

The **Minutes** of the **Regular Board Meeting** held on Monday, January 4, 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: First item up is public participation. If anyone has any comments, questions, or concerns, they can raise them now or later on in the meeting.

Mayor Kohut: On a yearly basis, the village is required to hold a Community Development Block Grant public hearing. The Community Development Program is one that we participate through the Rockland County consortium and it awards monies to various municipalities and non-profit organizations from the Community Development Federal Program. Approximately, \$2 million is awarded to Rockland County and then divided up within the county based upon application forms that are submitted to the county and then reviewed by a three-member committee that chooses the applications and the allocations that are made. In years past, we have received things that range from our façade program to our street-paving program that was just completed within the last two years. As well as other projects such as purchasing the two properties on Broadway, which we demolished and turned into the parking and park on the corner of Broadway and Jefferson. The purpose of this public hearing is simply to hear from the public should anyone wish to comment about the Community Development Program. Not specifically on applications or anything of the sort, although you can make a comment on that, but it's just to hear, in a general way, if anyone has any questions, concerns, or comments about the Community Development Program or grants. With that being the case, I will open this public hearing to the public. Does anyone want to say anything? If not, then I'll ask for a motion to close the public hearing.

RESOLUTION #01-2010

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

Mayor Kohut:
Report of Village Officials-

Village Attorney: I have one item tonight that needs a resolution and that is authorizing the Mayor to sign the Big Brothers, Big Sisters contract and, from prior discussions with the board, they have requested that the time period of this

contract be from January 1st, 2010 through May 31st, 2010, a period of five months at \$416.66 a month.

Mayor Kohut: With the intention of renewing it at the start of our fiscal year.

RESOLUTION #02-2010

Motion by: Trustee Dominguez

Seconded by: Trustee Batista

Motion carried: All

Village Treasurer: No report.

Mayor's Report: I have a couple of items. One is, as you folks are aware, we are in the process, on an emergency basis of ordering a hook & ladder vehicle for the Haverstraw Fire Department to replace one which the ladder has failed. We have started the process with the company who was awarded the bid, KME Enterprises. After consulting with the gentleman who has done this and has worked for apparatus companies and now works independently, the board felt it was in our best interest to have an outside consultant to help us work our way through the process in keeping the prices down and getting the best vehicle for the money. We have decided to retain the services of Emergency Vehicles Response, specifically Tom Shand, of Hanburg, NY at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00 for his services between now and the final version of the truck. If I can have a motion to that effect?

RESOLUTION #03-2010

Motion by: Trustee Dominguez

Seconded by: Trustee Watson, Jr.

Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: The village's garbage contract is not one that the village awards. Ten years ago when the village got out of the garbage business we made arrangements with Rockland County Solid Waste, whereby they would be the contracting agency for private carters within the village. We started a relationship with Miele's sanitation in one five-year contract and a second five-year contract, with the contract being up this December 1, 2009. Sometime prior to that, in discussions with the county, we went through an RFP process to put the sanitation contract back out for proposals. We went through a couple of iterations with that. When the second RFP went out and came back, the low bidder was Miele's Sanitation at a cost savings over five years of \$360,000 from what we are paying presently. Again, the contract is not ours to award. It is the County of Rockland's to award, but they are looking for a recommendation from us to award the contract to Miele's Sanitation for five years to commence, I believe February 1st, 2010 since we weren't able to get the contract finished and awarded in the original time period. Can I have a motion to that effect?

RESOLUTION #04-2010

Motion by: Trustee Bueno

Seconded by: Trustee Dominguez

Trustee Batista opposed.

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Motion passed.

Mayor Kohut: We have a letter from County Planning Department. It's stating that two of the members of our boards, Joel Santana has been certified and Deyanira Martinez has been re-certified by the Rockland Municipal Planning Federation for their certification courses. We just wanted to congratulate those people and thank them for taking their time and effort to be properly certified.

Mayor Kohut: We have a request from the Clerk. We do not have a policy presently and there is now a need for a policy concerning an electronic record's fee. Presently, if you put in a foil request for paper documentation, we can charge you .25 cents per page, both for the cost of the paper and for some of the cost of the labor in producing the documents that you request, but we have no such thing for electronic records. There has been a request for an electronic record copied onto a CD. If I could have a motion to set this policy at \$10.00 per CD?

