

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, November 4th, 2013, beginning at 8:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Batista	- Present
	Trustee Bueno	- Absent
	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.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post wanted to inform the Board of a "Green Infrastructure Workshop" being held at the Orangeburg Town Hall on Thursday, November 22nd from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. He mentioned that there will be a group discussing green infrastructure construction financing and storm water management. He believes it is a workshop that someone from the Village should attend.

Isaac Dowdy, 65 Clove Avenue: Mr. Dowdy presented the Board with documentation he put together after completing extensive research on the subject. He wanted it to be made a part of the Village records. He read the names of authors and book titles from which he drew his conclusions and prepared his documentation, which refers to the fact that he firmly believes that President Obama is not an American citizen, but is of Indonesian/Chinese descent. Upon completion of his presentation to the Board, he asked that the Board accept his documentation and file a petition with the New York State House of Representatives to remove Mr. Obama from the office of President of the United States.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Dowdy that the Village of Haverstraw cannot address a matter such as the one he is presenting. The Mayor did mention, however, that if Mr. Dowdy wished to submit the documentation, along with all his contact information, the Village would accept it and forward it to Nita Lowey our regional State Representative. Counselor Hood offered to deliver the documents personally.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood requested the Board schedule a Public Hearing for a proposed change to Local Law #218 (aka: Taxi Law), which will include a definition for a "Vehicle for Hire". Currently a taxi is allowed to drop off passengers in the Village without the need for a Taxi Permit. The amendment to the law would require that all taxis dropping off or picking up passengers within the Village limits have a Village issued Taxi Permit for the current year. The taxi driver and/or company would be obligated to pay the fee and display the permit when doing business within the Village. He has spoken about this at the County level and is hopeful that the new County Executive will agree to set up a County Taxi Commission to control the taxi industry throughout Rockland County.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, November 18th at 8:05 PM.

RESOLUTION #195-2013

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

Counselor Hood then mentioned that new maps from FEMA have arrived. He also informed the Board that FEMA is now requiring all municipalities to establish a new Flood Damage Prevention Law in order to qualify for the FEMA Insurance Program. He also mentioned any municipality not passing this law will not qualify to apply or receive benefits from FEMA. He has prepared a draft of the law and requested the Board schedule a Public Hearing to present this law.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for presentation of the Flood Damage Prevention Law for Monday, December 2nd at 8:05 PM.

RESOLUTION #196-2013

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

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio gave the following Treasurer's Report for the months of August and September, 2013:

Total Disbursements	\$1,299,480.00
Total Revenues	\$ 319,842.00

Ms. Curcio had nothing further to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor requested the Board approve the hiring of Julissa Estevez, as a Clerk/Typist, part-time, at a rate of \$8.50 per hour.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Julissa Estevez as stated above.

RESOLUTION #197-2013

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

The Mayor requested the Board authorize going out to bid for repairs to Emeline Park when the engineers had all the documents fully prepared..

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #198-2013

Motion by: Francisco Batista
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:** In the absence of Trustee Bueno, Trustee Watson read the following report for the month of October, 2013, submitted by Fire Chief Al Lynch:

Total Alarms	-	11
General Alarms	-	10
Special Calls	-	1
Mutual Aid Calls	-	0
Structure Fires	-	0
Cooking Fires	-	2
C.O. Alarms	-	1
Gas Leaks	-	1
Chemical Spill	-	1
Landing Zone	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	4
False Alarms	-	1
Total Manpower Responding		- 260 members

There was nothing further to report.

