

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, beginning at 7:00 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.

Ira Emanuel, Esq., New City (representing the owner of 3-5-7 Main Street): Counselor Emanuel explained to the Board that many years ago the previous owner started an application process to convert a section of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the building into an apartment, making a total of 6 apartments on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The process was never completed and the property went into foreclosure. The mortgage was purchased by his client, Jeffrey Gault, who is now in the process of reapplying for a Special Permit for a Studio apartment in the building. Counselor Emanuel has reviewed the requirements of the Special Permit and stated that this conversion meets all the requirements for residential units over a commercial establishment.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to refer Mr. Gault's application to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation.

#### RESOLUTION #191-2015

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

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post inquired whether or not the Board has made a decision about moving the start time of the Board Meetings to 7:30 PM rather than 7:00 PM.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Board discussed the time issue at the Workshop that night and has decided to stay with the 7:00 PM start time.

Mel Post: Mr. Post feels that the Board is not being considerate of the wishes of the public and is surprised that the Board could not come to an agreement to move the start time, which he feels is a reasonable request. Mr. Post then requested an update on the GDC negotiations.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that to date they have heard nothing back from the attorney for GDC.

Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista informed Mr. Post that the Village sent a response to the questions requested by Mr. Ginsburg's attorney, but again, no response has been received to date.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired if there is anything new with respect to the Harbors in general.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that he met with members of the Harbors HOA Board the previous week and had discussions on the possibility of sharing/assisting with some of the expenses for the public areas.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired if the Board had information about the Maple Avenue development.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Board has heard nothing from anyone with regard to a Maple Avenue development.

Joel Santana, 100 Halgren Crescent: Mr. Santana extended his thanks to the Board and the Department of Public Works for all their help with the Halloween Parade at the Village on the Green.

With no further input from the public, the Mayor continued with the agenda for that night's meeting.

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 reported that the Board will be meeting with some taxi owners/drivers at the next Workshop to discuss several ongoing issues.

The Mayor received a request from Abd Ali, owner of Hookah Paradise and The Phone Store, to have a "5 MINUTE PARKING" sign in front of his businesses, which are located next to each other on New Main Street.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to install a sign at that location until the Streetscape is completed.

### **RESOLUTION #192-2015**

Motion by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received a proposal from SCS Engineering firm, who was previously hired by the Village for the Warren Court reclamation and ball field construction. He explained that the Village has a continuing obligation to DEC to monitor the property and to oversee, inspect and rectify any continuing issues with the sulfur smells, etc. Testing and corrective measures must be done annually. With this in mind, SCS has agreed to provide these services at a cost of \$4,900.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize SCS to move forward with their inspection and rectify any inconsistencies, with an additional fee of \$500.00 if needed.

RESOLUTION #193-2015

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

The Mayor received a request from the Village Justice Court to hire Miquel Baez, a retired NYC Police Detective, as an additional Court Attendant at a rate of \$20.00 per hour.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Miquel Baez as stated above.

RESOLUTION #194-2015

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

The Mayor received a proposal from DTM Installations to install/update a "Camera Monitoring System" in the Village Justice Court. The price of the proposed job, including total parts and labor, is \$4,113.00. The Justice Court received a grant that will cover the cost of this installation.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize him to sign the proposal for the installation of the camera system as stated above.

RESOLUTION #195-2015

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

The Mayor then reported the following budget adjustments submitted by Village Accountant Joseph Modafferi:

Acct. #	Account Name	Increase Appropriations	Decrease Appropriations	Increase Revenue
A.1930.0400	Judgements & Claims	\$ 378,248.00		
A.0000.2770	Other Revenue			\$378,248.00
A.7310.0412	Contractual Summer Camp	9,000.00		
A.1990.0400	Contingent		9,000.00	

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above stated budget adjustments.

RESOLUTION #196-2015

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

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

**Mayor Kohut:**  
**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno:** Trustee Bueno then read the following report of fire activity for the month of October, 2015, submitted by Fire Chief Robert Drexler, Jr.:

Total Alarms	-	22
General Alarms	-	18
Special Calls	-	2
Mutual Aid Calls	-	1
Structure Fires	-	0
Cooking Fires	-	3
Brush Fires	-	2
Gas Leaks	-	1
Water Leaks	-	1
Electrical Problems	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	6
False Alarms	-	7

Total Manpower Responding - 468 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson:**

Trustee Watson had nothing to report.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Francisco Batista:** Trustee Batista read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of October 16<sup>th</sup>, through November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015:

- 1) Annual Halloween Parade and Costume Contest was held on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Approximately 150 participants attended the event marching in a parade through the Village, back to the Haverstraw Center where they participated in a costume contest and were served snacks and desserts. Prizes were awarded in different age groups.
- 2) The Haverstraw Collaborative is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 2:00 PM.
- 3) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Haverstraw Elementary School. The purpose of this group is for Spanish speaking parents to be involved with their children's education by participating in a group activity for their residents that addresses specific needs that they encounter.
- 4) Individual Family Counseling had a total of 20 participants.
- 5) Smokers Aftercare has a total of 30 participants. 2 sessions held.
- 6) Project Shift (A Call to Action) had 5 participants. 1 session held.
- 7) Homework Help has 65 participants daily.

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

**BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Emily Dominguez:** In the absence of Trustee Dominguez, no report was given.

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**Mayor Kohut:**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Kohut: With no public input or further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESOLUTION #197-2015

Motion by: Francisco Batista

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk