like Zumba and Yoga to swim lessons, and wrapped up the year with the Labor Day Concert on August 31st.

The next Town Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

399-25 Supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr. stated that he would like to close tonight’s meeting in memory of Frank DeLusso, Marion Freeman, Toni-Ann Nytko, Efrain Castro, Vincent D. Martello, Mary Marshall, Ena Gonsalves and Mary A. Marshall who recently passed away. A motion was made by Councilman Cancel, seconded by Councilman Gamboli, and unanimously adopted and the Town Board Meeting was adjourned.

RAQUEL VENTURA
TOWN CLERK