

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 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 thanked the Board for the work done at the lagoon and inquired when it would be completed.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that he spoke with George White, Superintendent of Public Works, who is attempting to find matching items to complete the work.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine requested an update on the "STOP" sign at the corner of New Main Street and Clove Avenue.

Terence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson informed Mr. Levine that it is on the list of items to be completed by the DPW. There is some concern that once the sign is installed, because people are not used to a "STOP" sign coming down the hill, that there will be a lot of cars rear ended, so they are trying to determine the type of sign needed at that site.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine suggested having a police car there to issue tickets after it is installed. He then spoke about the newly opened garage on Dr. Girling Drive, which he feels is being used as a towing lot because of the numerous cars and trucks in the lot. It was his understanding that it was going to be a repair/maintenance shop and late the previous night another truck was towed into the lot.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that towing was to be a part of the business at that facility; however, the Mayor stated that he would talk to Mr. Ginsburg about it.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine brought up the lack of a traffic light at Broadway and New Main Street.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Levine that a traffic light for that area is a part of the Streetscape Project.

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that there is a contract waiting for signatures. The first round of specifications was forwarded to the State, who in turn has made their comments and suggestions. The Village Engineers, he believes, have submitted the corrections and the State has sent the Village a Supplemental Agreement requiring Board resolutions and signatures with the project to begin shortly after that, and be completed the following year.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine mentioned that more and more trucks using the overpass are driving in the wrong lane, with the sign being clearly visible designating the lane for truck usage. He asked if the police could be stationed there to give out tickets.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that Mr. Levine would have to take those findings and suggestions to a Town of Haverstraw Board Meeting.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine feels there must be more that the Board can do to better promote happenings in the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor thoroughly agrees with Mr. Levine, however, to really research and move forward with promoting the Village as the Board would like, would require having an individual who has the time to strictly devote to promoting the Village and everything it has to offer.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Point Drive: Mr. Post inquired whether or not the Village is still considering consolidating its Justice Court with the Town. He mentioned that he read Nyack just consolidated their court system. He then thanked the Mayor for meeting with him recently and also expressed thanks to the DPW for the work they are doing at the open bridge area.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Town of Haverstraw has submitted a Consolidated Funding Application and the Board has approved a resolution for a study on the subject of the possible consolidation of the courts. The Mayor informed Mr. Post that there has to be a study completed before any consolidation can take place.

James Mackay, 139 Village Mill: Mr. Mackay inquired if there is any progress being made for consolidation of the Town and Village Justice Courts, as well as consolidating other areas of both the Village and Town in order to lower the taxes to keep them under the 2% cap for all the residents.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded if the consolidation were to occur taxes would be reduced and the Board has also given thought to other services that could be shared by the Village and the Town, giving an example of sharing equipment utilized by both.

James Mackay: Mr. Mackay, as a member of the Board of the Village Mill, inquired about the Village right-of-way between Gurnee Avenue and Village Mill, where there is a shed, a trampoline and a lot of debris on what he believes to be village property. He would like for the Board to look into that and clean up the area.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that he would talk to the Village Mill Board about transferring the property and try to come up with some sort of long term solution for this area. In the meantime, he will have the Building Inspector look into this matter to get some of the clutter and debris removed. The Mayor also mentioned that the Village had a Title Search done on the property. With no further input from the floor, the Mayor continued with the meeting agenda.

Mayor Kohut:

## **REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.:** Counselor Hood requested authorization from the Board for the Mayor to sign the final negotiated lease for the property at 16 Front Street, the former Civile's Restaurant. The Lease would be with 16 Front Street LLC and the operators Gary Oteri and Robert Milone, who would be guaranteeing the Lease.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Lease for the property at 16 Front Street as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #149-2014**

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

Counselor Hood requested approval to start preparing documents for the change to the Village Zoning Law concerning dwelling units above commercial properties in the downtown business district by first declaring the Village as Lead Agency.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to declare the Village as Lead Agency in the above matter.

**RESOLUTION #150-2014**

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

Counselor Hood requested this change be classified as a Type 1 Environmental action that it be referred to both the County and Village Planning Boards.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to classify this change and forward changes as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #151-2014**

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

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:** The Mayor received a request from St. Peter's Church to hold a procession through the Village on Sunday, June 22th starting at 12:00 PM and ending back at the church at 1:00 PM.

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

**RESOLUTION #152-2014**

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

The Mayor reported that there is a vacancy on the Architectural Review Board and that many people have applied for the position. Upon review, the Board has decided to appoint Werner Saravia to fill the vacant position.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Werner Saravia to the ARB as stated above.

RESOLUTION #153-2014

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

The Mayor has received a request and estimate from the Property Manager at Harbors to seal all the cracks along the promenade. The estimated cost for completion of this project is \$800.00 from All County Asphalt.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to have the cracks along the promenade sealed as stated above.

RESOLUTION #154-2014

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

The Mayor received a request from Arlene Simpson for overnight parking in the Village parking lot adjacent to the Knights of Columbus from June 28<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup> for 12 families from the North Rockland community who will be participating in a trip to Washington, DC on an invite by Congresswoman Nita Lowey.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the request for overnight parking as stated above.

RESOLUTION #155-2014

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

The Mayor requested a Public Hearing be scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:05 PM regarding whether or not Lady Warren Hose Co. #5 should be incorporated. The Mayor explained that in order for the Company to obtain their own Tax I.D. number they need to be incorporated.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hear as stated above.

RESOLUTION #156-2014

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

The Mayor requested approval to award the Summer Camp transportation bid to Haverstraw Transit in the amount of \$9,723.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the camp transportation bid to Haverstraw Transit as stated above.

RESOLUTION #157-2014

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

The Mayor then requested the Board approve the list of camp counselors at the listed rates, who have all been approved by Rockland County Personnel, for the Village summer camp program.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #158-2014

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

The Mayor requested the Board's approval to accept the retirement of Robert Sullivan, Fire Alarm Technician, as of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #159-2014

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

The Mayor received a proposal from SCS Engineers to provide services for the environmental management of the Manny Lopez Ball Field at a cost of \$5,600.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the proposal from SCS Engineers as stated above.

RESOLUTION #160-2014

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

The Mayor requested authorization from the Board to sign an agreement with Cornell University Cooperative Extension Outreach for a storm water management program at a cost to the Village of \$800.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #161-2014

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

As part of the Emeline Park storm repairs, the Mayor reported that a water meter has to be installed to operate the irrigation of the landscaping at the ball field. Upon review, the Board has decided to award the contract to Cal Mart Enterprises at a cost of \$11,460.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the contract for a water meter installation to Cal Mart Enterprises as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #162-2014**

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

The Mayor requested authorization to go out to bid for repaving of Leonard Street from Conklin Avenue to the end, Clove Avenue from Tor Avenue to the south end, Tor Avenue from Clove Avenue to the end and Van Houten Street from First Street to West Street, with bid opening scheduled for Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to go out to bid for the road improvements as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #163-2014**

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

The Mayor requested authorization to sign the 2014 OASAS Contract with the County of Rockland in the amount of \$212,151.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2014 OASAS Contract as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #164-2014**

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

The Mayor received a letter from the NYS Department of Transportation requesting a resolution and authorization for the Mayor to sign 7 copies of an agreement with DOT for the Streetscape Project.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

**RESOLUTION #165-2014**

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

The Mayor then announced that due to inclement weather on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, Dancing Under the Stars has been postponed until Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

**Mayor Kohut:  
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

Angel Molina	-	Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1
Mark Culver	-	Lady Warren Hose Co. #5
Jeffrey Ledesma	-	Relief Hose Co. #3

All three applications are completed and duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the above applicants into their chosen company's.

**RESOLUTION #166-2014**

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, for the period starting May 19<sup>th</sup> through June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

- 1) Continue to work on the concession stand at the ball field.
- 2) Continue to repair driveways and potholes throughout the Village.
- 3) Continue to cut grass at all village properties and Short Clove Road.
- 4) Continuing with repairs to the park at Village on the Green.
- 5) Started installing wire and rope fence at the promenade at Harbors.
- 6) Installed railings in front of gas and diesel tanks at the DPW.
- 7) Continue to bring up to code the gas and diesel tanks.
- 8) Started to install speed bumps at Village on the Green.

Trustee Watson had 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 May 15<sup>th</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

- 1) The Spanish Speaking Parent Group met on June 4<sup>th</sup> with a total of 25 parents and 12 children in attendance.
- 2) The Haverstraw Collaborative met with a total of 33 participants in attendance.
- 3) The youth celebration for the months of April and May took place on June 6<sup>th</sup> along with the Center's end of the year celebration.
- 4) The Center continues with its Homework Program with approximately 66 children attending on a daily basis.
- 5) The Center is preparing for the opening of the Village Summer Camp Program, which will begin on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

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 May 19<sup>th</sup> through June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

Rental registrations	-	1
Miscellaneous inspections	-	59
Construction inspections	-	22
Complaints	-	31
Violations & tickets	-	30
Building Permits/CO's	-	6

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Kohut:

**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine inquired if there is someone committed to opening a restaurant at the Civile's location and if so what type of cuisine would be served.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Levine that the Village is in contract with 16 Front Street LLC to lease the restaurant. They will be serving a continental cuisine along with the usual riverside dining dishes.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine inquired what the anticipated opening date would be.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded the Lessee wants to start renovating immediately to open in the Spring of 2015.

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 #167-2014**

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift  
Senior Steno Clerk