

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, July 11th, 2011, beginning at 8:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

Gil Musinger, 1416 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Musinger spoke about the movie night that is planned for Saturday, July 16. He is concerned about coolers being allowed in the park, stating his concern that some people may bring beer to the event. He is happy about this event being held in the village, however, he suggested that the Village have one patrolman and an ambulance on hand. He hopes there will not be a need for either, but he feels it will give everybody a sense of security. He mentioned that the Village Board meeting for August is on the same night as the Town Board meeting and knowing that many people attend both meetings he would like the village Board to consider changing their meeting night so anyone wishing to attend both meetings can do so.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Musinger that the Town changed their meeting to the same night as the Village, mentioning that the Village had set up their summer scheduled previous to the Town.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport informed the Board that during the last storm water got into his store from overflowing storm drains, which he mentioned worked very well during previous storms, but could not contain the water flow of the last storm. He also mentioned there is a lot of debris coming out of the storm drain in front of his store and asked if the DPW could clean out the drain. He did state, however, that the DPW always does a great job with cleaning up after any storm.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that the DPW has been out cleaning up after the latest storm, however, he would inform them of the situation in front of his store.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine thanked Jay Hood, Jr. for his assistance in having the lines on Maple Avenue repainted. He then mentioned again the lights at the DPW, which have not yet been taken care of. He believes there are only two lights that need adjustment and Bobby knows which lights they are. He requested that the DPW adjust the lights quickly to avoid the annoyance to the Harbors residents.

Joel Commack, 33 Harbor Point Drive: He mentioned that he spoke with Damaris about getting in touch with the Assessor regarding an issue he previously brought up to the Board, but to date has not received a call back from her (the Assessor).

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor will e-mail the Assessor for follow-up on Mr. Commack's issue before he leaves the building.

The Mayor mentioned that a Public Hearing had previously been scheduled for this meeting night regarding the Cell Phone Tower Law, however that hearing had to be postponed. The Mayor requested Village Attorney Jay Hood explain.

Jay Hood, Jr., Village Attorney: With regard to the Cell Phone Tower Law, Counselor Hood submitted the following resolution allowing him to move forward with this Local Law to control wireless towers/antennae in the Village. He requested the Board to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING PARTS 1 AND 2 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW AND REFERRING THE PROPOSED SITING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES LOCAL LAW TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR ITS RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS, currently Wireless Telecommunications are permitted by special permit throughout the Village as utility facilities without specific standards, process or safeguards related to the specific concerns related to wireless telecommunication facilities; and

WHEREAS, in order to safeguard the health, safety, general interest, and welfare of the public and to safeguard the character of the Village and its neighborhoods, the Village Board of Trustees feels that it is necessary to promulgate specific rules and regulations related to the uniform approval of applications, imposition of fees, design review, facilities inspection, removal of vacated and inoperable facilities and indemnification; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed a local law designed for this purpose and an accompanying State Environmental Quality Review Full Environmental Assessment Form prepared by the Village Planning Consultant Turner Miller Group and the Board of Trustees has required revisions be made thereto; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of such regulations is believed to constitute a Type 1 action under State Environmental Quality Review (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the amendment of the zoning local law will require referral for recommendation to the Village of Haverstraw Planning Board and the Rockland County Planning Department pursuant to Section 245-36 of the Zoning Local Law of the Village of Haverstraw and Section 239M of the General Municipal Law of New York State; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees hereby adopts Part 1 and Part 2 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form for a Siting of Telecommunications Facilities Local Law, indicating that the proposed local law is not likely to result in large impacts to the environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees having identified no adverse impacts as a result of the local law and intending the local law to increase the health, safety, general interest

and welfare of the people of the Village of Haverstraw and to safeguard the character of the Village and its neighbors, hereby adopts the Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance for the proposed local law dated July 11, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the draft proposed law as most recently revised and dated June 22, 2011 be referred to the Planning Board for their report pursuant to 245-36 of the Village of Haverstraw Zoning Local Law and to the Rockland County Planning Department, the Village of West Haverstraw, the Town of Clarkstown, and the Town of Haverstraw.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to adopt parts 1 and 2 of the Environmental Assessment Form and Negative Declaration pursuant to state environmental quality review and to refer the Proposed Siting of Telecommunications Facilities Local Law to the Planning Board for its recommendation.

RESOLUTION #157-2011

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terence Watson

Motion carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that a new Public Hearing will be set once the Board has heard back from the Planning Board and Rockland County Planning Department.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood thanked Ed Molina for sending him the Proposed Law for Domesticated Chicken Regulations for people who want to raise chickens on their property for the purpose of egg production, etc. The Village Board feels this is something that requires very specific regulations and the proposed law will be given to the Building Inspector for his review. Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The mayor received a request from Relief Hose Co. #3 to reseal the hardwood floor due to some surface damage to the floor from a minor leak. They received an estimate from Precision Hardwood Flooring at a cost of \$1,075.00.

Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista questioned why we are not using someone local to repair the floor.

The Mayor informed Trustee Batista that Precision installed the flooring five years ago, therefore, they are the most familiar with this particular floor.

The Mayor announced that Saturday night, July 16th will be movie night at Emeline Park starting with music at 7:00 PM and showing of Raiders of the Lost Ark at 9:00 PM. He invited everyone to attend and enjoy a movie under the stars.

The Mayor announced that Jessica Om-Mendez has been interviewed and has accepted the position of Justice Court Clerk at a salary of \$40,000.00 per year.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the hiring of Jessica Oms-Mendez at the stated salary.

RESOLUTION #158-2011

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

The Mayor received a request from the Haverstraw Holiday Meal Committee. They are looking to expand their efforts in the Village by launching a "back to school backpack program". The goal is to fill 200 backpacks to be given to local children. They will be filled with the necessary items required for children returning to school. The committee is requesting use of Emeline Park on August 27th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM to launch this program. Lite refreshments will be served along with arts and crafts for the children.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to allow the committee to use Emeline Park on August 27th for this 1st annual event.

RESOLUTION #159-2011

Motion by: Francisco Batista
Seconded by: Terence Watson
Abstain: Emily Dominguez
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor informed the public that the Village has received the 2011 Sub-Recipient Agreement from the County of Rockland Office of Community Development. He is requesting board approval to sign the Agreement for the CDBG and accept the funding of two grant items; sidewalk improvements in the amount of \$95,000 and GET Small Business Program in the amount of \$25,000.00. These grants would help the Village to continue with these two programs.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #160-2011

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

The Mayor received a letter from the County of Rockland Youth Bureau with regard to a new initiative called "Renew Rockland" that is this year's summer environmental service project for the Youth Bureau. It is designed to educate homeowners and businesses about available incentives for implementing energy efficient practices in the home and workplace. They are promoting a free and open to the public "Renew Rockland" event, which will be held on August 18th at SUNY Rockland Community College. At this event the public will hear speakers and visit with vendors to learn ways to save money on resources for energy expenditures. The Board has been asked to announce this to the public and to list it on the Village Website.

The Mayor received a request from Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1 to use the Village parking lots across from and behind the fire house on Fairmount Avenue for a "wetdown" to christen their new fire truck and also to close a section of Maple Avenue for this event. The Mayor explained that this is something that is done by all fire companies in the county whenever they receive a new piece of apparatus. The wetdown is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th from 4:00 to 10:00 PM. They will notify Chief Miller about this event.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #161-2011

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

Mayor Kohut had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – **Trustee Rafael Bueno**: In the absence of Trustee Bueno, Mayor Kohut submitted the following applications for acceptance to the Haverstraw Fire Department as follows:

Astrid Sotocioppoli – Cosgriff Hose Co. #4
Fernando Acosta – Cosgriff Hose Co. #4

Both applications are complete and in order.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept both applicants into their preferred fire company.

RESOLUTION #162-2011

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

Mayor Kohut then read a report from Fire Chief Patrick McNamee as follows:

Summary of activity for the month of June

Total alarms	-	20
Structure fires	-	3
Boat calls	-	1
Mutual Aid Calls	-	2
Extrication Calls	-	1
False Alarms	-	3
Malicious Calls	-	10

TOTAL MANPOWER - 520 MEMBERS

On June 18th the department was dispatched to Redstone Beach to aid a swimmer in distress. When the marine unit arrived at the scene they found a male swimmer in the water that was unable to get back to shore. Ass't. Chief Gordon and Capt. Ricky Heath of Cosgriff Hose Co. #4 jumped into the water and assisted the non-swimmer back to the beach where he dropped from exhaustion and was attended to by paramedics. The Chief commended both men for their quick action thereby avoiding a possible drowning.

Chief McNamee also reported on two serious structure fires as follows:

- 1) June 2nd at 173 Broadway
- 2) June 26th at 66 Maple Avenue
- 3) June 26th there was another fire earlier in the day at 27 Westside Avenue.

He mentioned it was a very hot and humid day that day, but the members of the department performed admirably and got the job done. Mutual Aid was called in from surrounding fire departments and Cosgriff Hose Ladies Auxiliary was also on the scene serving water and cold beverages to the firefighters. The ambulance was also on the scene.

There was nothing further 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 July 11, 2011:

- 1) Crew cutting grass of all Village of Haverstraw properties, parks and lots.
- 2) Picked up yard waste, construction debris and white goods.
- 3) DPW crew cut down brush @ Greenway Trail hill.
- 4) Rockland County Highway brought the bull dozer to the Damiani property and leveled all piles.
- 5) Rockland County Highway Department brought their "Flail" machine and cut down heavy brush at Greenway Trails.
- 6) DPW crew cleaned up throughout the Village following the June 23rd heavy rain storm.
- 7) The sweeper was out for repair due to an accident, but is now in full operation 6 days a week.
- 8) Installed drainage improvements at 113 & 114 Hudson Avenue.
- 9) DPW crew replaced burned out lights on the main roads of the Harbors.

- 10) DPW assisted the Rockland County Highway Department in the re-line striping of Maple Avenue and Broadway.
- 11) DPW crew cleaned up throughout the Village following the July 1st heavy rain storm.
- 12) Worked on sewer main break at 37 Fairmount Avenue.

George White also requested permission to hire Matt Downen as seasonal help, subject to County approval.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #163-2011

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

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut mentioned that there was another major storm recently and the DPW crew was out immediately trying to alleviate any problems with blocked drains, etc.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez announced that summer camp began last week and there are a total of 170 campers.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Francisco Batista:

Trustee Batista read the following report submitted by Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios for the period of through :

Rental property inspections	-	10
Municipal searches	-	3
Miscellaneous inspections	-	62
Construction inspections	-	3
Complaints	-	7
Violations & tickets	-	0
Permits	-	3

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of May 16th, 25th and June 6th for approval.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #164-2011

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
approved May 16th minutes
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carries: All

Trustee Batista has reviewed the minutes of the May 25th meeting, therefore, they can also be approved.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #165-2011

Motion by: Francisco Batista
approved May 25th minutes
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport questioned the timeframe for the sidewalk improvement grant and if a portion of that money would be used in the downtown area for the storm drain improvements, however, he did mention that the storm drains have been working much better than in previous years.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the grant for \$95,000.00 is from Community Development for this year and will be used for the outlying areas of the village, specifically the upper part of Gurnee Avenue, which receives the most traffic. With last year's funds the Village improved First Street, Division Street and Clinton Street. He then informed Mr. Rappaport that the funds for repair of the sidewalks in the downtown area will be done as a part of the "Streetscape" project.

Artie Taub, 3304 Leewood: Mr. Taub asked for an update on the overpass on Rte 9W and where the likelihood of the cell towers would be situated.

Mayor Kohut: Referring to the cell tower, The Mayor informed Mr. Taub that this was strictly a law to deal with cell towers whenever anyone puts in an application. He then informed him that the bridge overpass is scheduled to open in late September or early October, at which point they may still have some landscaping, etc. to complete. They are filling in the deck, have done

a lot of paving and have raised a portion of the roadway on 9W. Upon completion, Short Clove Road will be closed from both ends.

Julio Ortiz, 26 Hudson Avenue: He asked if movie night at Emeline Park was just a one night thing.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that it is something that Renew Haverstraw is trying to do for the community. It will be held twice this summer. It is a costly event, therefore Renew Haverstraw, a community organization, is trying to raise enough money to possibly have several movie nights next summer.

Joel Commack: Mr. Commack inquired about how the Tilcon trucks will access Route 9W once Short Clove Road is closed and wondered if the new bridge was capable of handling the heavy trucks.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that as a part of the original specifications the bridge would be capable of handling an 18 wheeler loaded with stone.

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 #166-2011

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift
Senior Steno Clerk
July 18th, 2011