

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, November 17, 2014, beginning at 8:00 PM.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Batista	- Present
	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Watson	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Absent
	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 suggested that all information regarding what is happening in the Village be sent to all the newspapers in the County, not just the Journal News in order to get people throughout the County familiar with what the Village has to offer including ongoing events, festivals, etc.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post inquired about where the Board left off on the workshop involving River Vista.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the project is still in the review process with our consultants and that the Board is a long way off from any decisions regarding the project. When the time comes there will be the necessary notifications and Public Hearings.

Mayor Kohut:

## **REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.:** Counselor Hood requested the Board schedule a Public Hearing for the renewal of the Cable Franchise Agreement.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing form Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:05 PM for the renewal of the Cable Franchise Agreement.

RESOLUTION #265-2014

Motion by: Terence Watson  
Seconded by: Francisco Batista  
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 proposal from Direct Air Corp., 139 Route 9W, Suite 8, Haverstraw for work to be completed at the 16 Front Street property in accordance with specifications stated on the proposal. The cost for the installation of three (3) 5-ton HVAC Split Systems is \$35,000.00. Direct Air Corp. will furnish material and labor

in accordance with details listed on the proposal. He mentioned that 1/3 of the payment is due at signing, 1/3 due upon delivery of materials and the balance due upon completion of the installation.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the proposal from Direct Air Corp. as stated above.

RESOLUTION #266-2014

Motion by: Terence Watson  
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno  
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received a proposal from AAA Cooleration Service, Inc. of Garnerville, New York in the amount of \$5,895.00 to furnish all the materials and labor necessary for completion of the installation of a Refrigeration Condensing Unit and Matching Evaporator for a large Walk-in Refrigerator.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the proposal of AAA Colleration Service, Inc. as stated above.

RESOLUTION #267-2014

Motion by: Terence Watson  
Seconded by: Francisco Batista  
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor requested authorization from the Board to seek RFP's for the GASB 45 annual actuarial review and reporting.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to seek RFP's as stated above.

RESOLUTION #268-2014

Motion by: Francisco Batista  
Seconded by: Terence Watson  
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor requested the Board's approval to authorize the Mayor to sign the Inter Municipal Cooperative Agreement between the County of Rockland and the Village of Haverstraw for reimbursement of expenses incurred for a firework display on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #269-2014

Motion by: Francisco Batista  
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno  
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor requested approval of the Board to utilize the Façade reimbursement accumulated interest in the amount of \$10,724.91 to be put towards Community Development Projects.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to use Façade interest funds as stated above.

RESOLUTION #270-2014

Motion by: Francisco Batista

Seconded by: Terence Watson  
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor requested the Board's approval to reimburse the owner of 61 Sharp Street a total of \$952.25 for damages caused by a sewer backup on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to reimburse the owner of 61 Sharp Street as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #271-2014**

Motion by: Terence Watson  
Seconded by: Francisco Batista  
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor requested the Board's approval to hire Anthony Savoia as a Parking Enforcement Aide Part-time at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

**RESOLUTION #272-2014**

Motion by: Francisco Batista  
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno  
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor then made the following announcements with regard to upcoming events in the Village:

- 1) Youth & Family Services Thanksgiving Dinner – Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Community Center.
- 2) Haverstraw Neighborhood Committee – Thanksgiving Dinner at the Quisqueya Club on November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Holidays in Haverstraw – All day on December 6<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:

Anthony Savoia	Haverstraw	Lady Warren Hose Co. #5
Charde White	Haverstraw	Relief Hose Co. #3

Both applications are completed and duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept both applicants into the company of their choice.

**RESOLUTION #273-2014**

Motion by: Rafael Bueno  
Seconded by: Terence Watson

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 November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

- 1) Installed new drainage system on Middle Street between Middle and Third Street.
- 2) Cleared sewer blockage in back of NSA on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 3) Cleared sewer blockage at 18 Broadway, the China Wok on November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) Received complaint about possible sewer blockage on West Broad Street.
- 5) Checked Village on the Green on November 13<sup>th</sup> and found no blockage in their sewer line.
- 6) Restarted and cleared “Bound” sewer pump injectors at Harbors on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Called TAM to inspect and service them.
- 7) Removed speed bumps from various streets throughout the Village.
- 8) Continued preparing equipment for upcoming winter season.
- 9) Closed the ball field for the season.
- 10) Winterized Emeline Park sprinkler system.
- 11) Removed American flags from street poles.
- 12) Started working on Christmas decorations.
- 13) Continued picking up leaves.

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 November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

- 1) The Strengthening Families Program began on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and the cycle was completed on November 6<sup>th</sup> with a total of 8 families graduating. The Center received positive feedback from the participants who said they would recommend the program to family and friends. The next Strengthening Families Program is scheduled to begin on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 ending on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Families can sign up any time prior to the beginning date.
- 2) The Haverstraw Collaborative met on November 5<sup>th</sup> with 39 participants. Vanessa Lopez was welcomed as the new Administrative Assistant and everyone wished Miriam Saravia, Family Resource Coordinator for NRCSD, good luck with her move to Florida.
- 3) The annual Thanksgiving Luncheon is scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. This event will be held in conjunction with the Monthly Youth Celebration and is by invitation only, specifically for participants of the youth programs at the Haverstraw Center.
- 4) The Annual Holiday Party is scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. This party is also by invitation only.

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

**BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Emily Dominguez:** In the absence of Trustee Dominguez, Mayor Kohut read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of November 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014:

Rental registrations	-	1
Municipal searches	-	5
Miscellaneous inspections	-	108
Construction inspections	-	22
Complaints	-	22
Violations & tickets	-	22
Bldg. Permits/C.O.'s	-	18

There was nothing further to report from the Building Department.

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Kohut:

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

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport inquired if there is an addition going on the building at 16 Front Street.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that there is ongoing construction and renovations being done to the building.

Mel Post: Mr. Post requested a status update on GDC and the \$6.5M.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that the Board is continuing to review the situation.

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 #274-2014**

Motion by: Francisco Batista  
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno  
Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift  
Senior Steno Clerk