

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, December 15th, 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.

With no input from the public, the Mayor continued with the agenda for that night's meeting with a Public Hearing for approval of the Cablevision Franchise Agreement.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor requested Robert Hoch, Director of Governmental Relations for Cablevision, to present the terms of the proposed franchise agreement.

Robert Hoch, 6 Executive Blvd., Yonkers, New York: Mr. Hoch has discussed the proposed Franchise Agreement with the Village Attorney and Mayor. He reported that the current agreement expires in October of 2015 therefore he is now approaching the Board with regard to renewing the Cablevision Franchise Agreement. Like the Verizon Agreement, which was approved by the Board in 2007 and made effective by the Public Service Agreement in 2007 Under Federal and State Law, this is a non-exclusive franchise for a term of 15 years and becomes effective upon confirmation by the New York Public Service Commission. The new agreement would service the entire village with a hybrid fiber system built for the entire service area, however, no construction is required. The agreement provides free cable service to the 11 specified municipal buildings and to the schools and libraries throughout the Village as listed in Exhibit A, plus 5 additional locations upon written notice from the Village. The agreement provides for free Optimum On-Line service to schools and libraries and one other designated municipal building, which would be one installation of basic internet service at each site. The agreement provides for up to three pay access channels, one each for government educational public access and a capital grant of \$22,500.00, which is made in one payment within 90 days of the effective date of the agreement. The agreement also provides for a \$5,000.00 Technology Grant, which may be used for any technological needs of the Village. The agreement will also provide for a franchise fee of 5% of gross revenues based on current subscribership, which would mean approximately \$7,000.00 per year in franchise fees paid directly to the Village. At this time Mr. Hoch would answer questions from the public.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing with regard to the Cablevision Franchise Agreement.

RESOLUTION #313-2014

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

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez inquired why the Agreement is going from 10 to 15 years.

Robert Hoch: Mr. Hoch explained that in the competitive cable world, to level the playing field under Federal Law and State Regulations the goal is to not award franchises that are more advantageous to one competitor versus another. He further explained that Verizon sought a 15 year agreement because there are more benefits to a lengthier agreement in terms of stability. He explained further that for Verizon to provide the same level of support to match the peg grant and to match the technology being provided over the same period of years that with a shorter agreement, there would probably be a smaller cash plan and scaled back benefits.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez inquired if that is set for the next 15 years or if there will be an increase in interest earned.

Robert Hoch: Mr. Hoch explained that the Federal maximum is 5% of gross revenue and the Village is already at that max. If, however, Verizon is able to grow the customer base, the Village will see an increase in revenues, which includes commercial and residential subscribers. He then mentioned that all cable subscribers are paying a franchise fee as well.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned that the resolution does not mention the 15 year term.

Robert Hoch: Mr. Hoch stated, however, that the 15 year term is a part of the Franchise Agreement itself.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez inquired if the Village would continue to receive free cable.

Robert Hoch: Mr. Hoch responded that free cable is a part of the new agreement as well, along with free Optimum On-Line, which is also stated in the new agreement.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #314-2014

Motion by: Terence Watson, Jr.
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to approve the Cablevision Franchise Agreement.

RESOLUTION #315-2014

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

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood was absent from this meeting.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio was absent: Ms. Gonzalez, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: At the request of the Village Clerk/Treasurer, the Mayor requested the Board's approval of the CPI-HR proposal for ACA review and audit at a cost of \$6,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the CPI-HR proposal as stated above.

RESOLUTION #316-201

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

Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista thought that the Board was going to look into other companies for this audit.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that Judy Curcio looked into other companies and the ones that she received information on were not comparable.

The Mayor then requested the Board to accept the retirement of Manuel Monte De Oca, effective August 1st, 2014.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #317-2014

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

The Mayor then reported that the annual Termite Service Agreement with Pest Shield Corp. will expire on December 31st, 2014, therefore, he requested approval from the Board to accept the Pest Shield Corp. Agreement to continue servicing Relief Hose Co. #3 at a cost of \$425.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #318-2014

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

The Mayor then reported that the Board is required to re-adopt the Chair Factory Resolution amending the period of probable usefulness, which was originally adopted at the November 3rd meeting, but was not published within the required 10 day period. In order for this resolution to be legal, it must be re-adopted at this time.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to re-adopt the Chair Factory Resolution as stated above.

RESOLUTION #319-2014

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

The Mayor reported that the Board received the Annual Audited Financial Reports from the office of Korn, Rosenbaum LLP, which require acceptance by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the Annual Audited Financial Reports as stated above.

RESOLUTION #320-2014

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

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Dominick K. Vitale	Lady Warren Hose Co. #5
Camilo Lopez	Lady Warren Hose Co. #5
Jose Israel Gonzalez	Lady Warren Hose Co. #5

All 3 application(s) are complete and duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the above mentioned candidates into Lady Warren Hose Co #5.

RESOLUTION #321-2014

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, as of December 15th, 2014:

- 1) Set up Christmas decorations for the tree lighting at Village Hall.
- 2) Cleared sewer blockages on Broadway and Grant Street.
- 3) DPW was called out to salt roads due to a structure fire at 17 Broadway.
- 4) Installed Gateway sign on New Main Street by the new fountain.
- 5) Performed maintenance on problematic sewer line with contractor Fred Cook, Jr.
- 6) Installed speed hump on Maple Avenue in front of Head Start.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista mentioned that he was at the Community Center for the annual Christmas festivities, which were well attended. A dinner was served to the children and their families and was deliciously prepared by volunteers, whom he thanked.

He also commended the staff for a job well done. Everyone enjoyed their meal and a good time was had by all.

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez welcomed back Building Inspector Ruben Berrios. She reported that she and Mr. Berrios spent time that day going over reports of the 15-17 Broadway property.

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 24th, 2014 for approval by the Board.

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

RESOLUTION #322-2014

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno brought up the signage issue for the speed humps, stating that the signage should be installed a certain distance before the actual humps so everyone is aware that they are approaching a hump.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Trustee Bueno that the sign designation is provided by New York State. One has to be set right at the speed hump and another needs to be 100 feet before the hump, which he believes has been done.

Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno stated that he has seen locations where there are no warning signs before the actual humps, mentioning that the speed hump signage on Third Street is right at the hump with no warning signage before the hump.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor will have George White, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, look into the matter and make any necessary adjustments.

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 #323-2014

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk