

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, August 15, 2016, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Batista	- Vacation
	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.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport **(something regarding Rodriquez) I can't hear the people speaking from the floor because the recorder does not pick it up well, especially if there are people speaking on the dais or even with paper rattling. They either have to come forward or speak really loud.**

Stuart Suchotliff, 1313 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Suchotliff thanked the Board for putting up the "Stop" signs and the chain barrier at the Kayak Launch area, however, the chain is too tight and cannot be opened.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor was unaware that someone was actually using the launch area but he will have the DPW check it out.

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff then requested an update on the GDC issues.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded there have been no changes.

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 that a Public Hearing be set for the first meeting in September to review the Noise Ordinance Amendment, especially pertaining to outdoor dining.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, September 6th at 7:05PM.

RESOLUTION #172-2016

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to put all the Regular Board Meetings back on the normal schedule of the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month starting with Tuesday, September 6th because of the Labor Day holiday.

RESOLUTION #173-2016

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

Counselor Hood then requested an Executive Session at the close of that night's meeting to deal with a personnel issue, as well as a litigation update.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor received a request from the Haverstraw Neighborhood Committee for a donation to help offset the cost of food, drinks and other supplies needed for their Back-to-School Backpack Program.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to make a donation of \$500.00 to the backpack program as stated above.

RESOLUTION #174-2016

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

The Mayor then entertained a motion to approve the use of Emeline Park on Sunday, August 28th from 1:00 to 7:00 PM for their Annual Back-to-School Backpack Program.

RESOLUTION #175-2016

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

The Mayor reported that Tilcon has submitted a proposal to furnish all necessary labor, equipment and material to do milling and resurfacing of roadways at Coolidge Street, Ferracane Place and Halgren Crescent all located in the Village on the Green, as well as cleaning and prepping of driveways at the same locations, at a proposed cost of \$452,443.50.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Tilcon contract to do paving in areas of Village on the Green as stated above.

RESOLUTION #176-2016

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

The Mayor received a proposal from Tilcon to resurface the roadway of a portion of Dowd Street at a cost of \$43,818.75.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the resurfacing of Dowd Street as stated above.

RESOLUTION #177-2016

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

The Mayor announced that the first Tilcon Contract for roadwork at Village on the Green will be paid for by Orange & Rockland Utilities. They will also install 5 or 6 speed humps at Village on the Green which will be paid for by the Village at a cost of approximately \$13,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Tilcon Contract for speed humps to be installed at Village on the Green as stated above.

RESOLUTION #178-2016

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

The Mayor reported that there is a need to create a position for a 5th Court Attendant (Part Time) in order to provide sufficient coverage in the Court and accommodate employee's time off needs.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #179-2016

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

The Mayor then requested approval from the Board to hire Victor Ortiz to fill the newly established position of 5th Court Attendant, part time.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #180-2016

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

The Mayor received a request from Toni Jones and Esther White of the Justice Court to attend the New York State Association of Magistrates Court Clerks Annual Fall Conference Sunday, September 25th through Wednesday, September 28th in Binghamton, New York at a cost of approximately \$950.00, all inclusive.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve attendance at the conference for Justice Court personnel as stated above.

RESOLUTION #181-2016

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

The Mayor also received a request from the Ruben Barrios, Building Inspector to attend the ICC's 2016 Annual Conference which will be held in Kansas City, Missouri from October 15th through October 20th. There is no cost for his attendance at this conference because he is a delegate of the Rockland County NYSBOC Chapter and they will be covering all of his expenses.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Building Inspector's attendance at this conference, as stated above.

RESOLUTION #182-2016

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

The Mayor requested authorization from the Board to sign off on the 2016 CDBG Contracts for both the \$150,000.00 Sidewalk Replacements Contract and the \$15,000.00 Signage Improvements Contract.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #183-2016

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

The Mayor then requested authorization from the Board to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of West Haverstraw to share equipment. He feels the Village should also follow-up with the Town of Haverstraw to create a similar agreement for sharing equipment when needed.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #184-2016

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

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood explained that if a piece of equipment breaks down during another municipalities use that it still has to be repaired by the owner, not the user.

The Mayor introduced the following amendments to the 2016-2017 Budget for approval by the Board:

<u>Acct. #</u>	<u>Acct. Name</u>	<u>Increase Appropriations</u>	<u>Decrease Appropriations</u>
A3397.2	Traffic Control Capital	\$ 11,875.00	
	A1990.04 Contingent		\$ 11,875.00
A9950.9	Contribution to Capital Fund	\$127,000.00	
A9720.6	Statutory Bond Principal (for sweeper)		\$127,000.00

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

RESOLUTION #185-2016

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

The Mayor received a letter from the Rockland Municipal Planning Federation that Gil Carlevaro has completed the program and received his certification for the Planning Board.

The Mayor reported that the Village has posted signage and has had some success with the help of the Town of Haverstraw Police Department with “No through trucking in the Village”, mentioning that Sgt. Dunn has been great with stopping trucks driving through the Village and enforcing the law. He did report, however,

that there has been a slight problem with Nelson Metals coming into the Village via Westside Avenue. He explained that they cannot utilize the Samsondale Avenue bridge due to the weight restrictions and they only come into the Village about once a week, so the Mayor is going to have a discussion with West Haverstraw Mayor D'Amelio with regard to this problem.

Mayor Kohut reported that he has met with NYSDOT regarding the new overpass and the stone wall that has the barriers in front of it. NYSDOT has now stated that that particular area is now in the scope of repairs so they will be coming back to repair the wall. They are going to try to make it look attractive and fit in with what is currently in that location. That will be done sometime during 2017.

The Mayor has spoken with a company Barton & LoGuidice about the Village taking the initiative and putting together a master plan for the Chair Factory site before it is put out for sale, once the lawsuit is completed. The Mayor inquired if the Board would like to sit in on the discussions with this company.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez and the Board agreed they would like to sit in on that meeting, but she suggested the meeting be held on a different night and not be a part of a Board Meeting, just because of the length this meeting might be.

The Mayor will look into scheduling this meeting.

The Mayor also reported that the Latin Festival was held the previous Sunday in the Village and was a huge success for the whole Latino population. Counselor Hood and the Mayor both agreed that this was probably the best Latino parade ever held and there were a lot of cultural activities. It was a good day for all.

The Mayor reminded everyone that the Village of Haverstraw's "Dancing Under the Stars" will be held on Friday, August 19th. There will also be a carnival coming in this week, sponsored by the North Rockland Rotary.

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:

Brandon Caraballo - Jr Firefighter - #2

The application is complete and duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept Mr. Caraballo into the Haverstraw Fire Department as a Jr. Firefighter assigned to General Warren Hose Co., #2.

RESOLUTION #186-2016

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

Trustee Bueno then read the following report of fire activity for the month of July, 2016, submitted by Fire Chief Robert Drexler, Jr.:

Total Alarms - 26
General Alarms - 20

Special Calls	-	6
Mutual Aid Calls	-	1
Structure Fires	-	0
Vehicle Fires	-	1
Rubbish/Brush Fires	-	3
Electrical Emergencies	-	3
Gas Leaks	-	3
Extrication Calls	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	8
False Alarms	-	7

Total Manpower Responding - 580 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson:

Trustee Watson read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr. Superintendent of Public Works, as of August 15th, 2016:

- 1) Put up fence at generator on Fairmount Avenue Firehouse.
- 2) Blacktopped 40 to 50 Piciarello Drive caused by a drainage problem.
- 3) Milled all the alleyways throughout the Village.
- 4) Installed new “STOP” signs in the Harbors.
- 5) Put up new “NO PARKING” signs.
- 6) Continuing to paint stop walks and stop bars in crosswalks when cars are not in the vicinity.
- 7) Fixed the roof on the Broadway Firehouse.
- 8) Repair the top of the salt shed.
- 9) Cut and trimmed grass throughout the Village.

Trustee Watson then mentioned that there are 2 pumps at the Riverside Pump Station, but only 1 is working. He received a proposal from TAM Enterprises to repair the other pump at a cost of \$11,788.61.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to have the 2nd pump repaired by TAM Enterprises as stated above.

RESOLUTION #187-2016

Motion by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Trustee Watson then mentioned that on Broadway and Warren the Village has to relocate the existing traffic light to the new poles that are being installed. He received an estimate of \$11,875.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to proceed with the work.

RESOLUTION #188-2016

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Francisco Batista: No report was given in the absence of Trustee Batista.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of July 16th through August 12th, 2016:

Rental registrations	-	7
Miscellaneous inspections	-	152
Complaints	-	13
Searches	-	8
Construction inspections	-	7
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	8
Violations/tickets	-	34

Fines collected at court – total \$1,850.00

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez mentioned that there will be a Flea Market at the Farmers Market on September 11th and September 25th and a flyer will be going out this week. She then mentioned that there is a new bakery, Bella Sophia's, opening in the downtown this Saturday, August 18th, in the location where the Haverstraw Cigar Shop was located. Coffee, pastries, croissants and many other favorites will be available.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to move to executive session.

RESOLUTION #189-2016

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

Executive Session: Litigation update and employee disciplinary matters discussed.

The following resolution was presented to the Board by the Village Attorney, Jay Hood:

The Mayor entertained a motion to authorize Mr. Hood to hire the Honorable William Sherwood as Hearing Officer and outside counsel to represent the Village in a personnel matter.

RESOLUTION # 190 – 2016

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

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted in Executive Session the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

RESOLUTION # 191 – 2016

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

RESOLUTION #192-2016

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk