

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, April 30th, 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 announced that the purpose of this Special Meeting was to vote on the budget. By law, a budget had to be approved by the end of business that day. The original budget proposed was for an increase of 6.1812%, which kept the Village within the 2% cap under the state mandate. There was, however, a total increase of 6.2% overall due to tax certiorari settlements which reduced the Village's total assessed value. The Board has thoroughly reviewed the budget and through a series of revisions to various line items have reduced the budget to 5.4118%, which is an 8/10 of a percent decrease, bringing the actual net adjustment to \$47,146.00, resulting in a proposed budget of \$8,190,890.00.

The Mayor read the following line adjustments:

Law Personnel Line	-	Reduced	\$ 3,600.00
NYCOM Municipal Dues		Increase	400.00
Contingent Overtime	-	Reduce	28,250.00
Crossing Guards	-	Reduce	3,308.00
Community Center Personnel-		Reduce	16,214.00
Firemen's Medical -		Reduce	5,000.00
Building Repairs DPW	-	Reduce	10,000.00
Adjust from BAN to Bond to cover tax certiorari matters:			
Statutory Bond Principal		Increase	85,000.00
Statutory Bond Interest		Increase	28,384.00
BAN Principal Line	-	Reduce	100,000.00
BAN Interest Line	-	Reduce	16,350.00

The Mayor then stated that one part-time position will be eliminated and one staff member will share a part-time clerk's position between the Justice Department and the Building Department, thereby, reducing the budget by a sum of \$14,560.00.

Street Maintenance Personnel -		Increase	19,942.00
Social Security	-	Increase	15,226.00
Hospitalization & Medical	-	Increase	15,649.49
Life Insurance	-	Increase	70.00
Glasses	-	Increase	234.00
Dental	-	Increase	271.00
Safety Inspection Contractual	-	Reduced	700.00
Camp Contractual	-	Reduced	17,040.00
Total Net Reduction			\$ 47,146.00

The total increase in taxes will be 5.4118% keeping the Village under the required New York State cap by approximately \$56,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

RESOLUTION #108-2012

Motion by: Terence Watson, Jr.
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Reject: Emily Dominguez

ROLL CALL VOTE

Trustee Batista	- No
Trustee Bueno	- Yes
Trustee Watson	- Yes
Trustee Dominguez	- No
Mayor Kohut	- Yes

The budget passes with 3 Yes votes and 2 No votes.

Trustee Batista and Trustee Dominguez both agreed that more could be done to further reduce the budget.

Trustee Bueno, although he hates the idea of raising taxes, believes the Board made the appropriate increases and decreases to the budget to allow the Village to function properly in the coming year.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESOLUTION #109-2012

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

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post inquired whether or not the public can still have any input with regard to the budget.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that the Public Hearing regarding the budget has been closed.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then wanted to know why the two Trustees rejected the budget and what they feel could be done to decrease it even more.

Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista felt that the only avenue the Village has would be to cut more personnel through lay-offs.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez agreed with Trustee Batista that the Village should cut more personnel, as well as freezing all positions.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor feels that the Village staff has worked very diligently to provide required services to the residents and that a fair budget was adopted in order for the Village to continue to do so.

Mel Post: Mr. Post thanked the Mayor for his rebuttal editorial to the Journal News, stating it was very well written and he appreciated the Mayor's comments.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez also informed Mr. Post that the article is in the translation process and upon completion will be forwarded to the Spanish newspapers.

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift
Senior Steno Clerk
May 25th, 2012