

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, May 21st, 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. With no input from the public, the Mayor moved forward with the agenda. He invited Andrew Maniglia to discuss the proposed change to the Land Use Map for Harbors.

Andrew Maniglia: Mr. Maniglia presented a proposal to the Board to change areas A & B on the Land Use Map. He explained that this change would cover the Sales Center property located on Site B and incorporate it into the land use area of Site A, which would allow for a 10,000 square foot restaurant in that area.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept this application and forward copies to the Rockland County Planning Board.

RESOLUTION #123-2012

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to declare the Village as Lead Agency for this project.

RESOLUTION #124-2012

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.
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 read the following budget adjustments to the 2011/2012 Village Budget:

Increase

Decrease

A.1110.4	Justice Contractual	\$ 16,500.00	
A.1410.4	Clerk Contractual	1,000.00	
A4160.42	Building Repairs BD	10,000.00	
A.4160.422	Building Repairs DPW		\$ 50,000.00
A.3120.4	Police Contractual	500.00	
A.3310.4	Traffic Control	1,000.00	
A.3320.4	On Street Parking	3,900.00	
A.3320.4	Meter Replacement		3,000.00
A.3410.41	Fire Hydrant Rent	6,000.00	
A.6889.4	Farmer's Market	750.00	
A.7110.41	Dock Repair		2,000.00
A.7110.42	Ball Park	12,000.00	
A.7140.43	Center Cleaning	3,000.00	
A.7310.12	Summer Camp Per. Serv.		8,000.00
A.8120.4	Sanitary Sewer	63,000.00	
A.9140.8	Workers Comp.		30,900.00
A.9050.8	Unemployment	2,600.00	
A.5110.45	DPW Equipment Repair	10,000.00	
A.1990.4	Contingent		30,000.00
A.1910.4	Unallocated Insurance		6,350.00
	TOTAL	130,250.00	130,250.00

A.1110.4	Justice Contractual	15,530.00	
A.3089	State Aid	Increase	15,530.00
	State Grant		

A.5710	Principal Tax Cert Bond	Increase	1,200,000.00
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New Account

A.1930.4	Judgments & Claims	1,200,000.00	
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Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the adjustments to the budget as stated above.

RESOLUTION #125-2012

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

The Mayor announced that the Board has hired Wendy Messano and Alexandra Evans to manage and operate the Village Farmer's Market at a cost of \$3,500.00 per person. The market is scheduled to open on Sunday, June 17th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and will continue every Sunday through October 28th, 2012.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the contract, with the proper wording changes, with Ms. Messano and Ms. Evans.

RESOLUTION #126-2012

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

The Mayor announced that the Village Treasurer received a letter from Moody's Investors Service that they have assigned a rating of **A1** to the Village of Haverstraw.

In the matter of amending the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP), the Mayor read the following resolution for approval by the Board:

WHEREAS; residents of the Village of Haverstraw approved a referendum to establish a Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighter members of the Haverstraw Fire Department effective January 1, 1996, in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law; and,

WHEREAS; in certain cases the Village Board of Trustees may amend the Service Award Program by resolution of the Village Board; and

WHEREAS; currently, when a participant who has attained the entitlement age and commenced receiving a monthly service award dies prior to receiving 120 monthly payments, the designated beneficiary continues to receive the remaining portion of the deceased participant's 120 guaranteed monthly payments; and

WHEREAS; the Board of Fire Trustees wish to offer an additional form of payment to a participant's beneficiary; and

WHEREAS; offering such additional form of payment will reduce the cost and time required to administer the Service Award Program;

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Village Board of Trustees hereby amends the Haverstraw Fire Department Service Award Program effective immediately to provide that a designated beneficiary of a deceased post-entitlement age participant may elect, in lieu of receiving the remaining guaranteed monthly payments, to instead receive a one-time lump sum equal to the discounted present value of such remaining guaranteed monthly payments. For the purposes of determining discounted present value, the interest rate used shall be the same as the interest rate used to determine the most recently calculated annual cost of the Service Award Program.

The annual cost of the program, payable by the Village, will not increase as a result of this change.

All other provisions of the Haverstraw Fire Department Service Award Program shall not change and the program shall continue to be administered by the Village of Haverstraw in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law as such law is amended from time to time.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the amendments to the LOSAP program, as stated above.