RESOLUTION #05-2010

Motion by: Trustee Dominguez

Seconded by: Trustee Watson, Jr.

Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut:

Reports of Standing Committees-

Fire and Ordinances, Trustee Bueno- No report.

Public Works, Buildings and Grounds, Trustee Watson- On 12/24/09, we pumped out the sewer block at 22-24 New Main Street. Also, on 12/27/09 we had ice and snow and the men went out to salt the streets. On 12/29/09 we had a call for debris on the roadway from a car accident and had to call the men out to clean up that. On New Year's Eve, the men stayed a couple of hours to salt the streets and on New Year's Day they were called in because there were a lot of streets with ice. December 20th, they were plowing the alleyway on Clove and truck #5, driven by Ramon Bare, slipped into a 1996 Nissan at 10:55 am. The police department was notified so reports could be made and pictures were taken. We have three estimates. To fix the gentleman's car, the first estimate was from A to Z Auto Body from West Haverstraw for \$752.51. The second estimate was from

The Painter for \$920.10. The third estimate was from Stony Point Auto Body for \$1774.30. I make a motion that we give this to the first bidder, A to Z Auto Body.

RESOLUTION #06-2010

Motion by: Trustee Watson, Jr.
Seconded by: Trustee Bueno
Motion carried: All

Trustee Watson: Back in April, we had an electrical fire in our DPW trailer. It was behind the actual building. Due to the fire, there was some damage to metal. I have some estimates to have the damaged metal fixed. The first quote is from McBrady Inc., which is a sheet metal manufacturing engineer. The price is \$4,300.00. The second quote is from Allison Roofing for the same exact scope of work. That price is \$9,200.00. I make a motion that we award McBrady Inc. at the cost of \$4,300.00 to repair the fire damage at the DPW garage.

RESOLUTION #07-2010

Motion by: Trustee Watson, Jr.
Seconded by: Trustee Bueno
Motion carried: All

Youth and Family Services, Trustee Dominguez- She thanked everyone who participated in the holiday event and was glad to see how everyone readjusted their schedules to be with the kids being on holiday break.

Buildings and Code Enforcement, Trustee Batista- Our Holiday Parking has ended. We go back to putting money in the meters.

For the Building Department: The report from December 21st to January 4th, 2010-

- Rental Property Inspections – 31
- Municipal Searches – 4
- Miscellaneous Inspections – 16
- Complaints – 2
- Violations and Tickets – 6

Mayor Kohut:

Old Business:

Trustee Dominguez asked about the issue on Maple Avenue.

Mayor Kohut: The signs have been posted and the letters have gone out.

Trustee Batista asked about the Streetscape.

Mayor Kohut: We are still waiting from the State on the contract. That is the hold up at this point.

New Business: None

Public participation:

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main St.- He asked if the board was planning on repaving Conklin Avenue.

Mayor Kohut stated yes.

Mayor Kohut: Anybody else under public participation?

Lori Scally, 64 Sharp Street- She asked if there was any updates on the Ferry Go Round.

Mayor Kohut stated that he has not heard back from anyone as of yet.

Lori Scally asked if there was any outcome to the request at the meeting on an apartment that was going to be split into four apartments at 9 New Main Street. It was referred to the Planning Board.

Village Attorney: Applicant will come to TAC Meeting. Then will appear before the Planning Board.

Lori Scally: She asked what the outcome was on the grant on Church Falls Virginia.

Mayor Kohut stated that it would be a couple of months before they hear back about that. The application has been filed.

Lori Scally: Did we have to submit a budget?

Mayor Kohut: Well, there was a budget submitted - yes. It was an identical budget from each of the participating municipalities. The way it was worked out was \$5 million per municipality.

Lori Scally: But we didn't have to submit a detailed budget?

Mayor Kohut: It was somewhat detailed. There was an amount that the municipalities would have to spend for overhead and things like that. There

would have to be a non-profit organization set up that would have a certain budget and then there would be monies available for the retrofit etc.

Lori Scally: Did the village have the opportunity to get funds for an administrative person to help with this project?

Mayor Kohut: That is part of it.

Mayor Kohut: Is there anyone else under public participation? If not, can I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?

RESOLUTION #08-2010

Motion by: Trustee Dominguez

Seconded by: Trustee Batista

Motion carried: All

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Castro
Clerk/Typist