

The **Minutes** of the **Regular Board Meeting** held on April 19, 2010 by the Mayor and the Board of Trustees.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL     Trustee Batista – Present  
                  Trustee Bueno – Present  
                  Trustee Dominguez – Present  
                  Trustee Watson – Present  
                  Mayor Kohut – Present

Mayor Kohut: Our first item is first of our two public participations. If anyone would like to say anything about any general village matter, they may do so. (Pause – no participation) If not, we will continue on with our agenda, a continuation of the public hearing on 9 New Main Street.

Mike Bongiorno-We had a discussion about the loft at the last meeting and asked for a continuation. We went to the Building Inspector and he had asked for a little more information on the drawings. The last thing is we are still asking for relief on the parking.

Mayor Kohut: This is a continuation of a public hearing. I am just going to give a brief highlight of what this proposal is. This is for the renovation at 9 New Main Street. The request is to convert the upstairs from (two) three bedroom apartments to (four) one bedroom apartments. They are slightly under the Village Ordinance of 400 sq. ft. If anybody has any questions, comments or concerns about this application, they can come forward and state them.

Noel Rappaport: Would you be improving the storefront on the street?

Mike Bongiorno: Yes, we will.

Steve Moetzinger: Spoke regarding density issues in the village.

Sean O'Malley: Asked how much head room would be in the loft.

Gil Carlevaro: Asked what the occupancy rate is and if there would be a maximum number of people that can live there.

Mayor Kohut: Is there anyone else with questions? If not, then I'll take a motion to close the public hearing.

#### **RESOLUTION #80-2010**

Motion by: Trustee Bueno  
Seconded by: Trustee Batista  
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: Can I have a motion to approve with the requirement to purchase two parking spaces at \$2,500 each.

#### **RESOLUTION #81-2010**

Motion by: Trustee Bueno  
Seconded by: Trustee Watson  
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut:  
**Report of Village Officials-**

Village Attorney: I'd like the board to set a hearing for two local laws. One is to put in a comprehensive Litter Law. This law would cover everything including those annoying flyers and everything thrown on the sidewalks.

Mayor Kohut: Can I have a motion to set this public hearing for Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:05 p.m.?

**RESOLUTION #82-2010**

Motion by: Trustee Dominguez  
Seconded by: Trustee Batista  
Motion carried: All

Village Attorney: We have one additional local law and that is an amendment of the existing local law of the Special Assessment District Law, which applies to the Harbors. We need to schedule a public hearing.

Mayor Kohut: Can I have a motion to set this public hearing for May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:10 p.m.?

**RESOLUTION #83-2010**

Motion by: Trustee Dominguez  
Seconded by: Trustee Batista  
Motion carried: All

Village Treasurer- My report for January, February and March 2010- Disbursements of \$4,016,879.00 and Revenue of \$1,632,609.00.

Mayor's Report: You all may have noticed that the ball field is coming along. We are scheduling a grand opening of the field for Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> around 12:00 or 12:30 pm.

I had an energy audit done on some of our buildings, mainly the firehouse on Conklin Ave, the firehouse on Broadway and the DPW building. A contractor with O&R has informed us that by having the buildings retrofitted with energy efficient lighting, motion sensors and timing lighting, we can save several thousand dollars a year on these three buildings. O&R will pay the vast majority of the cost for this with our cost being less. Can have a motion?

**RESOLUTION #84-2010**

Motion by: Trustee Bueno  
Seconded by: Trustee Dominguez  
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: It's time to do our Annual MS4 reporting. The MS4 is our storm water managing requirement that NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation puts on the municipalities. Our engineering firm, Brooker Engineering, handles this for us on an annual basis for a fee of \$950.00. Can I have a motion authorizing this expenditure?

**RESOLUTION #85-2010**

Motion by: Trustee Batista  
Seconded by: Trustee Dominguez  
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: We have a request from the North Rockland Rowing Club. They are requesting permission to display a banner on New Main Street. Can I have a motion to this effect?

**RESOLUTION #86-2010**

Motion by: Trustee Dominguez  
Seconded by: Trustee Watson  
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: We have request from a vendor for an application for selling flowers on Mother's Day.

**RESOLUTION #87-2010 (Approved)**

Motion by: Trustee Batista

Seconded by: Trustee Dominguez

Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: On Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Knight's of Columbus, the District Attorney and the Town Police are kicking off what's called a Drug Market Initiative. This is to remove low-level drug dealers from the streets of Haverstraw. They need the public help at this meeting.

Next, you have probably seen the signs and banners throughout Rockland County. This is Great American Cleanup month. We have two Great American Cleanups going on here in the village. One is our Community Center children and staff doing a cleanup this Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning around noon and leaving from the Community Center. The general Village Great American Cleanup is going to be kicking off at 9:30 a.m. here at the clock on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

This completes my report.

Mayor Kohut:

**Report of Standing Committees:**

Fire and Ordinance, Trustee Bueno- No report.

Public Works, Buildings and Grounds, Trustee Watson- Some of the items that have been done by DPW in the last couple of weeks: installed new street signs throughout the village, repaired some of the streets, removed debris from catch basins, de-winterized our snowplow equipment, and continue to do maintenance on our trucks.

Youth and Family Services, Trustee Dominguez- We are accepting applications for summer day camp at the Village Hall.

Buildings and Code Enforcement, Trustee Batista- The report for the Building Department for the period of April 5<sup>th</sup> through April 16, 2010:

Rental Property Inspections – 64  
Misc. Inspections – 22  
Construction Inspections – 2  
Complaints – 4  
Violation and Ticketing – 4

Report for Parking Enforcement- In the month of March, they issued 380 tickets. The off-street overnight parking restriction ended on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Old Business:

Mayor Kohut: Last week we had a budget hearing on the proposed budget for 2010-2011. My proposed budget had a 5.99% increase. The board has made some adjustments. Can I have a motion to adopt the proposed budget as outlined with the trustee's adjustments?

**RESOLUTION #88-2010**

Motion by: Trustee Watson

Seconded by: Trustee Batista

Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: Also, we've spent the last few months looking at the renovations that need to be done to the firehouse on Maple Ave to accommodate the new fire truck. Bid documents have been prepared by Eve from Brooker Engineering and we are ready to go out to bid for the renovations. Can I have a motion to continue the process and go out for bid for renovations to the firehouse?

**RESOLUTION # 89-2010**

Motion by: Trustee Bueno  
Seconded by: Trustee Watson  
Motion carried: All

New Business: None  
Public Participation:

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main St.- Asked about overnight parking.

Mayor Kohut: Anyone else under public participation? If not, I'll take a motion to go into Executive Session?

**RESOLUTION #90-2010**

Motion by: Trustee Bueno  
Seconded by: Trustee Dominguez  
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: The meeting of April 19<sup>th</sup>, we are re-opening the meeting for one motion. It's to choose the chief officers of the Haverstraw Fire Dept. for the 2010-2011 year that being Chief- Peter Rugg, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief-Patrick McNamee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief-Al Lynch, 3<sup>rd</sup> Asst. Chief- Robert Drexler, and 4<sup>th</sup> Asst. Chief- Tom Price. Can I have a motion to accept these as read?

**RESOLUTION #91-2010**

Motion by: Trustee Bueno  
Seconded by: Trustee Watson  
Motion carried: All

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Castro  
Clerk/Typist