

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, November 5th, 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.

Noel Rappaport: 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport commended the staff of the DPW whom he said did a great job with the clean-up and restoration of the Village after the storms of the previous weeks.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor agreed wholeheartedly with Mr. Rappaport stating that they went above and beyond with the clean-up and restoring the Village to some normalcy.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood requested authorization from the Board to settle the Tilcon Tax Cert for the year 2009, which would include a refund to Tilcon of approximately \$40,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize Counselor Hood to settle the 2009 Tilcon Tax Cert as stated above.

RESOLUTION #263-2012

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

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported on ongoing litigation of the AAA Electric case, which is the Site A condemnation case of the Harbors property, for which the Village is currently in the appeal process. He mentioned that at Mr. Ginsburg's request, the Village will be adding additional counsel to Watkins & Watkins, Village Counsel, to help prosecute the appeal. All fees for the additional counsel will be paid for by Mr. Ginsburg. The Mayor, therefore, requested authorization to sign a retainer agreement with Rosenberg & Nestis.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a retainer agreement as stated above.

RESOLUTION #264-2012

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor then spoke about Hurricane Sandy and the overall damages and power outages to the Village. He mentioned specifically that Emeline Park was partially destroyed along with Civile's Restaurant, which is actually a village owned property being leased. Additionally, he mentioned that the Ferry Landing site was severely damaged which is not village property. He also reported that there was damage to the promenade at the Harbors, as well as the DPW property, which suffered substantial damage, including the equipment and the offices. He also reported that the DPW, the Village Fire Department and the Town Police were out during and after the storm to assist in any emergency situation, including the transformer fire on Elks Drive. He explained that one of the Village fire trucks was almost lost and some firefighters could have been severely injured when a tree fell, pulling down wires, as the truck was passing under it, narrowly missing the truck and injuring the firefighters onboard. The truck was trapped for approximately two hours until Orange & Rockland came out and cut the power to the area. The Mayor then mentioned that numerous cars were also damaged in two of the three underground parking garages in the buildings at Harbors, however, there were no injuries to anyone in the Village due to the storm. As far as clean-up in the Village, the Mayor reported that the Village has been in contact with FEMA and the Village insurance company about the damages the Village incurred due to the storm. He was proud to say that through it all, the Village was able to remain operative.

The Mayor then mentioned that the Village received a proposal from SERVPRO of Putnam County for the cleanup of the Public Works building in the amount of \$5,119.38. The cleanup will include removal of damaged sheetrock and insulation and general clean-up of the damaged area of the building. The Mayor requested approval from the Board to sign an agreement with SERVPRO to clean-up the damage to the DPW building.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire SERVPRO as stated above.

RESOLUTION #265-2012

Motion by: Terrence Watson, Jr.

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor then mentioned that two of the three offices at the DPW are uninhabitable at this time. The Village has received a proposal from the William Scott Smith Company to rent a construction trailer at a monthly charge of \$476.00 with additional fees involved to run the trailer, the cost of which should be covered either by insurance or by FEMA.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to bring in the construction trailer for use until the damage is repaired to the building.

RESOLUTION #266-2012

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Terrence Watson, Jr.
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor informed the public that the Village Hall would be closed for Election Day and also for Veteran's Day which is officially celebrated this year on Monday, November 12th. The Mayor then mentioned that "Holidays in Haverstraw" will take place on Saturday, December 1st.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno had no official report, but did want to mention the outstanding job done by each fire company in the Village to help its citizens in every way possible during the devastating storm of the previous week. The firefighters pumped out water wherever necessary in the Harbors, stood by with generated lighting throughout many nights to light up the parts of the Village that were still in blackout mode and also stood by in quarters for any other emergency situations that came up.

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor also wanted to extend the Village's thanks to the Town of Haverstraw Police Department, Highway and Parks Departments for their help during the storm and for obtaining the generators and lighting devices, which were used for several nights. He also thanked the North Rockland Soccer and Football Associations whose lights were used to light up the dark areas of the Village. He also stated that it would have been a much worse situation without the use of the lighting equipment and all the outside help that was given to the Village during the power outages.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson: With the DPW crew working on storm damage, Trustee Watson had no report from the DPW for this meeting.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez gave the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of October 12th to October 30th:

Reachout Counseling Services – The staff held counseling sessions for 51 individuals and their family members for group and/or family canceling.

Homework Program – The Center continues with its Homework Program, with approximately 64 children attending on a daily basis.

Halloween Parade/Festival – The festivities for Halloween were cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy.

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Francisco Batista:

Trustee Batista read the following parking report for the month of October:

Parking Tickets - 264

Trustee Batista then reminded everyone that Overnight Parking Regulations go into effect on November 15th. He also mentioned that parking permits are available for sale at the Village Hall.

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of September 17th and October 1st for approval by the Board.

Trustee Dominguez mentioned that she has not yet reviewed either set of minutes.

Trustee Batista read the minutes of September 17th and stated they were ready for approval as written.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17th meeting and to hold approval of the October 1st meeting until the Board has had the opportunity to review them.

RESOLUTION #267-2012

Motion by: Francisco Batista

Seconded by: Terrence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Dominguez mentioned that the Community Center will be holding its annual Thanksgiving feast and that they are accepting turkey donations or any other food items for the feast at the Community Center. Turkeys should be defrosted and ready to cook.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport mentioned that it was SERVPRO who did the cleanup at 37 Clove Avenue and wanted the Board to know they did a great job.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that the Village has used their services before with great success. 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 #268-2012

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift
Senior Steno Clerk
November 13th, 2012