

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, August 19th, 2013, beginning at 8:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Batista	- Absent
	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 requested an update on the landscaping in the area of the new sign at the New Main Street entrance to the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that the landscaper is volunteering his time to work on the landscaping project, which was supposed to include a waterfall, however the State put a stop to the project because it is located on a State highway. The waterfall project will be relocated next to the office of Miller & Miller where it will be completed by the landscaper when his time allows. The sign will remain at its current location.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport then informed the Board that he has spoken with Police Chief Miller with regard to the reckless driving that occurs constantly on New Main Street also informing the Chief that cars have been parking in the police car parking spot and when his police cars drive by the cop does not even stop to issue tickets or give warnings and just continue down the road. He also told Chief Miller that his police get paid a high enough salary to do their job that they should be getting out of their cars and taking care of the problems in the Village. To date he has not seen anything change.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that he has had the same conversation with Chief Miller.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Point Drive: Mr. Levine brought up the issue of STOP signs in the Village naming specific areas where he believes there should be additional signage, especially on the corner of New Main Street and Clove Avenue where there is a sign going up New Main Street, but nothing coming down, which he feels is a safety issue and makes no sense.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained it has always been that way and no-one ever felt a need to change it.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine then spoke about the STOP sign issue in the Harbors, stating that the first sign coming down the hill is in the wrong location and most people don't stop because the sign is too far back. He inquired about having it moved forward to make it more visible to drivers. He suggested putting in a camera or having the police there to issue tickets, as well as at the exit from the overpass where people don't pay attention to the STOP sign.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the police have been at the Short Clove location repeatedly over the past several weeks.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine then mentioned the situation on Maple Avenue with people coming off the overpass that don't pay attention to the speed limit and he feels at least if the double lines are repainted it would keep them on the right side of the roadway.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Levine that they are waiting for the County truck to be repaired in order to repaint the lines.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine has observed that the pebbles and rocks on the roadways coming from the big trucks is increasing dramatically and should be taken care of. He then requested an update on the walkway along the river.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the bids would be awarded for that project at this meeting and should be completed within the upcoming months.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine then requested an update of the Streetscape Project.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the streetscape is "status quo". The Village is expecting to go out to bid sometime this winter with construction to begin in the spring. Also to respond to additional questions by Mr. Levine the Mayor explained that construction drawings still have to be finalized and approved by the State. He also advised the public that the funding for this project is still there and will not be an issue.

Arti Taub, 3304 Leewood Drive: Mr. Taub also spoke about the STOP sign at the corner of Clove Avenue and New Main Street, inquiring why it can't be done now.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor did not say it could not be changed, just that it has always been that way.

Arti Taub: Mr. Taub applauded Trustee Dominguez for the great job she and the Village did with the Backpack Project. He then inquired about the large political signage on New Main Street that does not meet the specifications.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq., Village Attorney: Counselor Hood informed Mr. Taub that the people responsible for that sign are aware of that fact and the sign will be changed out within the next couple of days. He also mentioned that he removed all his signage himself.

Gil Musinger, 1416 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Musinger agreed with the complaints brought to the Board's attention by Mr. Rappaport and he would recommend that these items be brought up at a town meeting with Chief Miller present. He feels that complaints and issues are better dealt with when brought up at a Town Board Meeting rather than being discussed with the Police Chief or any of his staff, who all seem to dismiss the matters presented.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post requested the Mayor speak a little on the Backpack event at Emeline Park, which he was unable to attend. He also requested an update on the Farmer's Market.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez reported that the Backpack event was very successful. She thanked Nikki Merriman for all her help prior to the event, packing backpacks, etc. She also thanked the DPW, the Town of Haverstraw, the North Rockland Rotary, Temple Beth Shalom for their help and donations, as well as the Police Chief from Suffern who donated 75 backpacks for the event, and all the volunteers who helped that day. She

reported that over 400 filled backpacks were handed out and a lunch of sandwiches and hot dogs was provided for all attendees. She also mentioned the Journal News printed a great article about the event. She stated it is one of her favorite events and how pleased she was to see all the children leaving the park wearing their backpacks.

With regard to the Farmer's Market, there is another combined Farmer's Market/Flea Market event planned for October and a "Paper Shredding Event" planned for September 8th. She also reported that approximately 300 people are attending the market every Sunday. The market now has six or seven vendors attending every week, including the farmers. There is also entertainment for the kids. She believes this year's market is by far the most successful market the Village has held. Trustee Dominguez also mentioned that Mona and Alex have been doing a lot to advertise the market, as well as the ads the Village has through the Journal News. There were five vendors who participated in the Flea Market event, which was very successful. She was advised that there is a waiting list of people who want to do the Flea Market again. They are also thinking about a craft fair at the Farmer's Market in October as well.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor wanted to add that the Village will be paying to have a shredding truck brought in to shred Village documents that have been held for the required time period, which the Board has decided to do on September 8th to coincide with the Farmer's Market, giving the public the opportunity to bring all their documents for shredding as well on that day, at no cost to the public.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez mentioned that a flyer will be going out, as well as a Press Release inviting the public to bring their paperwork to the market for free shredding.

