

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, 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 public input, the Mayor continued the meeting with the regular agenda.

Mayor Kohut:

## **REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.:** Counselor Hood reported that the Village has taken over the property from GenOn, which runs from Warren Avenue to the Chair Factory.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

**VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio:** In the absence of Ms. Curcio, Damaris Torres, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer noted that there was nothing to report from the Treasurer's Office.

**MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:** The Mayor entertained a motion to appoint Dennis Michaels to the position of Deputy Village Attorney for a period of one year.

## RESOLUTION #13-2013

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

The Mayor reported on the features and benefits of the Immediate Response Information System (IRIS) from Gemba Security Solutions. He explained that the system can broadcast and deliver thousands of routine, priority and emergency messages quickly and efficiently via landline, cell phone, e-mail, wireless PDA and text messaging, which will be extremely helpful during any emergency situation. He also mentioned that it would improve operational efficiency and reduce the costs of handling mass communication needs as it is web-based and offers unlimited annual use requiring no additional hardware or software. The system can also translate messages in up to 24 languages.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the IRIS system.

RESOLUTION #14-2013

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

The Mayor informed the public that the Community Development Committee has recommended the following applications be forwarded to Joe Abate at the Rockland County Office of Community Development:

- 1) Village of Haverstraw – Continuation of sidewalk project.
- 2) Arts Alliance
- 3) Big Brothers/Big Sister
- 4) G.E.T

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve forwarding the above stated applications to the Community Development Office for review.

RESOLUTION #15-2013

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

The Mayor presented the GASB 45 Other Post-Employment Benefits Actuarial Valuation Report for the fiscal year ending May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 for approval by the Board. This report was prepared by Armory Associates, LLC of Syracuse, New York.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above report.

RESOLUTION #16-2013

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

The Mayor then requested permission from the Board to switch from Verizon to Cablevision, which would be more cost effective for the Village. The fee for set-up to make the move would be \$47.00, with a monthly fee of \$49.95 per building – the request being for Village Hall and Youth & Family Services Center.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to make the switch from Verizon to Cablevision.

RESOLUTION #17-2013

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

The Mayor then requested the Board's approval to engage the law firm of Kornfeld, Rew, Newman and Simeone to explore the possibilities of the Fire Department becoming a district. The cost to the Village would be \$250.00 per hour.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to engage the above stated law firm for firematic purposes as stated above.

RESOLUTION #18-2013

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

The Mayor received a request from “Bud” Wassmer, on behalf of the North Rockland Rotary, for permission to hold a carnival in the Knights of Columbus Parking Lot from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to grant permission to the Rotary to hold the event stated above.

RESOLUTION #19-2013

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

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

**Mayor Kohut:**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FIRE & ORDINANCES** – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno submitted the following application for membership to the Haverstraw Fire Department:

Camilio Lopez - Lady Warren Hose Co. #5

The application is complete and duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept Mr. Lopez into his chosen fire company.

RESOLUTION #20-2013

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

Trustee Bueno then read the following summary of activity for the Haverstraw Fire Department, submitted by Fire Chief Patrick McNamee, for the month of December, 2012:

Total Alarms	-	22
General Alarms	-	20
Special Calls	-	1
Mutual Aid Calls	-	1
Structure Fires	-	2
Cooking Fires	-	6
Trash/Rubbish Fires	-	0
Brush Fires	-	0
Vehicle Fires	-	0
Dryer Fire	-	1
Electrical Fires	-	3

Boat Calls	-	0
Extrication Calls	-	0
Gas Leaks	-	0
C.O. Alarms	-	0
Water Leaks	-	5
Storm Related	-	0
False Alarms	-	2
Assist Police	-	1
Good Intent/Miscellaneous	-	2

Total Manpower Responding - 503 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson:**

Trustee Watson had nothing to report.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez:** Trustee Dominguez gave the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of January 3<sup>rd</sup> to January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013:

Reachout Counseling Services – The staff held counseling sessions for 31 individuals for group counseling and 3 families for family counseling. There were also 3 participants seen for teen intervention.

She then mentioned that the Community Center will be open until 9:00 PM on Friday nights. Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report regarding the activities at the Community Center.

Trustee Dominguez requested the Board approve engaging CV Plumbing and Heating to complete the plumbing project at the Concession Stand in the Cpl. Manny Lopez Ball Park at a cost of \$5,950.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to engage CV Plumbing as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #21-2013**

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

**BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Francisco Batista:**

Trustee Batista had nothing to report.

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

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

**RESOLUTION #22-2013**

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:  
**OLD BUSINESS**  
None.

Mayor Kohut:  
**NEW BUSINESS**  
None.

**Mayor Kohut:**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Gillian Ballard, Big Brothers, Big Sisters (BBBS): Ms. Ballard wanted to thank the Board for all the support they have given BBBS over the years. They have been able to help and feed over 30 children every week, for which she is very grateful.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport inquired if the Village has made any plans to help people who may be without heat during the upcoming cold spell.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that they would put people up at the Community Center if they are without heat.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor announced that long-time staff member, Donald Boycott, passed away. Don served as both the Superintendent of Public Works and Building Inspector. He was also in charge of Community Service for the Village, which he did at no cost to the Village.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was closed in memory of Donald Boycott. He requested everyone to rise for a moment of silence.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**RESOLUTION #23-2013**

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift  
Senior Steno Clerk  
January 29, 2013  
File #102