

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Haverstraw on September 20, 2010, beginning at 8:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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| ROLL CALL | Trustee Batista | - Present |
| | Trustee Bueno | - Present |
| | Trustee Watson | - Absent |
| | Trustee Dominguez | - Present |
| | Mayor Kohut | - Present |

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting with the first public participation, inviting the public to voice their concerns or problems.

Steve Moetzing, 24 Harbor Point Drive: Mr. Moetzing inquired if there was an anticipated date scheduled to dedicate the streets at Harbors.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor requested Jay Hood, Jr. to respond to the question.

Jay Hood, Jr., Assistant Village Attorney: Counselor Hood explained that the wording has been finalized, but, there are still exhibits that need to be added, including the asphalt survey. He has been in contact with the company and is hoping to receive the information within the next few weeks.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor is hopeful that the dedication of the streets can take place some time in October.

Gil Carlevaro, 43 Hudson Avenue: Mr. Carlevaro thanked the Village Board for installing the speed bump on his end of Hudson Avenue, mentioning that it has helped to slow the traffic in the area.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor announced that Jay Hood, Sr. has developed an illness that will keep him from participating in village affairs for an extended period of time. The board felt it would be in their best interest to hire Jay Hood, Jr., in his father's absence, to keep the continuity of legal representation and also because he will be in constant contact with Jay, Sr. in the event any questions may arise.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Jay Hood, Jr. as Assistant Village Attorney, part time, to fill in for Jay Hood, Sr. during his illness.

RESOLUTION #182-2010

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carries: All

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood mentioned that the SAD Agreement should be completed within the next few weeks. He then mentioned he will be speaking with Jay, Sr. regarding the outstanding tax certs, which have trials pending. He had nothing further to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor discussed an extension of health insurance coverage to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers, which was passed earlier this year by the State of New York. It allows local municipalities to offer their

volunteers the option of enrolling in the village health insurance plan, at full cost to the volunteer. Any village volunteer that does not have health insurance and wants to become part of the village health insurance plan, through the Empire Plan, could pay the full single member or family plan premium and be covered by the village, but again, the premiums would be paid fully by the volunteer. This proposal requires the village to pass a resolution allowing this to occur, and with no cost to the village, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #183-2010

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor read a letter from Antoine McGuire's extending an invitation to the board to attend their Grand Opening celebration on Sunday, October 3rd starting at 2:00 PM, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:00 PM.

The Mayor then mentioned that the annual Columbus Day Parade held in West Haverstraw will take place on Sunday, October 3rd, marching from North Garnerville Elementary School to Peck's Pond.

The Mayor received a request from a resident on West Street concerned about the speeding vehicles in that area. The board discussed the situation and determined the best solution would be to install a stop sign at the intersection of West Street and Elks Drive, which they believe will help to slow the traffic in the area.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #184-2010

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor then spoke about the bid for the body and plow mechanism for the new plow truck purchased by the village with a state bid. The following bids were received:

- 1) Cliffside Body Corporation \$49,000.00
- 2) Amcore Welding \$61,097.00

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the contract to the low bidder Cliffside Body Corporation of Cliffside, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION #185-2010

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor read a memo from the Justice Court Clerk requesting permission for the two court clerks to attend the New York State Association of Magistrates Court Clerks conference, in Albany, from October 10th to October 13th, at a cost of \$1,480.00 and includes both conference and lodging.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve their attendance at the conference.

RESOLUTION #186-2010

Motion by: Francisco Batista
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor announced that the street paving program for this year would include Allison Ave., West Broad Street between Broadway and Maple and the remainder of Wayne Street from Division to Clinton, which was not completed in last year's program.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to go out to bid for the street paving project.

RESOLUTION #187-2010

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor then discussed the retirement incentive program recently put into effect by New York State and discussed at a previous meeting. At this point, one employee, Marion Breland, Director of Youth & Family Services, would like to take advantage of this program. Based upon her years of service and age she would qualify for the early retirement incentive. One of the aspects of the program is that the village saves at least 50% of the individual's income over the following two year period. The board has discussed the program with Ms. Breland and has proposed, upon her retirement, that she come back as a contract employee, at an annual salary of \$30,000.00. Ms. Breland would still be head of the program and in that timeframe will groom her potential successor. Her retirement will save the village approximately \$45,000.00 over the two years and will keep the village in proper regulation with the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. She was the original head and still remains the Director of Reachout, which was merged into the Department of Youth and Family Services. Whoever takes over her position would have to meet all the necessary qualifications for the position. The board has received verbal approval from the state and is awaiting written approval for her early retirement.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept her retirement with a two year contract for her services at \$30,000.00 per year with no benefits.