Catherine Fuller, 1216 Round Point Drive: Ms. Fuller informed the Board of a huge pothole on Route 9W by New Main Street, which she encounters often.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor advised Ms. Fuller that the New Main Street crossing is supposed to be fixed by the railroad.

Terence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson has spoken with George White, Superintendent of Public Works about that particular pothole, but it is actually located on a State roadway, therefore, the Village is not responsible for that repair, however, Mr. White will have the DPW fill in the pothole when they have blacktop material available because the State will not come out to do such minor repairs.

Mel Post: Mr. Post wanted to let Mr. Levine know that he met with the Plant Manager of Tilcon a while back and one of the issues he spoke about was the problem of debris falling from the Tilcon trucks. He was told at that time that Tilcon would put up a sign where the trucks are and where they leave Tilcon reminding them to roll back the tarps on the top of the trucks, as well as brushing the rear tailgate of any debris, which he said worked for a little while.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that Tilcon receives complaints from the Village on a weekly basis referring to this same subject. He feels that often times it is one individual trucker and Tilcon has to find out who it is and then discipline that person.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine inquired of Mr. Post if Tilcon ever put up the sign to which Mr. Post responded he did not know.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then invited Stu Turner, Village Planning Consultant, to come forward for a presentation.

Stu Turner: Mr. Turner announced that he was there to present the final Environmental Impact Statement to the Board for approval of the discontinuance of Short Clove Road and some possible zoning modifications to a small piece of privately owned land on the east side of Route 9W to take off a restrictive provision code that limits the use of that land, some of which was restricted by the Mountain Protection Overlay Zone. Mr. Turner mentioned that there were Public Hearings held on the original Environmental Impact Statement, where it became apparent that the Board felt there was not enough attention given to drainage issues because of some flooding in the area, therefore, a Supplemental Impact Statement was done to discover whether or not any of these actions or the design on the overpass had an impact on the flooding that occurred. The Impact Statement indicated that it did not, therefore, the Final Supplemental Impact Statement is a response to all the comments that were made at the hearings. If the Board decides to accept this document, the responses to those comments would be put online and become available in the Village office for 10 days for anyone who would like to make any additional comments. Once the Board accepts and publishes the Final Supplemental Impact Statement, there would be one step left to take in the Environmental Review Process, which is the findings and conclusions, which is supposed to occur 30 days after acceptance of the document. The Board would then review the findings and take whatever action they deemed necessary to continue with the overall Village Master Plan. Basically speaking, the only thing being brought before the Board at this meeting was acceptance of the document.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) as complete and post it on the Village website and have it available at Village Hall and the Public Library.

RESOLUTION #145-2013

Motion by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired if this property is now being transferred to Tilcon.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that nothing was happening at that meeting, the Board was simply accepting the FSEIS.

Mel Post: Mr. Post does not believe anyone stated at the Public Hearing what the land usage was supposed to be and not knowing that and how it might impact the community, he feels there should not be a vote.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that the Board was not voting on anything that night but were merely accepting the Final Supplemental Environment Impact Statement as complete.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired if there would be another Public Hearing.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded there will not be another Public Hearing, but there will be further discussions when it comes up for a vote.

Stu Turner: Mr. Turner stated that there are many former documents also available for the public to review.

Mel Post: Mr. Post simply wants to know what Tilcon plans to do with that piece of property.

Stu Turner: Mr. Turner responded that presently no-one knows.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired if anyone knows whether the property will be leased or sold to Tilcon.

Stu Turner: Mr. Turner informed Mr. Post that the piece of property in question does not belong to the Village, explaining that Short Clove Road is a Village road, but the piece of property in question belongs to Tilcon.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood reported that the traffic light for the corner of Gurnee and Westside Avenue is probably coming to fruition, because he received a notice from the State that they are going to use a part of his land as a temporary easement to set up shop for any work to be done.

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 Town Supervisors Association for the various Villages in Rockland County to join them in the fight on the proposed 29% rate hike that United Water has come up with. The five towns have signed on with Daniel Duthie, Esq. to fight this case and are asking the Villages to participate also at a cost of \$1,000.00 per village.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to join the Town Supervisors Association in fighting the increase United Water and contribute the \$1,000.00 towards the fees involved.