RESOLUTION #127-2012

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

Francisco Batista	-	Yes
Rafael Bueno	-	Yes
Emily Dominguez	-	Yes
Thomas Watson, Jr.	-	Yes
Michael F. Kohut	-	Yes

Motion passes with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Tax Certiorari for Albert Kaiser in the amount of (\$2,175.11) for property located at 157 Route 9W No.

RESOLUTION #128-2012

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

The Mayor announced that the low bid for transportation for Summer Camp was Haverstraw Transit with a bid of \$11,070.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the transportation for Summer Camp to Haverstraw Transit as stated above.

RESOLUTION #129-2012

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the 2012 OASAS Contract in the amount of \$212,151.00.

RESOLUTION #130-2012

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

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- 1) The animal statues located in downtown businesses and restaurants will be auctioned off at Union Restaurant on Sunday, June 3rd, with the proceeds going to the North Rockland Rowing Association and Hi-Tor Animal Shelter of Rockland.

- 2) The Quisqueya Club Softball League is scheduled to start their season on Sunday, May 27th at 11:00 AM at the Cpl. Manny Lopez ball field.
- 3) The first "Dancing Under the Stars" is scheduled for Friday, June 15th. The "A Band" will provide the music for the night.
- 4) The Farmer's Market is scheduled to open on Sunday, June 17th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno submitted the following application for acceptance to the Haverstraw Fire Department as follows:

Rafael Class - Lady Warren Hose Co. #5

The application is complete and duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept Rafael Class into his chosen fire company.

RESOLUTION #131-2012

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

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 May 21st, 2012:

- 1) Fixed all potholes throughout the Village for the parade route.
- 2) Cut and trimmed the grass on Broadway, Fairmount Avenue, Hudson Avenue, Westside Avenue, New Main Street and Maple Avenue.
- 3) Took out three speed bumps on Warren and McKenzie Avenues that were on the route of the bike race.
- 4) Tree down on Jefferson Street.
- 5) Placed mulch down around the firehouse and Village Hall.
- 6) Planted flowers in front of Village Hall.
- 7) Painted and fixed the wall for the holding cell at Village Hall.

- 8) Completed installing the speed bumps for the season.

Trustee Watson announced that there is still an open position at the DPW. Ten applicants were interviewed and a recommendation made to hire Oswaldo Reyes for the full time laborer position. Mr. Reyes will begin work on June 4th.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #132-2012

Motion by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion Carries: All

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez gave the following report of activities at the Community Center for the two week period ending May 15th:

Reachout Counseling Services – The staff held counseling sessions for 52 individuals and their family members for group and family counseling.

The center will be kept open until 9:00 PM on Friday's for the young people to participate in recreational activities.

Still accepting applications for summer camp, which will begin on July 9th.

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 of May 7th through May 18th, 2012:

Municipal searches	-	6
Miscellaneous inspections	-	93
Construction inspections	-	15
Complaints	-	10
Violations & tickets	-	8
Permits	-	7

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez mentioned that they still need carpenters to help build the Concession Stand at the ball field. Anyone willing to volunteer their services will be welcome at the ball field on Saturday, June 26th or contact the Village Hall for more information.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fulvio Ortega, 19 New Main Street: Mr. Ortega informed the Board that there is a group of people riding scooters at high speeds up and down the Village Streets. He has called the Police Department and Howard Phillips and has seen no response. He figures at least 95% of them are illegal, having plates, but no red tags, which is the annual licensing tag. They ride through the Village perilously and are putting the residents of the community in danger. He feels the police are not enforcing the laws of the Village and someone is going to get hurt. He wanted to know what the Village could do to get this situation under control.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that he would speak with Chief Miller about the situation.

Fulvio Ortega: Mr. Ortega then brought up the burned out building on Broadway & Pratt Street that still has a fire escape attached and people are using it to get into the building for what he believes is illegal activity. He also mentioned that every weekend these people put up a tent in the back yard of this house and party through the night; the noise level on the weekends is ridiculously high. He is thinking about contacting the Criminal Justice Bureau.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor asked if he had the house number and if he has spoken with Ruben or anyone in the Building Department.

Fulvio Ortega: Mr. Ortega has only spoken with the Police and Mr. Phillips and did not know the number of the house.

Mayor Kohut: Besides speaking with Chief Miller, the Mayor will see if the Building Department can do anything to rectify the situation.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESOLUTION #133-2012

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift
Senior Steno Clerk
May 29th, 2012