

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, beginning at 8:00 PM.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting with an award presentation to the St. Peter's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Team for all their achievements throughout the year up to and including winning the 2010-2011 Archdiocesan CYO New York State Championship Gidget Division. The Mayor pointed out that this title has never been won before by any school in Rockland County making this a significant achievement for the young ladies and their coaches. He then presented Certificates to the girls and their coaches, mentioning how very proud the community is of all the girls for their hard work, dedication and time put in to reach this goal. On behalf of the Board, the Mayor congratulated the team for their exemplary performance and their accomplishments throughout the year, earning them the utmost respect and admiration of their community. He thanked the girls, the coaches, family members and friends for attending the meeting and wished them all much success and happiness in all their future endeavors.

The Mayor then opened the floor for the first Public Participation inviting the public to ask questions or make comments. With no comments from the floor, the Mayor continued the meeting with the first Public Hearing to amend the residency requirements for the Justice Court Clerk position, explaining the position is currently limited to anyone living within the Village. He requested the Village Attorney to present this new Local Law for approval by the Board.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq., Village Attorney: Counselor Hood explained that the Village Board is considering broadening the residency requirements for this position in a new Local Law as follows:

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Haverstraw may appoint as Village Justice Court Clerk any individual who is otherwise qualified to hold public office provided that such person shall, at the time of their appointment and during their continuance in office, be a resident of the County of Rockland. This section is enacted pursuant to the authority contained in §3-300, Subdivision 2, of the Village Law of the State of New York, which permits the Village Board to expand residency requirements for individuals appointed to village office.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the first Public Hearing to amend the residency requirements for the position of Justice Court Clerk.

## RESOLUTION #101-2011

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

At this time, the Mayor opened the floor to the public for questions or comments.

With no comments from the floor, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #102-2011

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
Seconded by: Terence Watson  
Motion carries: All

The Mayor then entertained a motion to approve the change to the residency requirements for the Justice Court Clerk position as stated above.

RESOLUTION #103-2011

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
Seconded by: Terence Watson  
Motion carries: All

The Mayor then opened the second Public Hearing with regard to adopting a revised fee schedule. He requested Counselor Hood to speak about this subject.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood has met with the Board on several occasions to discuss increasing many of the Village fees. They have done comparisons with other municipalities and found that the Village fees are low compared to others throughout the County. Therefore, the Board feels that a fee increase in several areas is warranted at this point in time.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed the public that the fees that are being considered for increases are mostly for the Building Department and DPW.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood explained that the fees for the Department of Public Works are basically for any utility company whose work involves opening roads in the village. It would require the utility to obtain a permit, which was \$200.00 and is being increased to \$250.00, which currently is the highest fee that can be charged.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing with regard to adopting a revised fee schedule.

RESOLUTION #104-2011

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed the public that although the schedule of fee changes was too long to read at the meeting it would be available at Village Hall and in the minutes of the meeting. In addition, if anyone had any questions about the fees or what fees are involved, he would be happy to answer them.

Village Treasurer - Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio had a question about street openings other than utility companies, wanting to know if there would still be a fee for a non-utility road opening, stating that the Village would normally

keep a \$250.00 bond for a period of one year for a non utility street opening, which she did not see on the new fee schedule.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that the amendment to the street opening fees would include a street opening fee of \$250.00 with an additional \$250.00 bond for a non-utility, refundable if the work is done properly.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

**RESOLUTION #105-2011**

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
Seconded by: Terence Watson  
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to approve the revised fee schedule.

**RESOLUTION #106-2011**

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

Mayor Kohut:

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.:** Counselor Hood had nothing to report.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:** The Mayor received an application from GDC to amend their site plan on Site A for the Parkside Building/Building C to change it from a condominium to a rental building, to increase the number of units from 107 to 110 and to allow 4 or 8 tandem parking spaces in the area. They are asking for a site plan amendment as well as a Lot Line Change for some of the common areas. This application necessitates referral to the Planning Board for their approval or disapproval and then is to be returned to the Village Board, with said application to be addressed to the Village Board rather than the Planning Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the application and refer it to the Planning Board for their review.

**RESOLUTION #107-2011**

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

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood mentioned that the dedication of the streets in the Harbors will be coming up soon and the Village is required to do SAD transfers and Title Searches for those parcels. He requested

approval from the Board to move forward with the Title Searches at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

**RESOLUTION #108-2011**

Motion by: Terence Watson  
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez  
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor received a request from the North Rockland Rowing Club to hang banners on both New Main Street and the Gurnee Avenue Tunnel announcing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual North Rockland Learn to Row Event to showcase the sport of rowing to the community. This event is scheduled for Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Admiral's Cove Marina.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to have the DPW hang the banners.

**RESOLUTION #109-2011**

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

The Mayor received a letter from the Chief of the Haverstraw Fire Department reminding the Board that their annual inspection will take place on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 8:15 AM with breakfast at Lady Warren Hose Co., followed by inspections at 9:00 AM.

At this time, the Mayor invited Pete Rugg to come forward to receive a plaque as outgoing chief of the Haverstraw Fire Department. On behalf of the Board, the Mayor thanked him for his hard work, dedication and time given to the betterment of the fire department and the community over the past ten years.

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 read the following report submitted by George White Superintendent of Public Works as of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011:

- 1) Started installing speed bumps throughout the Village.
- 2) Worked at the Warren Court ball field.
- 3) Still repairing damage from the winter season.
- 4) Cleared blocked sewers located on West Street, Lakeview Court and Harding Avenue.
- 5) Picked up yard waste, construction debris and white goods.

- 6) Opened up the Gurnee tunnel fountain.
- 7) Started to cut the grass throughout the Village.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez:** Trustee Dominguez informed everyone that summer camp applications are available at the Village Hall. She mentioned that the center was open late this past weekend; Friday night for middle school students and Saturday night until 10:00 PM for high school students. She then mentioned an upcoming variety talent show that will take place at the center on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Dominguez then proudly informed the Board and the public that this past weekend 8 to 10 of the children from the center took part in a "mural painting contest" at Catholic Charities. She then mentioned the center is applying for a Strengthening Family Program, which will provide tools for parents and kids to work closely together. It will teach parents how to show love and set limits for their children and, will teach the children how to behave towards and appreciate their parents and stay away from drugs. The sessions begin on Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> and continue every Wednesday at the Community Center through June 8<sup>th</sup>. She then requested approval to send Marion, Pete and Jeanmarie to a Reachout Pain Addiction Meds Family and Recovery Program at \$50.00 per person. The session will take place on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to send Marion, Pete and Jeanmarie to the above mentioned program at a fee of \$50.00 per person.

RESOLUTION #110-2011

Motion by: Francisco Batista

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

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

Mayor Kohut informed the board that the Building Inspector, Deputy Building Inspector and Fire Inspector will be attending a training program on Wednesday and Thursday of this week at the Fire Training Center mentioning, however, that the Building Department will remain open during their absence.

Mayor Kohut presented the minutes of the March 7<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Board Meetings for approval.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Trustee Dominguez reviewed the March 7<sup>th</sup> minutes and approved them with no changes. Trustee Watson reviewed both sets of minutes and approved both.

RESOLUTION #111-2011

Motion by: Terence Watson

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez  
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:  
**OLD BUSINESS**  
None.

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**NEW BUSINESS**  
None.

Mayor Kohut:  
**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Nothing from the floor.

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 #112-2011

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift  
Senior Steno Clerk  
May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011