RESOLUTION #188-2010

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno had nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson:

In the absence of Trustee Watson, Mayor Kohut read the following report submitted by George White, Superintendent of Public Works:

- 1) A tree on one of the village easements needs to come down. Mr. White received bids from the following companies: Tree Services & More, Countywide Tree and Crane and Northern Tree Services. The low bid was \$1500.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the lowest bid of \$1,500 from Tree Services & More to remove the tree.

RESOLUTION #189-2010

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut continued reading the public work report as follows:

- 2) Repaired the drainage @ 36 Riverside Avenue.
- 3) Cleaned all parking lots and parks of debris.
- 4) Cut grass at all village properties, parks and lots.
- 5) Repaired driveway on Simenovskiy Drive.

- 6) Repaired alleyway at the end of Fairmount Avenue.
- 7) Picked up yard waste, construction debris and white goods.
- 8) Put down millings in the alley that runs from Gurnee Avenue to Simenovksy Drive.
- 9) Did necessary repairs on village side of Samsondale Avenue Bridge.
- 10) Repaired catch basin at Riverside Avenue pump station.
- 11) Cleaned out alley of all debris and vegetation.
- 12) Cut overgrowth on Short Clove Road.
- 13) Hung seasonal banners on utility poles in downtown.
- 14) Posted no parking signs and line stripped the corner of Conklin and Westside Avenues.
- 15) Cut down high brush at GWT.

Nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez stated that all back to school programs have begun at the Community Center, having over 40 children currently involved in the Homework Program. She then reported on a fundraiser involving a village resident, Jean Altomari, whose daughter, a Pennsylvania State Trooper, was severely injured in an accident in Mexico. The fundraiser is being held on Saturday, September 25th at 4:00 PM in Nyack. She had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista had nothing to report.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed the public that the Building Inspector had been away at a conference and also had a funeral to attend, therefore, no report was submitted to the Board.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None

Mayor Kohut:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Part 2

Noel Rappaport, 21 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport informed the board that the window in the building at the old Perriello's Restaurant is still boarded up with some broken glass falling. He wanted to know if the board could do something about the appearance of the building, perhaps a coat of paint, so it doesn't look so bad.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor believes the building is in foreclosure and he has been trying to contact the bank, which to date has not been successful. The village did board it up, but he will look into DPW painting it.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport then mentioned that a lot of work is being done on Broadway by the gas company. He wanted to know what will happen with the street when they are done.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that if a utility company digs up a new road they have to pave from curb to curb. If the road is 5 to 10 years old, they have to pave it from the center line to the curb. Since Broadway is in excess of that, the village cannot get them to repave the area.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport commented on the good job the DPW does in the village and he doesn't know any other village or town that provides such good service when called upon.

Pete Rugg, 64 Hudson Avenue: Mr. Rugg observed a big tree that has been undermined in the location of Gurnee Avenue & Route 202, which he believes should be looked at before it falls on the roadway and causes an accident.

Steve Moetzing, 24 Harbors Point Drive: Mr. Moetzing requested an update on the new Haverstraw sign.

Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez informed Mr. Moetzing that she received some quotes, but she still has to sit with the Mayor and the board to review them. Also the board has not yet received a copy of the engineer's report.

Steve Moetzing: Mr. Moetzing inquired if irrigation would be included at the location.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that there is no place in the area to get water so irrigation would probably not be included.

Peter McGuire, 19 Main Street: Mr. McGuire inquired if footings and frame work could be installed for the new sign before the frost and then in the spring address irrigation in that area for rain water and runoff water.

Steve Moetzing: Mr. Moetzing inquired if prior to the streets being dedicated in Harbors if speed bumps could be installed as part of the final design.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that speed bumps would have to be addressed after the streets are dedicated.

Anthony Accomondo, 19 Main Street: Mr. Accomondo invited everyone present to the Grand Opening of Anton-McGuire's Restaurant. He then inquired if they could use Wayne Street to Broad Street for their opening celebration.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close off Wayne Street, from Main Street to Broad Street, on October 3rd for their Grand Opening celebration.

RESOLUTION #190-2010

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carries: All

Anthony Accomondo: Mr. Accomondo then inquired what was happening in the area across from the Arts Alliance.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the village is trying to get the contractor to pave the area.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESOLUTION #191-2010

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Swift
Senior Steno Clerk