At this point, Mayor Kohut read the following budget adjustments to the 2013/2014 Budget:

		<u>Increase</u> <u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Decrease</u> <u>Appropriations</u>
A.7310.0120	Camp	\$3,500.00	
A.1990.4	Contingent Over budget		\$3,500.00
A.1440.0410	Engineer Ferry	\$5,200.00	
A.1990.4	Contingent To cover closing of Ferry Grant		\$5,200.00

Overtime Record
Fiscal Year 2013/2014: 1st Quarter (June, July, August)
(Including Sick Bonus)

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
1110.11	Justice Court	\$1,809.02	
1410.11	Clerk/Treasurer Office	574.36	
1421.1	Reach Out	3,146.88	
7140.1	Recreation	1,287.48	
3620.1	Building Department	4,265.48	
5010.11	DPW: Clerical	552.41	
5110.1	DPW: Laborers, etc.	23,112.59	
5010.1	DPW: Administration	9,939.30	

A1990.41

OT Contingency

\$44,687.51

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to make the above budget adjustments, as stated.

RESOLUTION #199-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson:

Trustee Watson read the following report submitted by George White, Superintendent of Public Works, as of November 4th, 2013:

- 1) Outfitted DPW trucks with snowplows and de-icing equipment.
- 2) Repaired the hydraulic hoses on truck #20 (garbage truck).
- 3) Started the DPW inventory of all equipment valued over \$100.00.
- 4) Closed down the baseball field for the season.
- 5) Repaired the collapsed catch basin at the corner of Picariello and Samsondale Avenues.
- 6) Repaired the guardrail at the parking lot adjacent to the Knights of Columbus.
- 7) Put down topsoil in back of 122 Hudson Avenue (settlement from repaired sewer main).

Trustee Watson then read a letter from George White, recommending that Matt Downen, who is currently a DPW Laborer part-time, be taken on as a full-time DPW Laborer at a starting salary of \$47,505.00. Mr. White also recommended the approval of Gary Nash for a promotion from the position of Laborer to the position of MEO II, at a base salary of \$57,006.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the full-time position of Matt Downen as stated above and to move Gary Nash from Laborer to MEO II, as stated above.

RESOLUTION #200-2013

Motion by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Trustee Batista mentioned that both are existing positions and will replace a person who has left the Village employ.

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 for the period of October 21st to November 1st, 2013:

Strengthening Families: Trustee Dominguez reported that this group started its fall session on September 24th, ending on October 29th with six families graduating. The group has also received two first-time referrals from the Rockland County Treatment Court and received positive feedback from the court for future commitments.

Caught Being Good – This was done in conjunction with Halloween having approximately 85 participants attending. She thanked all the people who volunteered their time.

Literacy Zone – This is a five year grant being done collaboratively with the Community Center, the Department of Social Services, Catholic Community Services and the North Rockland School District. The Literacy Zone will offer ESL classes twice a week on Monday's and Wednesday's from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the center. The first class started the previous week with approximately 20 adults enrolled.

It's In the Bag - This is a new program set to begin November 7th at the Center in collaboration with People to People. The program will supply food on the weekends for kids enrolled in the Haverstraw Center program who meet the criteria required. The program will provide breakfast and lunch to the participants and their families. It is geared to serve 100 people.

Reachout Counseling Services – The staff held counseling sessions for 53 individuals and their family members for group and/or family canceling.

Homework Program – The Center continues with its Homework Program for approximately 60 participants daily. They are still looking for volunteers to assist with this program.

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 October 18th through November 1st, 2013:

Rental property inspections	-	3
Municipal searches	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	89
Construction inspections	-	12
Complaints	-	4
Violations & tickets	-	14
Permits	-	6

Trustee Batista also mentioned that the overnight parking regulations will go into effect on November 15th.

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: Mayor Kohut presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of September 4th and September 16th, as well as the Special Meeting Minutes of September 23rd for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #201-2013

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez mentioned that the Brick Museum will be holding a dinner on November 7th and will be honoring Mayor Michael Kohut.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired the time involved from the minutes being approved to when they are posted to the site.

Judy Curcio: Ms. Curcio responded that normally she sends the minutes to the appropriate people the day after the meetings, however, she did mention that she will be out for a couple of days, therefore, they will be sent out when she returns.

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 #202-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift

Senior Steno Clerk

November 22nd, 2013