

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, May 5th, 2014, beginning at 8:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Batista	- Present
	Trustee Bueno	- Absent
	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.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine requested an update on the "STOP" sign to be installed at Clove Avenue and New Main Street.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Levine that the DPW Superintendent, George White, is developing the layout for the signage to keep it within state guidelines. He also mentioned there is a possibility that the tree on that corner may have to be taken down.

With no further input from the public, the Mayor continued the meeting with the first of three Public Hearings with regard to Village Codes. He invited Counselor Jay Hood, Jr. to present the changes.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood requested approval from the Board to rescind Local Law §92 – Auctions. He explained that this law was developed during the 1950's when there may have been occasional auctions, however, permits, etc. had to be obtained for these auctions, leading to the decline in auctions and today's action to rescind this law.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #124-2014

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

With no comments from the public, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #125-2014

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to rescind Local Law §92 – Auctions.

RESOLUTION #126-2014

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

Counselor Hood then requested the Board to approve amendments to Local Law §76-8 and §76-9, Penalties for Offenses & Enforcement with a change in the fines involving False Alarms. The change would include a fine of not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$500.00 for offenses within the same year.

Another item needing change in this law is to replace the word “CONVICTION” with “OCCURRENCE”. He then informed the public that the first three false alarms within a twelve month period would only involve a warning by Certified Mail, with a fourth false alarm within a twelve month period receiving a fine not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$250.00 and finally for a fifth or subsequent occurrence in a twelve month period, which would lead to five court cases and would warrant the highest fine of \$500.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #127-2014

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post inquired if the law was meant for cases involving intent to cause a False Alarm.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that it is for automatic alarms, giving an example of the New Main Hotel where continuous false alarms would come in, most having to do with a faulty alarm system, however, the first responders would have to treat these alarms as an actual occurrence and respond as quickly and diligently as always. The Mayor and Board feel that the operators taking care of any of the automatic alarm systems throughout the Village should be penalized for these occurrences.

Counselor Hood also mentioned that it would allow the Fire Inspector, Building Inspector, Code Enforcer and the Police to issue tickets for a violation to any section in this law.

With no further comments from the public, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #128-2014

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to increase the amount of the fines in cases involving false alarms set off by automatic alarm systems as stated above and the word “conviction” is to be replaced by “occurrence”.

RESOLUTION #129-2014

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

Counselor Hood then requested an amendment be made to Local Law Enforcement & Penalties for Offenses §80-4 and §80-5, involving alcoholic offenses. He explained in §80-5 that the “Village of Haverstraw Police Department” would be eliminated and replaced with “any police officer covering the Village at the time an offense occurs”, stating this would include the Sheriff’s Department, Park Police, etc. He also mentioned if a person does not show up for Court that a Warrant can be issued, which is currently a part of the law.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #130-2014

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

With no comments from the public, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #131-2014

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to pass the law as proposed.

RESOLUTION #132-2014

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

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor announced that the Board conducted several interviews that evening for the Parking Enforcer position.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Todd W. Green to fill the position of Parking Enforcer and Eric J. Roman to fill the position of Parking Enforcer Aide.

RESOLUTION #133-2014

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

The Mayor announced that, as a bookkeeping matter, the Board has decided to abolish the following positions that currently exist with the Rockland County Personnel Department, which have never been filled or have been unfilled for many years:

<u>POSITION NUMBER</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>
230107	MEO II
230022	Laborer
230019	Laborer
230135	Code Enforcement Officer II (Spanish Speaking)
230093	Maintenance Helper
230004	Clerk Typist
230005	Clerk Typist
230121	Clerk Typist

230122	Clerk Typist
230117	Clerk Stenographer (PT)
230086	Recreation Leader (Seasonal)
230085	Assistant Recreation Leader (Seasonal)
230171	Gang Grant Coordinator (PT)
230170	Gang Grant Coordinator (PT)
230095	Counseling Aide
230172	Gang Prevention Services Coordinator (PT)
230160	Recreation Activities Coordinator
230128	Associate Justice Court Clerk (LFT)
230102	Assistant Court Clerk (LFT)

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to abolish the above stated positions.

