

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, December 16th, 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.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport inquired where the overnight parking signs are located in the Village. He mentioned that he has seen cars illegally parked to the point of blocking traffic flow and inquired if there is anything that can be done to improve this situation.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that there are overnight parking signs throughout the Village.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport stated his feelings about the police officers not giving out tickets when they are warranted. He then suggested having Police Chief Miller attend the next board meeting so the public can have the opportunity to express their concerns directly to him.

Artie Taub, 3304 Leeward Drive: Mr. Taub commended Mr. Rappaport for his integrity and appropriateness of language used in expressing his feelings regarding what he considers to be major issues that need to be taken care of.

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that the engineers are in the process of finalizing their documentation and that he hopes to go out to bid and start work on the project in 2014.

Artie Taub: Mr. Taub spoke about Tilcon and requested the Board to carefully consider the dangers of Tilcon "fines".

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood had nothing to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor requested approval from the Board to hire a new firm, Zarin & Steinmetz, as condemnation attorney for the Ferguson property.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the hiring.

RESOLUTION #231-2013

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor reported that the Village has received complaints from the New York State Department of Labor regarding safety and health violations at the Village Department of Public Works which need to be rectified as soon as possible.

The Mayor received a request from the Dominican American Coalition of Rockland County to plan and coordinate an event for the celebration of the independence of the Dominican Republic to be held at Village Hall on February 22nd, 2014 at 3:00 PM. The Mayor would like to hold this request for a workshop on Tuesday, January 7th in order to meet with other Dominican organizations.

The Mayor then continued with the Village reorganization as follows:

Designating Depositories:

WHEREAS the board of trustees has determined that Village Law 4-412(3)(2) requires the designation of banks and trust companies for the deposit of village monies:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the board of trustees of the Village of Haverstraw is designating banks and trust companies located within the Town of Haverstraw to be used as depositories of all monies received by the Village Treasurer, Clerk and Receiver of Taxes;
2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to designate depositories as stated above.

RESOLUTION #232-2013

Motion by: Francisco Batista

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Adopting Procurement Policy:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Trustees is adopting the Procurement Policy as described in Section 54 requiring competitive bidding, with an award to the lowest bidder, after public advertisement in the official newspaper of the municipality, for purchases in excess of \$20,000 and contracts for services in excess of \$35,000.
2. That the Board of trustees is designating the following municipal officers as the persons responsible for purchasing decisions:
 - a. Village Mayor
 - b. Village Trustees
 - c. Village Treasurer
 - d. Village Deputy Treasurer
3. That this resolution is effective immediately.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to adopt the Procurement Policy as stated above.

RESOLUTION #233-2013

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

Advance Approval of Claims:

WHEREAS the board of trustees of the Village of Haverstraw has determined to authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, insurance premiums, postage, freight and express charges and preapproved contracted services; and

WHEREAS all such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit; and

WHEREAS the claimant and the officer incurring and approving the claim are jointly and severally liable for any amount the board disallows.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the board of trustees authorizes payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, insurance premiums, postage, freight and express charges and preapproved contracted services. All such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit and the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claims are jointly and severally liable for any amount the board of trustees disallows.
2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize advance approval of claims as stated above.

RESOLUTION #234-2013

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

Mileage Allowance:

WHEREAS the board of trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage as reimbursement to officers and employees of the Village who use their personal vehicle while performing their official duties on behalf of the Village;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the board of trustees shall approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of \$.55 per mile.
2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the mileage allowance for officers and employees as stated above.

RESOLUTION #235-2013

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

Attendance at Schools and Conferences:

Whereas schools and conferences will be held during the coming official year and attendance by municipal officials and employees at one or more of these schools or conferences benefits the municipality:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That the Board of Trustees must approve the attendance at such school or conference prior to attendance;
2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve attendance at schools and conferences by officers and staff as stated above.

RESOLUTION #236-2013

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

Designation of Official Newspaper:

The Rockland County Times having general circulation within the Village is designated as the official newspaper.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve The Rockland County Times as the official newspaper for the Village.

RESOLUTION #237-2013

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

Authorization for Petty Cash:

Youth & Family Services @ \$300.00
Justice Court @ \$75.00
Clerk's Office @ \$150.00

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above stated petty cash availability.

RESOLUTION #238-2013

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

The Mayor then requested approval from the Board to accept the Healthy Communities Grant for 2014.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the acceptance of the above stated grant.

RESOLUTION #239-2013

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

The Mayor entertained a motion to approve payment of the eight open Worker's Comp claims.

RESOLUTION #240-2013

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the election of self-insurance for Worker's Compensation for the Village of Haverstraw. This resolution will finalize the ending of our coverage with the Rockland County Worker's Compensation Consortium, which was the Village's previous carrier.

RESOLUTION #241-2013

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve membership in the New York State Worker's Compensation Alliance which is our new worker's compensation carrier.

RESOLUTION #242-2013

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

Mayor Kohut had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Matthew Riello - Cosgriff Hose Company #4

Mr. Riello's application is complete and duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept Mr. Riello into the Haverstraw Fire Department and Cosgriff Hose Company #4.

RESOLUTION #243-2013

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

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 December 16th, 2013:

- 1) Crew finished putting up the Christmas lights throughout the Village.
- 2) Snow cleanup.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez had nothing 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 December 2nd through December 13th, 2013:

Rental registrations	-	2
Municipal searches	-	1
Miscellaneous inspections	-	82
Construction inspections	-	7
Complaints	-	8
Violations & tickets	-	24
Building Permits/C.O.'s	-	2

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport thanked the Village DPW for the great job they did with the holiday decorations and weather related issues.

Artie Taub: Mr. Taub informed the Board that "Ethol 15" will be coming out and he recommended that the Board notify the public.

Ramon Soto: Mr. Soto inquired if anyone has approached the Board with regard to celebrating Dominican Independence Day and questioned why the Board wouldn't automatically agree to the request from the Dominican American Coalition.

Trustee Batista explained that the Board wanted to have all the groups representing the Dominican people in Haverstraw come together and discuss the best way to celebrate and there was a meeting scheduled to help coordinate that.

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 #244-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift

Senior Steno Clerk

January 24, 2013

NO TAPE AVAILABLE FOR THIS MEETING