

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, September 17th, 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 evening's agenda.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood requested approval from the Board to sign a retainer with Huff & Wilkes, attorneys, to act as Tax Counsel providing property tax related advocacy and advisory services, including such valuation analyses that may be required. The fee for this service is \$185.00 per hour.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to permit Counselor Hood to sign a retainer with Huff & Wilkes as stated above.

RESOLUTION #224-2012

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

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio was absent from the meeting and the Deputy Village Clerk, Damaris Torres had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor received a request from Alexandria Evans, who runs the Farmer's Market for the Village, to operate a monthly Winter/Spring Farmer's Market from November, 2012 thru May, 2013. She has estimated a budget at \$100.00 per month for the seven months. The location for the market will be the Community Center.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve a Winter/Spring Farmer's Market as stated above.

RESOLUTION #225-2012

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

The Mayor received a notice from Jessica Sampson, Office of Community Development, informing the Board that they will be holding Fair Housing Training sessions for all consortium members. It is mandatory that Village Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board members attend this training session. The Mayor scheduled the Village training session on Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00 PM.

The Mayor received a request from the Haverstraw Brick Museum to hold an Antique & Collectors Sale on Saturday, September 28th, 2013 with a rain date of October 5th, 2013. They are also requesting to hold the event on Maple Avenue at the location of the Farmer's Market, adjacent to the Village Hall and to have the DPW close off Maple Avenue, between New Main Street and West Broad Street for this event.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion allowing the Brick Museum Antique Sale as stated above.

RESOLUTION #226-2012

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

The Mayor received a request from Lady Warren Hose Co. #5 to purchase paint for their quarters.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the purchase request for the company to paint their quarters.

RESOLUTION #227-2012

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

The Mayor discussed a request from Hector Sotomayor of 29 Broadway, to construct a ground floor apartment for his parents, beneath his store. He mentioned that this application was presented to the Zoning Board, who returned it to the Village Board with a negative recommendation. The Mayor also mentioned that the Village has a letter from Mr. Sotomayor stating, "In the event the property is sold, the apartment would be removed and returned to its original condition".

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the request with the stipulation that if the property is sold, the apartment would be removed and returned to its original condition.

RESOLUTION #228-2012

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion passes with 4 Yes votes and 1 No vote.

The Mayor received a proposal from LTD Landscaping, in the amount of \$2,000.00, to install landscaping around the area of the Gateway sign. Mr. Garcia, of LTD, will be working for free and the \$2,000 is for paying his workers.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to have LTD landscape the area around the Gateway sign as stated above.

RESOLUTION #229-2012

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

The Mayor received a proposal from Orange & Rockland Utilities (O&R) to purchase street light inventory, at a cost of \$47,000.00, which would save the Village approximately 50% in fees.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to purchase street light inventory from O&R at stated above.

RESOLUTION #230-2012

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to have the Village Clerk prepare documents to go out to bid for street light maintenance.

RESOLUTION #231-2012

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

The Mayor received a request from the Rockland County Historical Society to take an ad in their annual journal.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to take a journal ad in the amount of \$150.00.

RESOLUTION #232-2012

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

The Mayor received a letter of resignation from Michael Lupo, Court Attendant. Mr. Lupo's last day of work will be September 13th, 2012.

Mayor Kohut thanked Mr. Lupo for his service to the Village and entertained a motion to accept his resignation, with regret.

RESOLUTION #233-2012

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

The Mayor then requested the Board to approve the hiring of Kim A. Saucier to fill the recently vacated position of Court Attendant. Mr. Saucier has met all the specifications required for this position and has been recommended for this position by Judge Ronald DeCaprio, Village Justice.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #234-2012

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor requested the Board to approve the following Bond Resolution in the amount of \$150,000.00 to purchase two trucks for the Department of Public Works (DPW):

BOND RESOLUTION DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2012.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$150,000 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW, ROCKLAND COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF TRUCKS FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital purposes hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to the extent required, have been performed; and

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For paying the cost of the acquisition of trucks for use by the Department of Public Works, in and for the Village of Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, a specific object or purpose, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$150,000 bonds of said Village pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. The estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is hereby determined to be \$150,000, and the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$150,000 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond resolution.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or *purpose* is five years, pursuant to subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds authorized will not exceed five years.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including

renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said Village of Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the Village of Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Village Treasurer and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Village Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the Village Treasurer shall deem best for the interests of said Village, provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the Village Treasurer shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Village Treasurer shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Village by the facsimile signature of the Village Treasurer, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the Village), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Village Treasurer. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the Village not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Village Treasurer shall determine.

Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be,

reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in *Rockland Journal News*, the official newspaper, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to adopt the above Bond Resolution for the purchase of two DPW trucks.

RESOLUTION #235-2012

Motion by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on **ROLL CALL**, which resulted as follows:

Trustee Batista	- Yes
Trustee Bueno	- Yes
Trustee Watson	- Yes
Trustee Dominguez	- Yes
Mayor Kohut	- Yes

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

The Mayor made the following announcement of upcoming events in the Village:

- 1) Haverstraw Street Fair – Sunday, September 23rd, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- 2) Greenway Trail Clean-up – Saturday, September 29th
- 3) Haverstraw Craft Fair – Stone Building, Saturday October 13th
- 4) Brickyard 5000 Race – Sunday, October 14
- 5) Revolutionary War Cannon Dedication – Saturday, September 22nd, 2012, 11:00 AM at Emeline Park.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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| Antonio Quinones, Jr. | - | General Warren Emergency Co. #2 |
| Steven A. Castro | - | General Warren Emergency Co. #2 |
| Jose Roman | - | Lady Warren Hose Co. #5 |

Application(s) are complete and duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the applicant(s) into the company of their choice.

RESOLUTION #236-2012

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 September 17th, 2012:

- 1) Put up the banners for the Street Fair.
- 2) Removed the fallen tree on Riverside Avenue which was a result of the September 6th storm.
- 3) Call out for flooding due to the storm on September 8th.
- 4) Cut back over hanging brush in the alleyways.
- 5) Filled in the abandoned lot on Van Houten Street.
- 6) Repaired and painted the door at Relief Hose fire house.
- 7) Reset the meters in the business district.
- 8) The control panel at the Harbors pump station failed causing the pump station to malfunction. Called in TAM to replace control panel.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez reported on the following activities taking place at the Community Center for the period ending September 17th:

Reachout Counseling Services – The staff held counseling sessions for 23 individuals and their family members for group and/or family canceling.

Homework Program – The Center continues its Homework Help Program, with approximately 64 children attending daily.

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 September 3rd through September 14th, 2012:

Rental property inspections	-	8
Municipal searches	-	5
Miscellaneous inspections	-	63
Construction inspections	-	7
Complaints	-	6
Violations & tickets	-	3
Permits	-	6

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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 #237-2012

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift
Senior Steno Clerk
September 24, 2012