RESOLUTION #134-2014

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

The Mayor announced the following amendments to the 2013/2014 Budget submitted by the Village Accountant, Joseph Modafferi:

Acct. #	Account Name	Increase Appropriations	Decrease Appropriations
A.1440.0410	Engineering Ferry	\$12,500.00	
A.1650.0450	Central Communication Alarm	200.00	
A.1680.0400	Date Processing Contractual	6,000.00	
A.1930.0400	Judgments & Claims	4,000.00	
A.3320.0400	On-Street Parking	500.00	
A.8020.0400	Planning & Zoning Contractual	1,000.00	
A.9060.0800	Hospital & Medical Insurance		24,200.00

Acct. #	Account Name	Increase Appropriations	Increase Revenue
A.7110.0400	Greenway Contractual	\$ 5,000.00	
A.3089.0000	Other Government Aid		\$ 5,000.00

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the amendments to the 2013-2014 Budget as stated above.

RESOLUTION #135-2014

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Any Urena to the position of Clerk/Typist (PT) at a salary of \$9.00 per hour.

RESOLUTION #136-2014

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

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – **Trustee Rafael Bueno:** Due to the absence of Trustee Bueno, Mayor Kohut read the following report for the month of April, 2014 submitted by Fire Chief Al Lynch:

Total Alarms	-	14
General Alarms	-	9
Special Calls	-	5
Mutual Aid Calls	-	0
Structure Fires	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	2
Brush Fires	-	2
Extrication Calls	-	1
Stuck Occupied Elevator		1
Good Intent/Miscellaneous		5
False Alarms	-	2

Total Manpower Responding - 317 members

There was 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 May 5th, 2014:

- 1) Installed a “STOP” sign at corner of Third and Middle Streets.
- 2) Continue to patch potholes on village streets due to the severe winter weather.
- 3) Started installing tiles in the Concession Stand bathrooms at the Manny Lopez Ball Field.
- 4) Finished preparing the above stated ball field for the 2014 season.
- 5) Completed the sewer line repair at 235 Westside Avenue.
- 6) Worked on damaged signage throughout the Village.
- 7) LTD Landscaping repaired fountain liner at the Gurnee Avenue tunnel.
- 8) Assisted LTD by providing them with fill for the New Main Street waterfall, which is expected to be completed within the upcoming weeks.

There was nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - **Trustee Francisco Batista:** Trustee Batista gave the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of April 17th to April 30th, 2014:

The “Monthly Youth Celebration” scheduled for April 30th was cancelled.

April 17th: There was a “Lock-in” sponsored by the Community Center from 12:00 midnight to 5:30 PM with 68 youth participants involved, who were very enthusiastic about the whole process.

April 30th: The Safe Haven Committee sponsored a conference at the Center for 100 service providers from Rockland County.

April 25th: Six staff members attended the Child and Adolescent Workshop given by the Rockland County Department of Health.

The Monthly Youth Celebration for the months of April and May will take place on June 6th.

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of April 7th through April 18th, 2014:

Rental Registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	75
Complaints	-	8
Construction inspections	-	9
Building Permits/ Certificate of Occupancy	-	6
Violations & tickets	-	7

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the January 27th Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 3rd, February 18th and March 3rd, 2014 for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above stated minutes as written. Because none of the Trustees in attendance read the minutes of March 3rd, all but that set of minutes were presented for approval.

RESOLUTION #137-2014

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired how long it takes to have the minutes posted to the Village website.

Judy Curcio: Ms. Curcio informed Mr. Post that it takes a couple of days for the approved minutes to be posted to the Website.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired why there is such a delay in presenting minutes for approval.

Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista responded to Mr. Post that he, as an attendee at the majority of Board Meetings, can see for himself that there is quite a bit of interaction between the public and the Board at most meetings, making the minutes very long and time consuming to prepare.

Judy Curcio: Ms. Curcio also mentioned that most of the meetings are very long and drawn out, which makes transcribing the minutes in a well organized and professional manner extremely time consuming.

Mr. Post is concerned with the safety of the children in the Village and inquired if there was any movement on the traffic nuisance safety issue for children that he and Counselor Hood spoke about. He also inquired about the safety issues in the area of the promenade.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that he spoke with the Engineer recently and then again that morning about broken wires in the area of the promenade. He is hopeful that the contractor will at least take care of that issue within the next couple of weeks. The issues around the bridge area he and George White have to take another look at to see exactly what needs to be done and hopefully will have completed sometime within the month.

Mel Post: Mr. Post reminded the Mayor of how dangerous these situations are and that the Village will be liable if anything happens.

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 #138-2014

Motion by: Francisco Batista

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift
Senior Steno Clerk