RESOLUTION #146-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor reported that the Village is in the process of ordering new violation tickets for the Village and the Board is proposing the following increases in fines:

	<u>Existing Fine</u>	<u>Proposed Fine</u>
Meter Violation	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00
Overtime Parking at meters	12.00	15.00
Parking in a prohibited zone	25.00	30.00
Violation for No Parking		

from 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM	25.00	30.00
No Parking from 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM with a permit	25.00	30.00
Improper parking	25.00	30.00
Restricted parking	25.00	30.00
Blocked Driveway	25.00	50.00
Parking in a loading zone	25.00	30.00
Expired inspection or registration	25.00	30.00
Parking within 15' of a Fire Hydrant	25.00	50.00
Parking facing the wrong way	25.00	30.00
No parking on Monday's from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM	25.00	30.00
Double parked vehicle	25.00	50.00
Taxi parked on street	50.00	75.00
Car parked in Taxi zone	50.00	75.00
Parking in a fire zone	50.00	100.00
Parking in handicapped zone	50.00	100.00
Parking on sidewalk	25.00	30.00
All other violations	25.00	30.00

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the proposed increases in parking fines as stated above.

Unidentified Male: He wanted to know how the Village is planning to collect these fines if it has no control over the Police Department and who will be issuing these tickets.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez informed the gentleman that the Village Parking Enforcers will issue tickets, plus the Police will continue to give out tickets.

RESOLUTION #147-2013

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

The Mayor received a request from the Building Inspector to attend the New York State Building Officers Conference from September 28th to October 3rd, at no cost to the Village.

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

RESOLUTION #148-2013

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

The Mayor received a request from the Town of Haverstraw Democratic Party to host a rally on Sunday, September 8th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM in the parking lot at the corner of Broadway and Broad Street with the necessary insurance and forms being submitted to the Village Clerk.

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

RESOLUTION #149-2013

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

The Mayor requested approval to hire an additional Parking Enforcement Aide, Matthew Riello, at a rate of \$13.00 per hour, pending Rockland County Personnel approval.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #150-2013

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

The Mayor reported that the Village received one bid for the 2013 Road Resurfacing Program which was from Tilcon Industries. It was a base bid in the amount of \$110,465.00 for milling and paving of Maple Avenue and West Broad Street, Warren Avenue and Third Street, and West Broad Street and Conklin Avenue. The alternate bid was \$17,942.00 for the milling and paving of Grant Street.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the 2013 Road Resurfacing project to Tilcon Industries as stated above.

RESOLUTION #151-2013

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

The Mayor received a base bid in the amount of \$103,160.00 from Gemrose Utility LLC for the 2013 Sidewalk Program, which will cover the following:

- 1) Grant Street, south side west of Broadway
- 2) Edgar Street, the south side west of Broadway
- 3) Union Street
- 4) Ridge Street
- 5) Tor Ave., the north side between Maple and Clove Avenues
- 6) Maple Avenue, the west side of the road

Alternate bid #2 in the amount of \$23,355.00 was for Fairmount Avenue on the south side between Maple and Clove Avenues. The Board has decided to hold off on Alternate bid #1 and #3.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the sidewalk project to Gemrose as stated above.

RESOLUTION #152-2013

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

The Mayor received another bid from Gemrose Utilities, in the amount of \$125,000.00, for storm repairs to the promenade at the Harbors.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the bid storm repairs to Gemrose as stated above.

RESOLUTION #153-2013

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

The Mayor requested approval from the Board to sign the DMI Case Management Contract with the County of Rockland for a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #154-2013

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

The Mayor requested approval from the Board to change the date of the next Board Meeting, which falls on Labor Day. He would like to move the meeting to Wednesday, September 4th at 8:00 PM.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #155-2013

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

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 as a Junior Firefighter:

Kevin Farewell – Non Resident - Lady Warren Hose Co. #5

His application is complete and duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept Mr. Farewell as a Junior Firefighter with Lady Warren Hose Co. #5.

RESOLUTION #156-2013

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

Trustee Bueno then read the following report for the month of July 2013, submitted by Fire Chief Al Lynch:

Total Alarms	-	26
General Alarms	-	15
Special Calls	-	8
Mutual Aid Calls	-	3
Structure Fires	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	2
C O Alarms	-	3
Electrical	-	1
Gas Leaks	-	2
Brush Fires	-	1
Good Intent/Miscellaneous		5
False Alarms	-	1
Vehicle Fire	-	1
Dumpster Fire	-	1
Boat Calls	-	4
Car Leaking Fuel	-	1

Total Manpower Responding - 525 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson:

Trustee Watson read the following report submitted by George White, Superintendent of Public Works, as of August 19th, 2013:

- 1) Cleaned up Emeline Park for the Backpack Program.
- 2) Built new tool shed for the DPW garage.
- 3) Fixed the sewer pump at the DPW garage.
- 4) Moved everything back into the DPW office and trailer has been removed.
- 5) Fixed the catch basin at 69-71 Broadway.
- 6) Did extensive work on garbage truck #20.
- 7) Cut the grass at the overpass.

