

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, March 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2013, beginning at 8:00 PM.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Batista	- Present
	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Watson	- Absent
	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 continued with the Regular Meeting Agenda.

Mayor Kohut:

#### **REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.:** Counselor Hood requested the Board to approve the New York State Safe Act, copies of which were previously submitted to the Board. He explained this act would protect the rights of individuals to own firearms, but restrict the use of firearms by people considered likely to present high risk of misuse and other laudable attempts to control guns, which was approved by the Governor and the Legislature.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the New York State Safe Act.

Motion by: Francisco Batista  
The Board chose to table this until the next meeting.  
Seconded by:  
Motion Carries:

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

**VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio:** Ms. Curcio requested approval to have Provident Bank install a Fast Remote Electronic Deposit (FRED) machine in the Treasurer's office, which would enable the Treasurer to make deposits from her desktop computer.

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

#### **RESOLUTION #55-2013**

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

Ms. Curcio had nothing further to report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:** Due to safety concerns in this area, the Mayor requested the Board pass a resolution returning Santiago Avenue to two way traffic, but with a gate enclosure at Route 9W.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion as stated above.

RESOLUTION #56-2013

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

The Mayor updated the public with regard to a Public Hearing for a Special Permit by Ginsburg Development Corp. (GDC), held at the previous Board Meeting to authorize Johns-To-Go to rent the property located at 2 Dr. Girling Drive, previously Executive Touch Landscaping. The Mayor reported that he received a letter from Andy Maniglia, representative for GDC, withdrawing their application for a Special Permit for this property.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to withdraw the application as stated above.

RESOLUTION #57-2013

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

The Mayor reported that the coordinators of GranFondo, a bike race from the George Washington Bridge to the Bear Mountain Bridge, have requested permission from the Village to allow a rest stop along the route at the Knights of Columbus Parking Lot. The event will take place on May 19<sup>th</sup> and they will provide the Village with the necessary insurance, etc.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #58-2013

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

The Mayor requested the Board's approval to sign a contract with the Town of Haverstraw for their contribution to Reachout totaling \$20,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Mayor to sign a contract as stated above.

RESOLUTION #59-2013

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

The Mayor announced that the Assessor could not be at the meeting that night due to the snowstorm, therefore, he scheduled a Special Meeting to be held on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM to finalize the Assessment Roll.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Special Meeting as stated above.

RESOLUTION #60-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood reminded the Board that they have to advertise the Special Meeting.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor requested the Village Treasurer to place the necessary ads for the Special Meeting.

The Mayor received a request from the Building Department to authorize the Building Inspector, the Deputy Inspector and the Fire Inspector to attend a NYS Building Officer's Code Conference being given at the Fire Training Center from April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at a cost of \$300.00 per person.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve attendance at the NYS Building Officer's Code Conference by Building Department staff as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #61-2013**

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

The Mayor requested the Board to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:05 PM to hear from the public on the proposed Village Budget for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. He also requested a Public Hearing for the same night at 8:15 PM to override the 2% tax cap.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to the Public Hearings as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #62-2013**

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

The Mayor reported that the Board has received proposals to install charging stations for electric cars. The proposals have been reviewed and with some tweaking, a proposal was submitted by Emerging Energy amounting to \$4,378.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion hire Emerging Energy as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #63-2013**

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

**Mayor Kohut:**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FIRE & ORDINANCES** – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno had nothing to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – Trustee Terence Watson: Due to the absence of Trustee Watson no report was given.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez:** Trustee Dominguez gave the following report of activities at the Community Center:

March 25<sup>th</sup> through March 27<sup>th</sup>, the Center will be hosting the “Unity in the Community” event and any donations will be greatly accepted.

During the previous week, several children and staff members from the Center attended the Youth Fest at Rockland Community College.

A new intern, Britney Jones, has started to work at the Center. Britney is taking social services classes at a local College, requiring her to give 80 hours of service at the Center.

Reachout Counseling Services – The staff held counseling sessions for 76 individuals for group and/or family canceling.

Homework Program – The Center continues with its Homework Program for approximately 60 children.

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

**BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Francisco Batista:** Trustee Batista read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of 3/1 through 3/13 2013:

Rental property inspections	-	2
Municipal searches	-	7
Miscellaneous inspections	-	102
Construction inspections	-	4
Complaints	-	6
Violations & tickets	-	7
Permits	-	0

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

**MINUTES:** The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of January 22<sup>nd</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup> and the Assessment Review Meeting Minutes of February 19<sup>th</sup> for approval by the Board.

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

**RESOLUTION #64-2013**

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

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

Mayor Kohut: With no input from the floor and 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 #65-2013**

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift  
Senior Steno Clerk  
March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013