

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2014, 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. With no input from the floor, the Mayor continued with the meeting agenda.

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 a Public Hearing be scheduled for the Incorporation of General Warren Emergency Co., #2 in order for them to obtain their own Tax I.D. number for use with fundraisers, banking, etc.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, September 15th at 8:05 PM.

RESOLUTION #202-2014

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

The Mayor reported that the Village has received an estimate of \$1,020.00 from Stanley Steamer to clean the carpeting in Village Hall.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to have the carpeting cleaned as stated above.

RESOLUTION #203-2014

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

The Mayor requested approval from the Board to place a quarter page ad in the New Jerusalem Pentecost Church Journal at a cost of \$200.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to advertise in the New Jerusalem Pentecostal Journal as stated above.

RESOLUTION #204-2014

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

The Mayor reported that there have been some problems with the lighting at the Community Center. The Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, who is in charge of buildings, suggested replacing the lighting in the building with new energy efficient lighting. D&G Lighting has submitted an estimate of \$6,308.30 for the cost of material and Lighting Connection has submitted an estimate of \$3,750.00 for the installation of the lighting. The Mayor mentioned that this type of lighting will reduce the energy cost for the Village by approximately 2/3%.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the replacement of lights at the Community Center at a total cost of approximately \$10,000.00 as stated above.

RESOLUTION #205-2014

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

The Mayor received a request from Maser Consulting, a sub contractors on the Streetscape Project, for redesign of the traffic light at the corner of Broadway and New Main Street due to requirements by DOT. Maser Consulting is, therefore, asking for an additional fee of \$3,200.00 to complete the new design.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #206-2014

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

The Mayor received a request to use Emeline Park for a wedding ceremony on September 27, 2015. The Board has discussed this request and has concluded that any party requesting use of the gazebo would be required to pay a Village resident application fee of \$750 for permit rental of the gazebo area of Emeline Park and \$1,000 non-resident fee. Approval would be determined on a case by case basis depending on set-up and breakdown time.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to consider the request based on the requirements of the Village.

RESOLUTION #207-2014

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

The Mayor received a request from Judy Curcio, Village Clerk/Treasurer, to attend the Governor's Finance Association Conference on October 3rd in Cortland Manor at a fee of \$165.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve Ms. Curcio's attendance at a seminar as stated above.

RESOLUTION #208-2014

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

Ms. Curcio explained that this conference is designed to inform people involved in payroll how medical benefits will be a part of the W2 Tax Forms. She mentioned it will be a future requirement for employers to report the cost of medical benefits for each employee. This benefit will appear as a separate line item on the employee's W2.

The Mayor announced that the Village of Haverstraw has been officially designated as a Hudson Valley Greenway Community, a 2.31 mile trail from the Dutchtown Trail to Pecks Pond, which will be a part of the trails throughout Rockland County. Being designated as a part of the Hudson Valley Greenway Trail will also give the Village the opportunity to apply for small grants as needed.

The Mayor reported that a tree on Rela Avenue has to be taken down. The DPW has received 3 estimates with the lowest being \$1,500.00 from Northern Tree Service.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to have the tree removed as stated above.

RESOLUTION #209-2014

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

The Mayor announced that Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski has been able to obtain a \$30,000.00 grant for generators to be installed in specific Village locations. He explained that with the extremely harsh storms that have hit the Village in the past few years the Board found that the old generator in the Municipal Building is not working. The plan, he reported, is to replace the generators in 3 Village firehouses along with the Municipal Building and possibly the DPW and Community Center.

The Mayor then reported that one of the existing doors at the Community Center gym needs to be replaced. The new door would be a steel door with a window using the same specifications as the existing door. The Board has received several estimates with the low bidder being Triple G Construction, who has done work for the Village in the past, with a bid of \$4,660.13.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the bid to Triple G Construction for the replacement of a door at the Community Center, as stated above.

RESOLUTION #210-2014

Motion by: Francisco Batista
Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: In the absence of Trustee Bueno, the Mayor read the following report for the month of August, 2014, submitted by Fire Chief Al Lynch:

Total Alarms	-	18
General Alarms	-	11
Special Calls	-	6
Mutual Aid Calls	-	1
Structure Fires	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	4
Brush Fires	-	4
Gas Leaks	-	2
Water Leaks	-	1
Boat Calls/Assist Police	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	3
False Alarms	-	1

Total Manpower Responding - 375 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 September 2nd, 2014:

- 1) Due to the sweeper being broken, the DPW staff hand swept the main roads and side roads of the Village.
- 2) Continue to paint “stop” bars and “cross walks” throughout the Village.
- 3) Repaired driveway on State Street and upper Fairmount Avenue.
- 4) DPW crew picked up 70 green and 100 blue recycling bins from the County.
- 5) Continue to provide maintenance to both the Gurnee Avenue Tunnel and New Main Street water fountains, as well as Short Clove Road signage.
- 6) Cleared a sewer blockage at 61 Sharp Street.
- 7) Installed Hush Electrical sign at the baseball field.
- 8) Paved potholes on Highland Avenue.
- 9) Started preparing the Village for the Rockland County Firemen’s Parade to be held on Saturday, September 6th at 2:00 PM.

Trustee Watson then reported that when one of the DPW buildings was demolished, it created a large opening in their fence, which is in need of replacement. He mentioned that Superintendent George White has received 3 estimates with the low bid from Yahoo Fence.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to replace the fencing and gate that was damaged at the DPW location as stated above.

RESOLUTION #211-2014

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

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 August 8th to August 27th, 2014:

- 1) The Village Day Camp ended on August 15th with a picnic and talent show at the Center. It was another successful fun-filled summer camp.
- 2) A "Back to School Night" was held on August 27th. A special program was held for the children who participated in the Homework Help Program at the Center, where 50 backpacks filled with school supplies were given to those children.
- 3) The Homework Help Program will start on September 4th. There are currently 60 children enrolled with 40 on the waiting list.
- 4) The Sewing Club will be held every Friday after school starting in September and is free for the Haverstraw Center youth.
- 5) A "Senior Citizen Breakfast" will be held on October 17th.

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 July 11th through August 29th, 2014:

Rental property inspections	-	0
Municipal searches	-	15
Miscellaneous inspections	-	474
Construction inspections	-	21
Complaints	-	24
Violations & tickets	-	57
Permits/CO	-	18

Trustee Dominguez also mentioned that there will be a Holiday Festival with arts and crafts in conjunction with the Farmer's Market on October 19th, which will also be the last day of the Farmer's Market for this season.

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of May 5th, May 19th, June 16th, July 14th, and Special Meeting Minutes of June 4th and July 23rd for approval by the Board.

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

RESOLUTION #212-2014

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

The Mayor announced that the Haverstraw River Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, September 20th at Emeline Park from 12:00 noon to 7:00 PM. There will be sculptors creating works with the river's yield of found objects, music provided by four different bands throughout the day, food, crafts and kids activities. The event is free and the Mayor invited everyone to come to Emeline and enjoy a fun-filled day.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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 #213-2014

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift
Senior Steno Clerk