

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, November 16th, 2015, beginning at 7:00 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.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood mentioned that the Attorneys representing the Village in the GDC matter have contacted Mr. Ginsburg attorney but has not yet received a response.

He then requested the Board to reschedule the following Public Hearings to amend Zoning Codes to December 7th at 7:10 PM and 7:15 PM respectively.

- 1) Uses permitted by Right, Section 245-Attachment 10
- 2) Rescind/Amend/Replace Section 112-3 thru 8.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule Public Hearings as stated above.

RESOLUTION #198-2015

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

Mayor Kohut then requested a Public Hearing be scheduled for an additional apartment on the 2nd floor of 3-5-7 Main Street and entertained a motion to schedule this Public Hearing also for the December 7th meeting at 7:05 PM.

RESOLUTION #199-2015

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.
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 expressed the need for an Executive Session following this meeting to discuss negotiations with the Harbors HOA and to discuss negotiations with the tenants of the 16 Front Street Restaurant.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Executive Session as stated above.

RESOLUTION #200-2015

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carried: ALL

The Mayor mentioned that several months back the Board approved the hiring of Esco Lighting Energy Efficiency Experts to audit the Village streetlights in anticipation of ultimately purchasing lights from Orange & Rockland (O&R) and converting them over to LED lighting, at a substantial savings to the Village. Esco has started the energy streetlight audit, which should be completed this week.

The Mayor mentioned that the committee, which includes the Board and several Village Consultants, has interviewed 3 prospects for the position of Construction Manager for the Streetscape Project. Everyone was in agreement to hire Tectonics Engineering. The next step in moving forward with the project is to discuss a contract with Tectonics Engineering.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to work with the consultants to prepare a contract for Tectonics Engineering.

RESOLUTION #201-2015

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

The Mayor then reported that the Board has received a proposal from Lucille Munz of Munz Associates for landscape architectural design services during the bidding and construction of the Haverstraw Streetscape Project on an “as needed basis”.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the contract provided by Lucille Munz as stated above.

RESOLUTION #202-2015

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

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He then reminded everyone that “Holidays in Haverstraw” will take place on Saturday, December 5th with the following activities taking place throughout the day:

- 1) Brick Museum – activities for the children.
- 2) Concert at the Central Presbyterian Church at 2:00 PM.
- 3) The Village tree lighting at 4:30 PM.
- 4) Restaurant specials offered throughout the day at several village restaurants.
- 5) Following the tree lighting, “Supper with Santa” for the children at the Community Center.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Joel Santana - Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1

His application is complete and duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept Mr. Santana into the Haverstraw Fire Department and Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1.

RESOLUTION #203-2015

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 November 16th, 2015:

- 1) Repaired the catch basin at Samsondale Avenue.
- 2) Installed various street signs throughout the Village.
- 3) Trimmed and cut brush on Lot #18.
- 4) Fixed the catch basin at Spring Street.
- 5) Started trimming and cutting trees in alleyways.
- 6) Replaced sewer ring on Main & Fourth Streets.
- 7) Blacktopped potholes throughout the Village.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

The Mayor mentioned that when the DPW opened the catch basin on Samsondale Avenue they found a gas line running through it. They immediately notified Orange & Rockland, which they said was no longer in service, however, O&R will be coming in to cut the line.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Francisco Batista:

Trustee Batista read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of November 2nd thru November 16th, 2015:

- 1) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group met on November 4th at 6:00 PM with a total of 34 participating parents. The purpose of the group is for Spanish speaking parents to be involved with their children's education by participating in a group for their population that addresses specific needs that they encounter in their navigation of school bureaucracy.
- 2) The Haverstraw Collaborative meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 12:00 to 2:00 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3) Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 25th at 1:00 PM in conjunction with the Monthly Youth Celebration.

- 4) Annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th at 4:00 PM at the Center.

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 November 2nd thru November 13th, 2015:

Rental registrations	-	1
Municipal searches	-	6
Miscellaneous inspections	-	58
Construction inspections	-	8
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	5
Violations	-	3

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Trustee Dominguez also reminded everyone that overnight parking rules and regulations have gone into effect and anyone needing parking permits can obtain them at the Village Hall.

Trustee Dominguez then mentioned the need for an additional parking enforcement agent to fill in some hours during the day and night when current enforcers are unable to work the required hours.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to proceed with the proper steps to create a 5th Parking Enforcer position.

RESOLUTION #204-2015

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mel Post: Mr. Post mentioned that the calendar on the Village website is not working properly.

Judy Curcio: Ms. Curcio informed Mr. Post that she did get in touch with the Village's IT person, however, she is not sure whether or not it is currently working properly.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired if the Board has any news since the previous meeting with Mr. Ginsburg or his representatives.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Village attorney has reached out to the Ginsburg people, but to date there has been no response. He stated, however, that Mr. Ginsburg is abiding by the Interim Agreement that was previously established and the Village did receive a \$150,000.00 payment this week.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired if Mr. Ginsburg has approached the Board about any new construction at the Harbors.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that Mr. Ginsburg has not come forward to any of the Boards with a request for new construction.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired if the Mayor has any plans to get in touch with John Cooney of Tilcon regarding the ongoing situation at that location.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that since the last meeting, Tilcon has been served with a "Notice of Violation" noting several substantial infractions with running fines attached. To date, he has not received any official response from them.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.

RESOLUTION #205-2015

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

The minutes of Executive Session of the Board of Trustees on Monday, November 16th, 2015.

Trustee Batista	- Present
Trustee Bueno	- Present
Trustee Watson	- Present
Trustee Dominguez	- Present
Mayor Kohut	- Present

The Mayor and the Board briefly discussed the "Holidays in Haverstraw" to be held on December 5th and all agreed to allow free parking in the downtown business district on that day and then from December 16th through and including January 3rd, 2016.

Also discussed at this session was a 4 month waiver of rental payments for 16 Front Street, which will be closed for the winter. The Board all agreed to waive the rent while the restaurant is closed.

With the Harbors HOA now taking control of the Master Homeowner's Association from GDC, the Board is aware that all items of public infrastructure are to be maintained/replaced by the Village. The HOA has prepared a list of items needing attention at this time and has requested that the Board share the expenses. The Board has agreed to give Harbors \$15,000.00 towards the expenses for this budget year.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the Executive Session.

RESOLUTION #206-2015

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk