

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, June 17th, 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.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine requested an update on the Promenade.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the engineers are still getting the specs ready. He also mentioned that Mr. Ginsburg has had the site cleaned up and the Board has already approved going out to bid as soon as the specs are ready.

Larry Levine: With regard to the fireworks on July 3rd, Mr. Levine again asked if the Village could install something temporarily to safeguard anyone that may be in the area that night to watch the fireworks, even if it is just some yellow police tape to warn people about the hazardous conditions. He then requested Trustee Watson to have the debris removed that is to the left of the new salt shed.

Terence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson will instruct the DPW staff to remove the debris Mr. Levine referred to.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport thanked the DPW for fixing the road hazard in front of his store, mentioning that they continue to do a very good job for the Village.

Mayor Kohut: With no further input from the public, the Mayor continued with the meeting agenda inviting Andy Maniglia to come forward and speak with regard to a request by Ginsburg Development.

Andy Maniglia: Mr. Maniglia requested the Board to refer the application from GDC for the Riverside Building, which will contain 106 units, to the Planning Board for their review and evaluation. This and the six waterfront buildings, which would contain 48 units, encompass the remainder of building to be completed on "Site A". He stated the following three actions being requested by GDC:

- 1) An amendment to the Waterfront Development District to increase the dimensions of "Site A" and decrease the dimensions of "Site B".
- 2) A subdivision lot accommodation into one lot.
- 3) A Site Plan review.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to refer the above application submitted by GDC to the Planning Board, with the Village Board as Lead Agency.

RESOLUTION #114-2013

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

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq., Village Attorney: Counselor Hood mentioned that the engineers have a few concerns, however, they will be addressed at the Planning Board session.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then invited Jorge Lopez to come forward and discuss his application, which was previously forwarded to the Planning Board.

Jorge Lopez, 326 North Main Street, New City, NY: Mr. Lopez presented the application for William King, 12 Fairmount Avenue, for an apartment on the second floor of his building, which was previously brought before the Village Board and referred to the Planning Board for their recommendation. He appeared before the Planning Board who requested a survey showing the parking facilities. The specifics of the apartment are approximately 607 square feet, including a living room, kitchen, bathroom and 2 bedrooms, with the entrance on Fairmount Avenue. He stated the space behind the building is 39 x 45 feet and would allow for ample parking. There was some discussion between the Board and Mr. Lopez with regard to the entrance to the apartment, which Mr. Lopez explained and pointed out on the survey. He also mentioned that there will be signage posted for "Tenant Parking".

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated he would like the entire exterior of the house repainted and landscaping included as a part of the project. The Board pointed out on the map where they would like to see some grass and/or shrubs planted to make it look less industrial.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above application based on the recommendation of the Planning Board, with the condition they add green space to the property and paint the entire building.

RESOLUTION #115-2013

Motion by: Francisco Batista

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood reported that the Governor passed a new law allowing the Secretary of State to accept services for cities and villages, which requires a Certificate of Designation, which Counselor Hood is requesting authorization to file with the State allowing them to accept services for the Village and mandate where they will go. He mentioned that there is a filing fee involved. All information from that office will be forwarded to the Village Clerk.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize Counselor Hood to file a Certificate of Designation as stated above.

RESOLUTION #116-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion Carries: All

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio gave the following report for April and May of 2013:

Total Disbursements	\$1.3 million
Total Revenue	\$ 687,000.00

Ms. Curcio had nothing further to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor received a request from residents of 9 Fairmount Avenue, the apartment building next to the firehouse, to hold a BBQ/Block Party in their rear parking lot on Saturday, July 20th, from 2:00 to 10:00 PM. They are requesting that the Village close off the small section of the alleyway with barricades.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the request of 9 Fairmount Avenue as outlined above.

RESOLUTION #117-2013

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

The Mayor received a request from Hudson Valley Exhibits for a contribution of \$150.00 for their continuing program of exhibiting items relating to North Rockland. He mentioned that Corinne McGeorge has done exhibits on Letchworth and Miniseongo and has another exhibit coming up soon.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to make a contribution of \$150.00 as stated above.

RESOLUTION #118-2013

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

The Mayor reported that Ruben Berrios, Building Inspector has requested some repairs be made to the two windows on the firehouse on Conklin Avenue. Three bids were received with the low bidder being Andre's Construction, 64 Broadway, at a fee of \$500.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to have the windows repaired by the low bidder as stated above.

RESOLUTION #119-2013

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

The Mayor received the Community Development Recipient Agreement from the County of Rockland CDBG (Community Development Block Grant), which requires approval by the Board to accept the \$85,000.00 grant, which will be used for the "sidewalk program" for this year.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the \$85,000.00 grant and sign any necessary documents.

RESOLUTION #120-2013

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

The Mayor received a Change Order Request from Penlyn Construction for repairs to the DPW garage damaged in Hurricane Sandy. He explained that the company has not been able to locate the same gauge of metal siding and for them to obtain the next gauge there will be an additional cost of \$3,865.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Change Order as requested.

RESOLUTION #121-2013

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

The Mayor announced that the Village has gone out to bid for bus transportation for the summer camp. A bid has been received from Haverstraw Transit in the amount of \$7,738.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the bid from Haverstraw Transit as stated above.

RESOLUTION #122-2013

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

The Mayor then requested the Board's approval to hire the individuals listed on the final list for counselors and lifeguards for the summer camp program, which the Board had previously received.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the hiring of the camp personnel listed.

RESOLUTION #123-2013

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

The Mayor has received a proposal from the Village Accountant, Joseph Modafferi, for accounting services for the year, including reconciliation of all accounts, adjustment entries, budget preparation, etc., in the sum of \$6,156.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above proposal for accounting services as stated above.

RESOLUTION #124-2013

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

The Mayor then reported that the Village has put one of their surplus vehicles, a 1994 F250, out for bid. The highest bid received was \$1,125.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the above bid by Osvaldo Reyes and Dionisio DeLaCruz.

RESOLUTION #125-2013

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

The Mayor reported that there is a sanitary sewer collapse on Riverside Avenue in the area of the bus garage. The low bid for repair was received from King & Son Construction in the sum of \$11,650.00 for repairs to 253 feet of sewer line.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to have the sewer line repaired as stated above.

RESOLUTION #126-2013

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

The Mayor mentioned that a Public Hearing is required for the MS4 Annual Report. He scheduled the Public Hearing for July 15th, the next Regular Board Meeting, at 8:05 PM.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #127-2013

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

The Mayor reported that the Village, for various reasons, is considering opting out of the Rockland County Worker's Compensation Consortium. In order to effectuate the "opt out" the Village has to give the County six months notice of their decision to leave the Consortium as of December 31st, 2013. The Village is seeking other vendors for this particular service, therefore, a resolution is required to be sent to the County.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista questioned why we would be leaving the County for this service.

Judith Curcio: Ms Curcio explained that the Village premium has been erratic over the past several years, sometimes paying as much as \$250,000.00. Also, the Village has not been able to get an accounting from them as to how this figure is calculated. She then mentioned that passing the resolution at this time does not mean that the Village is definitely leaving the consortium but is just giving the County notice that the Village is considering taking this step.

Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista feels that the Village should get quotes from different companies and then make a decision based on the monetary amount.

RESOLUTION #128-2013

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

The Mayor then introduced the following adjustments to the budget submitted by the Village Accountant:

Account #	Account Name	Increase Expenses	Decrease Expenses	Increase Revenue
A3320.0100	On Street Parking Personnel	1,375.03		
A1989.0400	Other General Government	3,962.50		

A7110.0420	Ball Park	14,875.00		
A5110.0410	Street Maintenance	400.00		
A5110.0400	Street Maintenance	13,200.00		
A9060.0800	Health Insurance		33,812.53	
A1420.042	Law Contingent	28,750.00		
A1289.	Other Income-GDC			28,750.00
A7140.0400	Playground	25,000.00		
A3089.	Creative Health Place Grant			25,000.00
A4960.	Federal Aid Disaster			239,773.00
A5110.0410	Street Maintenance	273.00		
A5110.0400	Street Maintenance	39,500.00		
A1620.0422	Building Repair DPW	200,000.00		
A4960.	Federal Aid Disaster	94,112.23		
A5010.0100	DPW Personnel			94,112.23
	Cat A Cleanup			
A1110.11	Justice Clk Personnel Services	3,237.06		
CM1421.1	Reachout Personnel Services	2,851.00		
A7140.1	Recreation Personnel Services	5,099.64		
A3620.1	Bldg. Dept. Personnel Services	4,372.43		
A5110.1	DPW Personnel Services	12,437.81		
A5010.1	DPW Admin Personnel Services	4,623.05		
A1990.41	Contingency Overtime		32,620.99	
A1325.1	Treasurer Personnel Services		950.00	
A1325.11	Treasurer Staff Personnel Services		760.00	
A1410.11	Clerk Personnel Services		700.00	
A4020.1	Vital Statistics Services	2,410.00		

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above adjustments.

RESOLUTION #129-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor mentioned that the Village Farmer's Market began last Sunday and will continue through October. He encouraged everyone to shop the Farmer's Market and visit with the many new vendors every Sunday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

The Mayor announced Friday, June 21st will be the first "Dancing Under the Stars" inviting everyone to join in on the fun.

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 admittance to the Haverstraw Fire Department:

Mitch Delirod, Jr.	Relief Hose Co. #3
Khalil Spencer	General Warren Emergency Co. #2

Both applications are complete and duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept both applicants into the fire company of their choice.

RESOLUTION #130-2013

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Trustee Bueno then read the following report for the month of May, 2013, submitted by Fire Chief Al Lynch:

Total Alarms	-	16
General Alarms	-	10
Special Calls	-	2
Mutual Aid Calls	-	4
Structure Fires	-	0
Cooking Fires	-	0
C O Alarms	-	0
Electrical	-	3
Gas Leaks	-	2
Brush Fires	-	1
Good Intent/Miscellaneous		3
False Alarms	-	3

Total Manpower Responding - 353 members

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 June 3rd and June 17th, 2013:

June 3rd

- 1) Cleaned up property at the corner of Spring Street and Rela Avenue.
- 2) Installed drainage at Victor Avenue.
- 3) Assisted Justice Court in moving boxes due to flooding situation.
- 4) Worked at the Concession Stand at the ballpark, installing ventilation pipe.
- 5) Worked on drainage problem at 47 Riverside Avenue.
- 6) Blacktopped and trenched on Maple Avenue.
- 7) Installed speed bumps on Fairmount Avenue and at the Community Center.

June 17th

- 1) Addressed drainage problem at the alley of Clove Avenue and New Main Street and repaved where needed.
- 2) Installed shelving at the Village Hall.

- 3) Repaired the traffic light signal at the intersection of Westside and Gurnee Avenue.
- 4) Installed signage at the baseball field, as well as sign for "Dancing Under the Stars".
- 5) Addressed drainage issues at Riverside Avenue.
- 6) Cleaned up debris that was produced by heavy rain and wind.
- 7) Paved the area of Gurnee Avenue tunnel.

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:

June 18th – The center will be holding a year-end celebration for the children from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, with a talent show put on by the children.

The Center is preparing for Summer Camp, which will begin on July 8th.

July 15th - Forty tickets were donated by United Way for kids from the Center to attend the Rockland Boulders game.

May 18th – 10 children from the Center attended a game at Yankee Stadium donated by ConEd.

Reachout Counseling Services – The staff held counseling sessions for 62 individuals and their family members for group and/or family canceling.

The Center continues to be open on Friday night's hosting approximately 100 participants.

Continuing with the DMI Program for which the Village has received its second funding.

Homework Program – Still continuing this program until the end of school with over 60 children in attendance.

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 May 20th to June 14th:

Rental property inspections	-	8
Municipal searches	-	8
Miscellaneous inspections	-	180
Construction inspections	-	9
Complaints	-	13
Violations & tickets	-	28
Permits	-	14

Parking Enforcement Report: Trustee Batista announced that new parking meter rates, of \$.75 per hour, went into effect that day. He then reported that John Beamon, a Parking Enforcer, has submitted his resignation effective June 14th, 2013.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept Mr. Beamon's resignation.

RESOLUTION #131-2013

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

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 1st and April 15th, as well as the Special Meeting Minutes of April 29th for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above minutes as written.

RESOLUTION #132-2013

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez announced that the Quisqueya Club will be holding a Health Fair on Sunday, June 23rd from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. There will be a doctor, dentist and other health care professionals available.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired about Paint Main Street.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez responded that the Village did not make the cut.

Mel Post: Mr. Post is aware that the Village did not make it this year, but would like to see the date for next year put on the calendar and given the proper attention.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez mentioned that she and Michael both heard before the meeting that some of the Villages and Towns were posted before the voting even began. She spoke with operators who informed her it was internal and they knew nothing about it.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired how the Village is proceeding with the northern promenade from Emeline up, for which a Public Hearing was held.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that they are still working on getting the documents together. He will be meeting with Mr. Cooney from Tilcon on Monday and that is one of the items he will be discussing, so the project is moving along.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired if the Village has found out yet what Tilcon is intending to do with the parcel of property he has been questioning.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor is also intending to discuss this item when he meets with Mr. Cooney on Monday.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine requested an update on the Streetscape Project.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Lighting Consultant would be dropping off a light the following day, which the Village is going to put up for consideration. He also mentioned that the Village is still on track for O&R to install new utility poles before the end of this year, enabling the project to go out to bid for construction in 2014.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired about the money situation for this project.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that the money the Village was awarded by the State is available, however, he mentioned that this money will not be enough to complete the whole job and the Village will end up having to foot some of the bill.

Patricia Zaldabar, Valley Cottage, NY: Ms. Zaldabar is from the Mexican restaurant in Stony Point and inquired if the Board would consider taking another bid for the former Civile's property or if a decision has already been made.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Board has not yet made a decision, but that they have received an offer from a gentleman they are now in negotiations with. In the event that does not work out, he requested she leave her name and phone number with the Village Clerk so if those negotiations are unsuccessful the Board will be reconsidering offers and will contact her.

Patricia Zaldabar: Ms. Zaldabar explained that they have to vacate their current location and are looking for a new location in the North Rockland area for their restaurant.

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 #133-2013

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift
Senior Steno Clerk