

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, 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 the first Public Participation inviting the public to ask questions or make comments.

Eduardo Liz, 90 Route 9W South: Mr. Liz spoke only in Spanish. Trustee Dominguez translated for Mr. Liz stating that he has finished the cleanup of the property as requested by the Board.

Mayor Kohut: Trustee Bueno translated for the Mayor. The Mayor mentioned that Mr. Liz previously came before the Board to apply for a Special Permit to convert his Auto Repair Shop on 9W into an Auto Body Shop. He informed Mr. Liz at that time that he would have to clean up the whole area around his shop before they would accept his application. The Mayor recently spoke with the Ruben Berrios, Building Inspector, who informed him that all the conditions for accepting the application from Mr. Liz have been met, therefore;

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to grant Mr. Liz the Special Permit he requested for the conversion of his property at 90 Route 9W South.

#### RESOLUTION #1-2012

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor announced that there was a Public Hearing scheduled for 8:05 PM with regard to the 2012 Community Development Block Grants. He then read the Public Notice that was posted for the Public Hearing. He explained to the public that residents of the Village are selected to be a part of the Community Development Citizen's Advisory Board who, in conjunction with the Village Board, is involved in making decisions on which applications received by the Village would be presented to the Rockland County Community Development Office.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing.

#### RESOLUTION #2-2012

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then gave an overview of the nationwide Community Development Program, informing the public that Rockland County receives approximately \$2.1 million which is distributed to

municipalities and nonprofit agencies throughout the County. Haverstraw has always been a recipient of Community Development funds, which have been used for the Façade program in the Village, helped Head Start fund their building on Maple Avenue, removed blighted properties from the village, completed extensive roadwork and sidewalk projects, as well as funding non-profits including the Arts Alliance for their many programs. He then opened the floor for questions or comments from the public.

Name not given, Haverstraw Youth Theatre Board: The gentleman stated that they are trying to revitalize the group and inquired if it would be possible for the Youth Theatre to apply for funding from Community Development Grants.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned that there is a new system in place, whereas the municipalities no longer participate in the same way they did in the past. He explained that the only part the village has in the current program is to accept applications and decide whether or not the Board consents to the application. He suggested they get an application from Joe Abate, Office of Community Development, and upon completion of the application submit it to the committee or directly to Mr. Abate's office, informing the gentleman that the deadline for receipt of the applications is 5:00 PM on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Office of Community Development.

With no further response from the public, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #3-2012

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
Seconded by: Terence Watson  
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 informed the public that the Board has been discussing placement of a Village of Haverstraw sign by the new Short Clove Road entrance. The sign was supposed to be a part of the State's project, however, they have reneged on the signage. The board has decided to have the DPW install a sign designed by Hudson Valley Signs. It will be a 43" X 67" sign at a cost of \$2,866.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the sign.

RESOLUTION #4-2012

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

The Mayor then informed the public that adjustments need to be made to the Village Budget as follows:

Increase Accounts

A1420.4	Law Contractual	\$72,160.00
A7140.43	Community Center	\$11,800.00
A9050.8	Unemployment	\$11,091.00
A8120.4	Sanitary Sewer (includes 12/19/11 bill)	\$46,139.00
A3310.4	Traffic Control	\$ 6,587.00

Decrease Account

A1990.4	Contingent	\$147,777.00
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Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above adjustments.

RESOLUTION #5-2012

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

The Mayor then requested the Board to authorize the expenditure of \$10,000.00 from Community Development Funds to go towards the Village's contribution for the GET Program to stay in the Village.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #6-2012

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

**Mayor Kohut:**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FIRE & ORDINANCES** – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno read the following report submitted by Fire Chief Patrick McNamee for the month of December, 2011:

Total Alarms	-	24
Structure Fires	-	1
Special Calls	-	2
Boat Calls	-	1
Mutual Aid Calls	-	0
Extrication Calls	-	0
False Alarms	-	6
Good Intent/Miscellaneous	-	13
Total Manpower Responding	-	741 members

Trustee Bueno had 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 January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012:

- 1) Repaired Christmas lights throughout the Village.
- 2) Received 10 tons of cold patch winter mix for the upcoming season.
- 3) Worked on resetting, repairing and installing signs throughout the Village.
- 4) King & Son continues with the sewer line project on Fairmount Avenue.
- 5) Continue to pick up yard waste, construction debris and white goods.
- 6) Cleaned up the beach at Emeline Park.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno mentioned they did not do a good job on resurfacing the area on Fairmount Avenue where the new sewer lines were being installed.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that it was a temporary fix and that once the ground settles they will be back to complete the resurfacing.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez:** Trustee Dominguez read the following report from December 17<sup>th</sup> to December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011:

**Counseling Services** – The staff held counseling sessions for 28 individuals and their family members.

**Homework Help:** Continue to give homework help to approximately 75 young people from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through high school who attend daily.

**JUMP MENTORING PROGRAM** - 15 children from the ages of 9 to 16 are being mentored by 5 adults from the community.

**DMI PROGRAM** - The next meeting will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. All 4 people attended the previous group session on December 19<sup>th</sup> and are being seen bi-weekly.

Trustee Dominguez had 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 ending January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012:

Rental property inspections	-	0
Municipal searches	-	1
Miscellaneous inspections	-	104
Construction inspections	-	2
Complaints	-	10
Violations & tickets	-	27
Permits	-	2

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

**MINUTES** - The Mayor presented the minutes of the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Regular Board Meeting for approval by the Board with one change made by Trustee Dominguez.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

**RESOLUTION #7-2012**

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

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez thanked everyone for the cooking, serving, donations, etc. that was done for the Community Center during the December holidays. All events were successful and enjoyed by everyone.

Mayor Kohut:

**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

William Stone, 14 Harbor Pointe Drive: Mr. Stone mentioned that he saw the DPW picking up Christmas Trees that week and he still has one to put out. He inquired if his could still be picked up.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Stone to leave the tree on the curb and the DPW would pick it up when they are making their rounds this week.

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 #8-2012**

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift  
Senior Steno Clerk  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012