

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, March 21st, 2011, beginning at 8:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting with the first Public Participation inviting the public to ask questions or make comments.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport inquired about the Hudson Avenue group home because he has noticed people working there.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded it is the "Open Arms" group home for women and they are only doing some renovations. He also informed Mr. Rappaport that they will still house the same number of beds.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport informed the board that there is garbage on both sides of the fence at Anderson Gardens.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that they are aware of the debris and it would be taken care of.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport then inquired if the Village ever received any funds from Ginsberg Development for the new baseball field.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that the Village kept \$500,000.00 from the Special Assessment District funds paid to Ginsburg Development. This amount is being disputed by Mr. Ginsburg, who has believes that the Village has a right to only \$350,000.00 of the \$500,000.00, therefore, they are still negotiating the remaining \$150,000.00.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport mentioned that there is a tripping hazard on the sidewalk in front of 29 New Main Street, adjacent to his store, which was caused by United Water when they were working in the area.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that they cannot lay any concrete until the weather warms up at which time it will hopefully be repaired.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport then mentioned that the boarded up windows, etc. at the old Dodge dealership on Route 9W, is an eyesore, especially since the location is at the entrance to the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that someone broke the windows so they had to be boarded up and the Village is trying to get in touch with the landlord. The owners of the building were supposed to open a coffee shop at that location, which never happened. Unfortunately, the owners are somewhere in Florida and the Village is having trouble locating them.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood requested the board schedule two Public Hearings regarding Local Laws for Monday, April 18th, at 8:05 PM. The first Local Law involves “Outdoor Seating at Restaurants” and the second is regarding “Zoning Penalties” in Village Code Section 137; from 1 year in jail, which is not realistic in many cases, to 15 days in jail. The Village currently has to undergo jury trials instead of trials by a judge, which are somewhat easier to prosecute. He will send copies of the laws, with the changes, to the board.

Counselor Hood then mentioned that there was no Quality of Life Board meeting in March. He did inform the board, however, that they are receiving a good amount of complaints that will be addressed at the April meeting.

He then stated that they would be revisiting the taxi issue and some of the rules that need to be followed with the taxis.

He is waiting to hear about a lawsuit with Joe Klein, who has until April 21st to respond or the Village will have to attempt to collect \$31,000.00 from him for façade improvements.

He then informed the board that Angelo Cintron brought in a signed easement for the alleyway on his property on Broadway, which will give the Village access to his land when necessary. The easement will be filed with the Rockland County Clerk’s Office.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

MAYOR’S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed the public that the board has been discussing time changes for parking in the Village lots during the next parking season. Currently a permit is required to park in any village lot between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM; the hours for off street parking on all public streets. Some residents have been complaining that spots are not always freed up during that time frame and they are forced to move their vehicles in the middle of the night. The board has discussed the possibility of moving the time up to a more reasonable hour; perhaps 11:00 PM or 12:00 midnight. This would allow visitors to remain in the lots until that time only and should free up spots for permit holders at a reasonable time. The board will continue to discuss this matter and create a plan for the 2011-2012 off street parking season.

The board has also discussed allowing overnight parking in the Emeline Park parking lot because the people in the area of Main Street, First Street, and Elks Drive do not have sufficient off street parking.

The Village currently pays \$16,000.00 a year for the LOSAP Retirement Plan for the Village firefighters. The Plan is well funded and can absorb the occasional life insurance payout, therefore, Penflex, the group that administers the Village LOSAP Plan, is recommending that the Village essentially self-insure for the life insurance at this time. The Village can always opt to reinsure again if necessary, however, in the interim the Village can save \$16,000.00 per year in premiums.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize Penflex's recommendation for LOSAP.

RESOLUTION #77-2011

Motion by: Francisco Batista
 Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
 Motion Carries: All

The Mayor then spoke about the state mandated grievance night, which was held in February, giving people the opportunity to grieve their taxes, as well as allotting a certain amount of time for residents to file a tax grievance. The Board of Assessors, which consists of the Village Board and the Assessor, has reviewed the requested changes and has accepted some and rejected some. He stated that the documents could be reviewed by the public at any time during business hours.

The following work paper reflects the details of the Boards discussion and decisions regarding all grievances filed with the Village of Haverstraw for the 2011 tax roll.

SBL	Property Location	Tentative Assmt.	Requested Reduction	Bar Determination	Reduced To	Reduction Amount
26.42-2-2	246 Rte 9W N	39,750	17,200	stipulation	20,000	19,750
26.42-2-3	236-244 Rte 9W N	44,775	-	stipulation	32,500	12,275
26.42-2-4	236-242 Rte 9w n	120,980	85,000	stipulation	87,800	33,180
26.43-1-35	4 Simenovsky Dr	12,600	9,170	stipulation	9,200	3,400
26.26.50-1-36.1	207 Westside Ave	17,000	-	stipulation	10,150	6,850
26.51-1-42	124 Rte 9W N	30,900	9,664	no change		
26.51-1-43	122 Rte 9W N	50,000	19,328	no change		
26.52-1-19	45 Leonard St	15,750	8,782		12,000	3,750
27.54-1-51	9-11 Fairmount Ave	231,780	175,000	stipulation	206,800	24,980
27.46-2-61	60 Broad St	125,400		no change		
27.53-2-42	22 Fairmount Ave	10,500	7,550	Stipulation	7,550	2,950
27.53-2-25	8 Fairmount Ave	10,875	7,500	Stipulation	10,175	700
27.53-2-26	10 Fairmount Ave	15,075	5,522	Stipulation	8,500	6,575
26.34-1-3	250 Rte 9W N	142,500	28,500	no change		
27.61-1-4	21 Rte 9W S	100,400	25,000	no change		
35.06-1-12	42 Riverside Ave	18,300	3,540	no change		
27.53-1-47	105 Hudson Ave	14,400	4,720	no change		
27.18-1-1/116	32 Lagoon Ln	33,000	11,800	no change		
26.52-2-89	7 Hudson Ave	16,275		cnclcd agrmt	16,275	-
		900		cnclcd agrmt	900	-
27.45-2-45	13 Broadway	26,000	-	no change		
27.45-2-44	11 Broadway	25,000	-	no change		
27.61-1-3.1	1 South Rte 9W	450,000	100,000	no change		
27.53-1-4	63 New Main St	32,100	10,000	no change		
26.44-1-7	86 Picariello Dr (servco)	3,675	368	no change		
26.44-1-8	153 Samsondale Ave	50,175	5,018	no change		
27.45-2-36	31 W. Broad St	182,200	18,220	no change		
27.46-2-8	14 Broadway	46,500	4,650	no change		
27.18-1-	1101-1424 Round Pt dr	1,305,100	130,510	no change		
1.5/101-424						
27.18-1-	3101-3418 Leeward Dr	874,400	87,440	no change		
1.3/3101-3418						
27.18-1-	Harbor Pt & Leeward Dr	497,919	49,798	no change		
1.2/1001-1614						
27.18-1-	Lagoon/HrbrPt/Leewrd/Edgwt	1,875,025	942,000	no change		
1.1/101-912						
27.62-2-10	27 Dr. Girling DR	6,525	653	no change		
27.14-1-4	Water/Under water	10,630	1,063	no change		
27.18-1-1.10	West St/ Leeward Dr	306,00	30,600	no change		
27.18-1-1.11	West St(public Promenade)	100	10	no change		
27.18-1-1.4	West St/Round Pt Dr	660,000	66,000	no change		
27.18-1-1.6	West St(public roads)	100	10	no change		
27.18-1-1.8	Round Pt Dr	100	10	no change		
27.18-1-1.9	West St(public pocket Parking	2,400	240	no change		

27.05-2-1.1	Off Mckenzie Ave	24,000	2,400	no change		
27.14-1-5.1	51 Dr. Girling Dr(rock. Fuel)	83,700	8,370	no change		
27.62-2-13	2 Dr. Girling Dr.(ferguson parc)	23,775	2,378	no change		
27.62-2-14	147-149 West St(longo parcel)	33,150	3,315	no change		
27.62-2-15	143 West St(hogar parcel)	4,800	480	no change		
27.62-2-7.1	30-34 Dr. Girling Dr(ferry Pk)	60,200	6,020	no change		
27.62-2-7.2	30-34 Dr. Girling Dr(ferry Pk)	213,600	21,360	no change		
35.06-1-12	42 Riverside Ave	18,300	3,540	Delete duplicate entry		
27.53-1-70	57 Fairmount Ave	37,175	3,718	no change		
27.45-2-44	13 Broadway	312,600		Delete duplicate entry		
26.43-1-15	35 Coolidge St	17,325	7,080	aged ex/denied value redcd	13,000	4,325
26.35-2-35	49 Picariello Dr			Veterans	1,800	
26.36-1-12	47 Rhoda Ave	19,950	14,900		16,000	3,950
27.05-2-2	2 Bowline Plant Road	475	-	no change		
27.05-2-3	2 Bowline Plant Road	950	-	no change		
27.05-2-4	2 Bowline Plant Road	2,849	-	no change		
27.05-2-6	Peck Road	3,261,241	500,000	no change		
27.09-1-1	2 Bowline Plant Road	475	-	no change		
27.09-1-2	2 Bowline Plant Road	2,375	-	no change		
26.52-1-14	26 Hudson Ave	17,325	13,500		13,500	3,825
26.42-2-26	68 Coolidge St	13,275	10,500	no change		
27.53-2-16	17 New main Street	21,975	18,120		18,150	3,825
26.51-1-55	155 Route 9W	40,800	20,000	no change		
26.51-1-56	157 Route 9W	32,325	16,000	no change		
26.51-1-57	157 Route 9W	34,800	17,000	no change		
26.51-1-58	161 Route 9W	7,500	3,750	no change		
26.51-1-59	163 Route 9W	7,500	3,750	no change		
26.51-1-60	165 Route 9W	7,500	3,750	no change		
26.51-1-62				no change		
27.37-2-6	7 Orchard St			Veterans	1,208	
26.51-1-47	98 Westside Ave			Veterans	5,000	
26.36-1-24	47 Gurnee Ave			Veterans	1,208	
26.34-2-27	74 Halgren Crescent			Veterans	725	
26.34-1-47	131 Coolidge St			Veterans	2,200	
26.60-1-20	11 Hillside Ave			Veterans	1,208	
26.42-2-8	210-228 Rte 9W N	295,300	181,200	no change		
27.45-1-37.1	48 New Main St	24,700	18,500		20,700	4,000
27.54-1-10	30 Fourth St	14,025	7,925		12,000	2,025
27.17-1-14	82-86 Rte 9W S	46,875	13,100		30,500	16,375
27.53-1-56	85 New Main Street	33,000	23,000	no change		
26.34-1-2	252 Rte 9W N	14,400	2,500	no change		
26.34-1-1	252 Rte 9W N	98,550	75,500		75,500	23,050
27.46-2-17	19 Main Street	35,500	410,000	no change		
						175,785

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the 2011 Review Proceeding as written.

RESOLUTION #78-2011

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor informed the public that the Village is looking to sign an agreement to lock in the electric utility rates for an 18 month period at 7.987 cents per kilowatt hour with Liberty Power, the Village's current power provider.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #79-2011

Motion by: Francisco Batista

Seconded by: Terrence Watson

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor announced that a Budget Hearing has been set to take place at the next Board Meeting on April 4th, for the proposed 2011-2012 budget. At that same meeting, the Village will be honoring Acting Village Justice, Judge Henry Gruffi, who has retired after 17 years of dedicated service to the Village of Haverstraw.

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: Trustee Watson had nothing to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez: In the absence of Trustee Dominguez, Mayor Kohut read the following report she submitted:

- 1) The Community Center sponsored an “Open Night” on March 18th, for the kids in the community. They had over 100 kids in attendance between the ages of 10 and 20 years old. The boys and girls enjoyed themselves throughout the entire event playing games, sports, dancing, etc. Trustee Dominguez thanked the staff for adding to the success of the event, as well as all those who donated food and drinks for the occasion.
- 2) Trustee Dominguez also reported that the Village has submitted two grants on behalf of the Community Center: the first for the Drug Free Community Grant, which is to continue an existing grant that the Village has had for approximately 5 years and will allow it to continue for years 6 through 10. The second grant is a Gang Prevention Grant through the Youth Bureau, which will involve the Village of Haverstraw, the Village of Spring Valley and the County of Rockland.

There was nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista read the following report submitted by Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios for the period of March 7th through March 13th

Rental property inspections	-	18
Municipal searches	-	4
Miscellaneous inspections	-	69
Construction inspections	-	91
Complaints	-	15
Violations & tickets	-	16
Permits	-	3

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Catherine LoBuono, 40 Hillside Avenue: Ms. LoBuono discussed the possibility of Renew Haverstraw holding two "Movie in the Park" nights to get the whole community together over the summer months doing, something everyone would enjoy. Being one of the founding members of Rivertown Films in Nyack, she has spoken with them to get advice on holding this type of event and the possibility of them helping out with the event. Renew Haverstraw will try to raise some funds to put on the movie nights. In order to avoid any conflicts, they are requesting the board to hold Saturday, July 16th and Saturday, August 13th for these events to take place. She would like to have some music while people are gathering before the start of the movie and they will also be inviting some of the restaurants in the Village to provide refreshments. She then mentioned scheduling rain dates for the events.

Terrence Watson: Trustee Watson suggested movie night be moved to the Community Center if it rains.

Catherine LoBuono: Ms. LoBuono then mentioned getting a shuttle bus to bring people to Emeline.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor suggested using the parking lot at the Damiani property, as to not interfere with Civile's parking. He also mentioned that these events could be operated through the village, which would eliminate the need for additional insurance. The Mayor and the board all felt movie night is a great idea and would definitely be a fun thing for the entire community to enjoy.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood suggested the possibility of having an earlier movie for the younger children and then run the primary movie.

Catherine LoBuono: Ms. LoBuono stated that whatever the movie is it will be family oriented and the kids could come in their PJ's as they would at a drive-in theater.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor suggested the possibility of having some activities for the kids before the start of the movie.

Gil Carlavaro, 42 Main Street: Mr. Carlavaro requested an update on the railroad Quiet Zone program.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that the money should be available this construction season, but he is not sure if the program will begin in the northern or southern end of the county or somewhere in-between.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood has spoken with the engineers hired by the county and he does not feel they will be ready to spend the money this year. Unfortunately, by the time they get all the plans together, it will probably be next spring before they move forward.

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #80-2011

Motion by: Terrence Watson
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift
March 23, 2011

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Senior Steno Clerk
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