

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Watson	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- 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.

Name not given: The gentleman spoke Spanish, which was translated by Trustee Santana. He asked that the meeting be closed that night in memory of his son who recently passed away, to which the Board all agreed.

With no further input from the public, the Mayor continued with the agenda for the meeting.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: In the absence of Counselor Hood, he requested the Mayor to schedule a Public Hearing regarding Property Maintenance Violations for Monday, March 20th at 7:05 PM.

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

RESOLUTION #30-2017

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

The Mayor reported that Counselor Hood requested approval of the Board for the Mayor or himself to sign the renewal of the Promenade Agreement with Harbors of Haverstraw HOA in the amount of \$15,000.00 for continued maintenance of the Promenade.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve signing of a maintenance agreement with Harbors HOA as stated above.

RESOLUTION #31-2017

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

There was nothing further to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the Board has received a proposal from Sheldon Horowitz of Safe Harbour Insurance Group for Travelers Insurance to meet all of the Village's insurance needs in the approximate amount of \$153,000.00, with a 3 year rate guarantee of no more than 2%, provided the loss amounts for the Village are not excessive.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Travelers Insurance as stated above.

RESOLUTION #32-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received a Letter of Resignation from Nicholas Barbera from his position as Parking Enforcement Officer, effective February 13th, 2017.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the resignation of Nicholas Barbera as stated above.

RESOLUTION #33-2017

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

The Mayor reported that the Board has received the 2017 Annual Haverstraw Fire Department LOSAP Report of all 5 village companies and requested the Board to accept the report as written.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the Annual Haverstraw Fire Department LOSAP Report.

RESOLUTION #34-2017

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

The Mayor reminded the public that a presentation was made at the previous Board Meeting regarding organ harvesting being performed in China, which has been, and continues to be, large scale organ seizures from unwilling live Falun Gong practitioners for transplant purposes. The gentleman felt it is everyone's responsibility to stop these horrific crimes from happening and therefore, requested the Board to generate a resolution condemning this type of organ harvesting in China.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to stop the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners and for the United States Government to investigate and take all reasonable steps to bring an end to the practice of harvesting organs from living practitioners in China.

RESOLUTION #35-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor has had several discussions with Marion Breland, Director of Youth & Family Services, with regard to the upcoming summer camp. It was the consensus of everyone involved that a \$25.00 increase across the Board for the 3 different levels of the camp be initiated for the 2017 season. Also, a 10% discount will be given for multi-children families (siblings only).

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above changes to the fees for the 2017 Summer Camp Program.

RESOLUTION #36-2017

Motion by: Joel Santana
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – **Trustee Rafael Bueno:** Trustee Bueno presented the following application for admittance into the Haverstraw Fire Department:

Joshue Sanchez - Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1

All documents have been duly executed and notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept Joshue Sanchez into the Haverstraw Fire Department assigned to Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1.

RESOLUTION #37-2017

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 Robert Drexler, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, as of February 21st, 2017:

- 1) Installed new handicap signs in the downtown area.
- 2) Removed salt from all trucks.
- 3) Repaired potholes throughout the Village.
- 4) Called out for salting on January 31st, February 9th and February 12th.
- 5) Removed snow from Village on the Green, Main and New Main Streets, Broadway, Harbors and all churches and firehouses.
- 6) Put roof on yard trailer.
- 7) Repaired signs on gateway board.
- 8) Street sweeper is back in service.
- 9) A Community Service volunteer worked in Village Hall.

Trustee Watson then requested the Board to create a DPW Maintenance Mechanic position with less than full-time hours.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to create a DPW position as stated above.

RESOLUTION #38-2017

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

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of February 6th, through February 21st, 2017:

- 1) The Haverstraw Collaborative continues to meet monthly.
- 2) Celebrating Families is currently in the 13th week of the program with all families being active participants in the program.
- 3) The Jump Program/Big Brothers/Big Sisters is still in need of Spanish speaking mentors.
- 4) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group continues to meet monthly at the Haverstraw Elementary School.
- 5) Unity in the Community This event will take place at the Center during North Rockland School District's spring recess from April 10 through April 14th.

Trustee Santana then thanked the Youth & Family Services staff for the support and help they provided for the "Homeless Event" that they were able to put together in a very short period of time.

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez: The Deputy Mayor read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of through 2016:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	84
Complaints	-	2
Municipal searches	-	2
Construction inspections	-	10
Violations/Tickets	-	19
Permits & C.O.'s	-	2

Fines collected at court: \$1,750.00.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report for the Building Department.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez then requested approval to hire Andrew Waldron and Angel Mercado as Parking Enforcement Officer and Crossing Guard at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to fill positions in the Village as stated above.

RESOLUTION #39-2017

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor requested the Board approve 2 Court Attendant positions. He explained that these positions were created in November 2016 according to County policy and have been filled.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to establish 2 Court Attendant positions.

RESOLUTION #40-2017

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then requested the Board to approve 2 Crossing Guard positions, explaining that these positions were also created in November 2016 according to County policy and have also been filled.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to establish 2 Crossing Guard positions.

RESOLUTION #41-2017

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

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 3rd, 2017 for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above minutes as written.

RESOLUTION #42-2017

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor announced that the "We Care" event will take place Monday, February 27th, Tuesday, February 28th and Wednesday, March 1st from 4:30 to 8:00 PM.

The Mayor then announced that the following Monday at 5:30 PM the Dominican Flag will be raised at Village Hall in commemoration of Dominican Independence. All are invited to attend.

The Mayor also announced that Suez/United Water will be replacing a water main on Route 9W from New Main Street to Tor Avenue between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on March 6th.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Santana added to the motion, in both English and Spanish, that this meeting is being closed in memory of Juan DeJesus Taveras Diaz, stating that he was a valuable member of our community and that his presence is going to be deeply missed. Everyone stood for a moment of silence in his honor.

RESOLUTION #43-2017

Motion by: All Board Members

Seconded by: All Board Members

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk