

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, May 4th, 2015, at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Batista	- Present
	Trustee Bueno	- Absent
	Trustee Watson	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Present
	Mayor Kohut	- Absent – NYCOM Conference

In the absence of Mayor Michael Kohut, the meeting was run by Deputy Mayor Francisco Batista, who opened the meeting with the first Public Participation inviting the public to ask questions or make comments.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport inquired if anyone knew why military trucks were parked at the garage on Samsondale Avenue adjacent to Picariello Drive.

Terrence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson responded that the company has a contract with the National Guard.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport believes they have been there for a very long time.

Terrence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson informed Mr. Rappaport that they continue to bring in vehicles, which the company services in Tarrytown, with this location used to store the vehicles.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood requested the Board's authorization for the Mayor to sign an Interim Agreement between the Village of Haverstraw and Ginsberg Development along with all other entities involved. Counselor Hood then mentioned that copies of the agreement will be available after the agreement is signed by all parties.

Deputy Mayor Batista entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an Interim Agreement as stated above.

RESOLUTION #89-2015

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

Counselor Hood then requested 2 Public Hearings be scheduled, the first regarding Section #245 of the Zoning Code at the Regular Board Meeting on June 15th at 7:05 PM and the second regarding the Taxi Law due to an issue that came up in court regarding applying for a License with the non-existent Village of Haverstraw Police Department. He requested this hearing be scheduled at the same Board Meeting of June 15th at 7:10 PM.

Deputy Mayor Batista entertained a motion to schedule 2 Public Hearings as stated above.

RESOLUTION #90-2015

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

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez inquired of Counselor Hood where the Village stands with the County legislation concerning taxis.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood responded that he has not yet heard anything from the Legal Department which he believes is due to the fact that Mr. Grosselfinger is very ill and has not been able to work.

Counselor Hood then mentioned that the Village Board is the final approval authority for a Bed & Breakfast (B&B) within the Village. He reported that Andrea Caccura has applied to open a B&B at 34 First Street in the Village and has met all the Board requirements.

Deputy Mayor Batista entertained a motion to approve the opening of a Bed & Breakfast as stated above.

RESOLUTION #91-2015

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

Counselor Hood then requested another Public Hearing be scheduled regarding Senior Exemptions for Monday, May 18th at 7:05 PM.

Deputy Mayor Batista entertained a motion to authorize a Public Hearing for Senior Exemptions as stated above.

RESOLUTION #92-2015

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

Counselor Hood then requested approval of the Board for the Mayor to sign the Annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Contract in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Deputy Mayor Batista entertained a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Contract as stated above.

RESOLUTION #93-2015

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

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio gave the following report for the months of December 2014, January and February of 2015:

Total Disbursements	-	\$2,226,951.00
Total Revenue	-	\$ 645,890.00

Ms. Curcio had nothing further to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Deputy Mayor Batista: The Deputy Mayor announced that a request was received from the Hudson Pine Condominium HOA to use the Village Meeting Room in June starting at 7:15 PM and finishing at 8:30 PM with approximately 36 people in attendance.

Deputy Mayor Batista entertained a motion to authorize use of the meeting room on June 8th beginning at 7:00 PM with all else to follow as stated above.

RESOLUTION #94-2015

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

Deputy Mayor Batista then presented a request from Head Start for the closing of Division Street on June 18th from 8:00 AM until 2:30 PM for a Father/Male Engagement Activity and BBQ for the children and families who attend on a daily basis.

Deputy Mayor Batista entertained a motion to approve the request of Head Start to close a section of Division Street as done in previous years with activities as stated above.

RESOLUTION #95-2015

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

Deputy Mayor Batista announced the summer schedule for Board Meetings, which will continue on Monday's as follows:

Regular Board Meetings	-	June 15th
		July 13 th
		August 17 th

Deputy Mayor Batista entertained a motion to authorize the Board to meet once a month during the summer as stated above.

RESOLUTION #96-2015

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

Deputy Mayor Batista then mentioned that the Village Accountant, Joseph Modafferi presented the Board with the following adjustments to the budget amounting to \$136,550.00 due to some decreases in appropriations:

	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Increase</u>
	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
1210.0400 Mayor Contractual	\$ 500.00		
1325.0400 Treasurer Contractual	23,000.00		
(AAA Bond Expense)			
1420.0400 Law Contractual GDC	36,000.00		
1440.0410 Engineer Ferry	10,500.00		
1670.0400 Printing/Mailing	2,500.00		
1670.0420 Newsletter	100.00		
3410.0200 Fire Equip. Purchase	20,000.00		
3410.0400 Fire Contractual		\$ 20,000.00	
5110.0450 DPW Equip. Repair	5,000.00		

5142.0400	Snow Removal	10,000.00		
6989.0400	Economic Develop.	3,000.00		
3089.	State Aid Other			\$3,000.00
6989.0420	Farmers Market	750.00		
7140.0400	Playground	5,000.00		
8120.0400	Sanitary Sewer	7,100.00	5,000.00	
8160.0400	Refuse	5,000.00		
8510.0400	Beautification	1,000.00		
8120.0403	Sanitary Sewer	7,100.00		
1990.0400	Contingent		11,725.00	
9010.0800	NYS Retirement		50,000.00	
9060.0800	Health Insurance		46,825.00	
	TOTALS	\$136,550.00	\$133,550.00	\$3,000.00

Deputy Mayor Batista entertained a motion to approve the budget adjustments as stated above.

RESOLUTION #97-2015

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

Deputy Mayor Batista had nothing further to report.

**Deputy Mayor Batista:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Due to the absence of Trustee Bueno, no report was given.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson: Trustee Watson read the following report submitted by George White, Superintendent of Public Works, as of May 4th, 2015:

- 1) Continued blacktopping the potholes throughout the Village.
- 2) DPW installed reflective warning stripes in front of both sides of the “speed hump” on Maple Avenue.
- 3) Replaced broken wheel stoppers in various village parking lots.
- 4) On April 30th the DPW staff attended Cornell for a local roads program entitled Roadway and Roadside Drainage.
- 5) DPW started a thorough cleaning at Emeline Park in preparation of the opening of the 14 Front Street Restaurant.
- 6) Repaired sinkhole on Front Street.
- 7) Fixed the guide wire at the promenade for the Harbors.

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 April 17th to May 1st, 2015:

- 1) The Haverstraw Collaborative is set to meet on Wednesday, May 6th from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM.
- 2) Spanish Speaking Workshop is set to meet on Wednesday May 6th at 6:00 PM.

- 3) The Haverstraw Center will be having their “End of the Year Celebration” on Friday, June 5th starting at 5:00 PM. The celebration will include volunteer recognition and the monthly youth celebration. Food will be served along with fun activities all at no cost. The celebration is open to all village families.
- 4) Counseling services are being provided to 15 participants.
- 5) Boys Life Skills Group – 1 session with 12 participants.
- 6) Life Skills for High School students had 2 sessions with 16 participants.
- 7) Project Shift held 2 sessions with 6 participants.
- 8) Homework Help continues to provide 55 students with assistance on a daily basis.

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 20th through May 1st, 2015:

Miscellaneous inspections	-	78
Construction inspections	-	89
Complaints	-	4
Violations & tickets	-	22
Permits/Cert. of Occupancy	-	4

Trustee Dominguez thanked the DPW for helping to get the ball field ready to be used by the Fire Department, the Little League and the Quisqueya Club. She then announced that the Village Farmer’s Market will be opening on June 14th and will continue every Sunday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM until closing in the fall. She also mentioned that the Village is still looking for vendors, as well as volunteers to work the market.

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post, addressing Trustee Watson, informed him that on the East side of the promenade the safety wires need to be repaired or replaced. He also mentioned that the “speed hump” on Maple Avenue is quickly deteriorating due to the speed people are approaching the hump from both sides. Also with regard to that “speed hump”, he wanted the Board to know that people have mentioned to him that they have been rear-ended in that area because other motorists behind them did not know what they were stopping or slowing down for. He does not feel it is as useful as it was originally thought it would be and could cause accidents.

Terrence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson will look into all the problems Mr. Post referred to and take care of any issues.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport feels that the new poles on New Main Street are closer to the buildings than the original poles, which decreases the walking

space on the sidewalks. He wanted to know why they were not installed next to the existing poles.

Terrence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson informed Mr. Rappaport that the Village will be realigning New Main Street, therefore, depending on where your property is located on New Main Street some of the sidewalks will be wider or slightly undersized due to the road realignment which will be shifted to be evened out on both sides.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez also mentioned that depending on where your property is located on New Main Street, there will be some difference as to where the poles are installed.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired where the Village stands with regard to the funding for the Streetscape itself.

Deputy Mayor Batista: The Deputy Mayor responded that the State grant has been approved and now it is just a matter of taking all the steps that are required to bring the project to fruition.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez mentioned that the Village was approved for the State funding, however, the Village is still going to have to bond for some parts of the project.

Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio explained that the Village has been granted a portion of the funding but that the Village is required to spend the money first and then voucher the State for reimbursement under the grant.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired about when the actual construction would begin.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez explained that first all the poles have to be replaced, all the wires have to be moved and then the Board will meet with the Village Engineers to discuss the start of the project.

Deputy Mayor Batista: The Deputy Mayor feels that the main thing is that things have begun and he is actually surprised at how quickly O&R is moving along with transferring the poles.

Terrence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson also mentioned that bids have to be created to go out, but he is hopeful that shovels will hit the ground during this construction season.

Deputy Mayor Batista: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Deputy Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #98-2015

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terrence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk