

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, January 19th, 2016, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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| 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.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Point Drive: Mr. Levine thanked the Board for having the DPW area cleaned up because it does make such a difference. He then brought up the Fire Training Trailer that is parked by the Ferry Lot. He thought it would be a good idea to move that trailer to a location where the Police cars cannot hide behind it. He informed the Board that he also spoke with one of the Lieutenants at the Town Police about the cars hiding out there for periods of time.

Mayor Kohut: Both the Mayor and the members of the Board thanked Mr. Levine, especially for notifying the Town Police about their officers parking at the Ferry location for periods of time.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post inquired if it is easy to change or add things to the official website for the Village. His reason for asking was because that night's meeting was not on the website.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that at the present time changes cannot be made to the Website from the Village Hall.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez informed Mr. Post that she is in the process of revamping the Village Website and that is one of the changes that will be made so that as things are scheduled they can be added to the site by personnel at Village Hall.

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 requested authorization from the Board to sign the Settlement between the Village of Haverstraw and Mae Realty Holdings LLC for tax certioraris as follows:

11 Broadway – Section 27.45, Block 2, Lot 44

- 1) 2013 assessment reduction of \$7,650.00
- 2) 2014 assessment reduction of \$1,570.00
- 3) 2015 assessment reduction of \$1,570.00

13 Broadway – Section 27.45, Block 2, Lot 45

- 1) 2013 assessment reduction of \$9,230.00
- 2) 2014 assessment reduction of \$3,274.00
- 3) 2015 assessment reduction of \$3,274.00

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize Counselor Hood to sign the Settlement Agreement with Mae Realty Holdings LLC as approved by the Village Assessor and stated above.

RESOLUTION #11-2016

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

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

DEPUTY VILLAGE TREASURER, Isabel Gonzalez: Ms. Gonzalez had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that there is a community wide shredding event, open to the public, scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 9th from 8:00 to 11:00 AM, in the Village Parking Lot adjacent to the Village Hall, being hosted by the Rockland Business Women's Network in conjunction with Rockland Community College (RCC) who is requesting the use of a few parking spaces in this lot to park the shredding truck.

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

RESOLUTION #12-2016

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2016 Agreement between the Village of Haverstraw Counseling Center (Reachout) and the Town of Haverstraw in the amount of \$20,000.00.

RESOLUTION #13-2016

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion agreeing to participate in the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance.

RESOLUTION #14-2016

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

The Mayor received a request from the Rockland Historical Society to use the Village Parking Lot for people who will be going on the bus tours throughout the Village and Town to park cars. These events are being planned for June 4th, August 13th, September 17th, October 15th and November 19th, in conjunction with the Town of Haverstraw's 400th Anniversary celebration.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to allow public parking in the Village Parking Lots as stated above.

RESOLUTION #15-2016

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

The Mayor reported that the new salt truck for the DPW would be arriving the following day, adding it is just in time for the snow storm being predicted for the upcoming weekend.

The Mayor will continue with his report and a Public Hearing following reports by village officials.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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| Kevin Lemus | - | Lady Warren Hose Co. #5 |
| Jessidy Cespedes | - | Lady Warren Hose Co. #5 |
| | | (needs medical clearance) |
| Julito Acosta Guaitara | - | Cosgriff Hose Co. #4 |

The above applications are completed and duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the above applicants into the Haverstraw Fire Department assigned to a company as stated above pending the medical clearance required for 1 of the applicants.

RESOLUTION #16-2016

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 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 January 4th thru January 19th, 2016:

- 1) The Haverstraw Collaborative met on Wednesday, January 6th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. He explained that the Collaborative is a meeting of a group of human services providers who plan and promote activities to better serve the community. At this meeting there was a presentation on Rockland Boces and the services they provide.

- 2) Spanish Speaking Parents Group met on January 6th at the Haverstraw Elementary School with a total of 35 participating parents with the topic for that night being continuing education for the children.
- 3) Monthly Youth Celebration/Caught Being Good – Will be held on January 27th at the Center.
- 4) Haverstraw Collaborative is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 3rd from 12:00 to 2:00 PM.
- 5) Individual Family Counseling & Assessments: A total of 30 participants attended.
- 6) Anger Management was attended by 2 participants.
- 7) Project Shift was attended by 5 participants.
- 8) Homework Help Program had a total of 65 children attending daily.
- 9) Sharpshooters was attended by 27 participants.
- 10) Life Skills had 2 sessions with 16 participants.
- 11) Late Night Friday was attended by 45 participants.
- 12) North Rockland High School Extension Fitness Program had 6 sessions with 150 participants.

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 January 4th through January 15th, 2016:

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| Rental registrations | - | 3 |
| Municipal searches | - | 2 |
| Miscellaneous inspections | - | 164 |
| Complaints | - | 9 |
| Construction inspections | - | 5 |
| Building Permits & C.O.'s | - | 2 |
| Violations | - | 20 |

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Con't.

The Mayor reported that he, along with the Building and Fire Inspectors, visited the new "Terrace on the Hudson". They were very impressed by what they saw. He described the main catering hall as 3 stories tall, with a restaurant on the lower level and flex space that can be used by either. They are anticipating opening sometime in the beginning of April. He reported that 1 of the owners also owns the City Line Restaurant in New City.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired if the Mayor had a chance to look at the building at 56 New Main Street which he mentioned at the previous meeting is in dire need of repair.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor believes that the Building Inspector has issued a violation on that property. He explained that once the violation is sent that a court date has to be scheduled, and he is not certain when that will take place.

Mel Post: Mr. Post also mentioned that the building next to this one, going towards the railroad tracks, is also deteriorating. He then inquired if the Board has been able to contact anyone from GDC. He also asked if there has been anything new with GDC doing more construction at Harbors and if Mr. Ginsburg would be allowed to continue building as per what has already been laid out.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported there is nothing new as far as GDC looking for Building Permits or anything of that sort. The Mayor believes there is approval for the 48 units on Site A and if that is the case he can just apply for a Building Permit for that parcel only. To respond to Mr. Post on his first question, there has been no correspondence received from GDC, even though the Village has sent several messages to his attorney. A letter has been sent to his attorney stating that a meeting is being scheduled and basically that they should show up.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired if there will be a point where the Village will simply give up on any negotiations.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that March 31st ends the Interim Agreement between the Village and GDC. At that point, Mr. Ginsburg is obligated to pay the Village the next installment of \$400,000.00 towards the principal due on the Bond and will then owe the Village 2 more interest payments, which amounts to just over \$1M. The Village is trying to come to some kind of agreement with GDC before the March 31st deadline.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired if there has been anything new on the Maple Avenue project.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the contractors wish to pursue the necessary zoning for that area to allow the project to go forward eventually. Because they have reached no agreements with Con Ed at this time they are not pushing for site plans, etc.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine inquired if there is anything new regarding the Streetscape Project.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Village is still working through the process to be ready for a spring start.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine then asked if there is a start date for the Project.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded sometime in April, weather permitting. The project he reported will take 2 construction seasons to complete, hoping to be done by November, 2018.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Ralph Cordisco who was a Village Trustee and an educator in the North Rockland

School District and also in memory of Julia Martino who was a lifelong resident of the Village. He requested everyone to stand for a moment of silence in memory of these 2 people.

RESOLUTION #17-2016

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk