

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 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. With no participation from the public, the Mayor moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Mayor Kohut:

#### **REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.:** Counselor Hood is working on several items but had nothing specific to report.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing to adopt a Local Law for illegal apartments for Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 8:05 PM.

#### RESOLUTION #54-2012

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

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

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:**

The Mayor received a proposal from Safe Harbor, in the amount of \$149,454.00, for the bulk of the Village insurance for the year, which is slightly over a 1% increase from last year.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the proposal as stated above.

#### RESOLUTION #55-2012

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.  
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received a request from the Department of Youth & Family Services for staff members Peter Fata, Jean-Marie Zubko and Tim Sanders to attend a seminar on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, presented by the Mid Hudson Prevention Center. The cost is \$25.00 per person, to be held at the Ramada Inn in Fishkill. The seminar will cover bullying prevention, alcohol prevention, group dynamics, etc.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above staff member's attendance at a prevention seminar as stated above.

RESOLUTION #56-2012

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

The Mayor announced that the Rockland County Department of Health received a grant to be distributed amongst four communities, with the Village of Haverstraw being a recipient, to create healthy places to live, work and play. Phase 1, in this present grant year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, the Village will receive \$14,700.00. Phase 2, for the second grant year, the Village will receive \$9,500.00, for a total of \$24,200.00. With the funding from this grant, the Village is considering installing a playground on the left side of the Community Center. Peggy Koval has received four proposals from companies that install playground equipment, with Follow the Child from Somers, New York being the low bidder.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the Playground Project to the low bidder, Follow the Child.

RESOLUTION #57-2012

Motion by: Terence Watson, Jr.  
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez  
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received the 2011 Annual Financial Report from Korn, Rosenbaum, independent auditors for the Village. The Board has reviewed the report and found it to be satisfactory.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the 2011 Annual Financial Report prepared by Korn, Rosenbaum LLP.

RESOLUTION #58-2012

Motion by: Terence Watson, Jr.  
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno  
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received the following budget adjustments from Village Accountant, Joseph Modafferri:

<u>Increase Account</u>		
A1110.4	Judicial Contractual	\$14,510.00
<u>Increase Account</u>		
A3890	State Revenue	\$14,510.00
	(Adjustment for grant received for Court)	
<u>Increase Account</u>		
A9950.91	Transfer to CD Fund	\$10,000.00
<u>Decrease Account</u>		
A1990.4	Contingency	\$10,000.00
	(\$10,000.00 from General Fund for GET)	

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the changes to the budget as specified above.

RESOLUTION #59-2012

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

The Mayor announced that the Justice Court has applied for, and received, a grant for various upgrades for the Justice Court, including new carpeting, chairs and some improvements in their office space. They received a bid from Carpet Plus to install carpeting in the entire area at a cost of \$4,700.00. They also priced out chairs and found the best price of \$32.95 per chair at Worthington Direct Office Supplies.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the installation of the carpeting, the purchase of the chairs and several improvements to the office space of the Justice Court.

RESOLUTION #60-2012

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
Seconded by: Francisco Batista  
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 February, 2012:

Total Alarms	-	21
General Alarms	-	13
Special Calls	-	4
Mutual Aid Calls	-	4
Structure Fires	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	1
Brush Fires	-	1
Vehicle Fires	-	1
Extrication Calls	-	1
Boat Calls	-	0
Gas Leaks	-	2
False Alarms	-	3
Good Intent/Miscellaneous	-	5
Total Manpower Responding	-	587 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 March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012:

- 1) The staff salted the Village roads during the snow and sleet storm of February 29<sup>th</sup>.

- 2) Had various signs installed throughout the Village.
- 3) Removed tree stumps and driftwood from Damiani property.
- 4) Grinded tree stumps throughout the Village.
- 5) Picked up yard waste, construction debris and white goods.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez:** Trustee Dominguez 2/17/31 to 3/1

**Counseling Services** – The staff held counseling sessions for 34 individuals and their family members.

**Homework Help** – The staff continues to provide homework help to approximately 75 young people from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through high school who attend daily.

Trustee Dominguez reported that on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 25 children from grades 10 to 12 spent the entire night in the gym and an awesome time was had by all.

Trustee Dominguez then informed everyone that the Haverstraw Kings Daughters Library is offering ESL Level 2 classes every Saturday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM for anyone interested.

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 February 17<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012:

Rental property inspections	-	15
Municipal searches	-	10
Miscellaneous inspections	-	174
Construction inspections	-	8
Complaints	-	17
Violations & tickets	-	20
Permits & CO's	-	9

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

**MINUTES:** The Mayor presented the minutes of January 3<sup>rd</sup> and January 17<sup>th</sup> for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above stated minutes as written.

**RESOLUTION #61-2012**

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
 Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.  
 Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Mayor received a letter with regard to the Veteran's History Project to honor American war veterans and civilian workers who supported the Veterans by preserving stories of their service to our country. The U.S. Congress voted unanimously to create the Veteran's History Project at the American Folk Life Center in the Library of Congress. They are requesting narratives from anyone wishing to submit a story, photos, letters or other historical documentation about someone they know and would like to honor from World War 1 through the current conflicts. The Rockland County Independent Living Center is engaged in capturing veteran's stories.

The Mayor then requested a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 PM for consideration of a new law limiting tobacco advertising in the Village.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

**RESOLUTION #62-2012**

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor informed the public of upcoming events in the North Rockland area as follows:

- 1) Public Hearing - Desalinization Plant at the Haverstraw Town Hall
- 2) Village Marketing Committee - Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.
- 3) ZBA Meeting – March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM
- 4) Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1 Dinner/Dance – March 9th

Mayor Kohut:

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

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport requested the Board to speak with Town Supervisor Howard Phillips and Police Chief Miller about traffic control in the Village. He feels they are not doing enough in our village; vehicles are double and triple parking, blocking the intersections and driveways, and the cops are just driving right by, without even blowing their horns. He called the police about a car parked in front of his driveway. The police showed up a while later, ran the plate number and issued them a ticket, stating that the Village needs to just keep issuing tickets. He witnesses things going on every day and feels it is getting a little unreasonable.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor will send a letter to both Supervisor Phillips and Chief Miller about this problem.

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 #63-2012

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift  
Senior Steno Clerk  
March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012