Trustee Watson also requested the Board to increase the pay rate by \$2.00 an hour of Matt Downen, a seasonal part-time laborer.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #157-2013

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

Trustee Watson also requested approval from the Board to hire an additional seasonal part-timer at a pay rate of \$12.00 per hour.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #158-2013

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

Trustee Watson explained that currently out of a staff of 13, there have only been 5 staff members working consistently. Some of the staff is out on disability with injuries or on vacation. By hiring another part-timer, it will help get the crew back up to par and instead of getting jobs done with overtime it will enable the DPW to get jobs done during the work week.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

Unidentified Male: The gentleman asked why the increase for one part-timer and a lower rate for the additional part-timer.

Trustee Watson informed the gentleman that \$12.00 is the starting rate for the Village and the other part-timer has worked for the Village for several years.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez reported that the Community Center staff and the Day Camp staff did a great job with the Day Camp Program and ongoing programs held at the Center, which were all very successful. She congratulated everyone involved for a "JOB WELL DONE".

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista was on vacation, therefore, the report will be given at the next Board Meeting.

MINUTES

The Mayor presented the Regular Board Minutes of the May 20th, June 17th and July 15th for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above stated minutes.

RESOLUTION #159-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez extended thanks and gave kudos to the DPW staff for a job well done over the weekend taking care of Emeline Park and Short Clove Road.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor also commended the DPW on the great job that they do every day for the Village keeping the downtown area clean and clear of debris, cutting grass not only on Village properties but also on delinquent properties, maintaining the ball field, dealing with storm debris and helping out Village on the Green when it was hit badly by the freak storm that passed through that area several weeks back. They have also been helping at the Village Hall moving boxes, etc. and all the additional tasks that they perform throughout their work day, despite the fact that they are down to 5 workers, which is a testament to the crew and to George White and Bobby Drexler.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez agreed wholeheartedly with the Mayor about how well the crew has kept the ball field, especially since it is being used every day.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood also thanked the DPW crew for a job well done, mentioning that he thought some of the rocks at the monument in Emeline had washed into the river but found out that the DPW had actually moved them for safe keeping.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport inquired if the Town of Haverstraw is also contributing money to hiring a lawyer to fight United Water in seeking an astounding rate hike.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that all the Towns and Villages are uniting to prevent this rate hike from happening and all are contributing with the Towns contributing more than the Villages.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport inquired if all the damage done at Emeline Park has been restored, particularly the gazebo.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the gazebo has not yet been restored. He also mentioned that the engineers are still working on bid spec's so all storm damage can be repaired.

Arti Taub: 3304 Leeward Drive: Mr. Taub spoke about the desalination plant and the times he brought this subject up at previous meetings. In between meetings he completed a FOIL and has yet to receive a reply. He inquired of Counselor Hood what the penalty would be for not complying with the FOIL regulations.

Clerk/Treasurer Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio believes that Mr. Taub was given all the information he requested in the FOIL and that the issue was resolved.

Arti Taub: Mr. Taub stated that he never received the information and nothing was ever resolved.

Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio will check her records.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood stated that the Clerk will recheck her records and get the information out to Mr. Taub whether or not it was sent before.

Gil Musinger: Mr. Musinger inquired about the curb and sidewalk replacement and reminded the Board that he previously spoke about his experiences with the Villages of Nyack and South Nyack. He mentioned that sidewalks get replaced in business areas when they have the funds available but never in residential areas where they only get replaced if the homeowner is willing to contribute 50% of the cost to participate in a sidewalk replacement program.

He feels this makes a lot of sense because when the broken sidewalk is replaced it improves the value of the person's home while at the same time extending the amount of money in the budget for sidewalk replacement. He inquired if this is being done in our village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded the Village has and continues to replace the sidewalks in the residential areas without contributions from the homeowners. He explained that too many of the homeowners in the Village cannot afford to contribute thousands of dollars to a sidewalk replacement program in addition to the taxes they pay, mentioning that the villages Mr. Musinger referred to are more affluent communities where most people can afford to make the required contribution. He also mentioned that the Village has had a policy for decades that when sidewalks are replaced they get replaced with Village funds.

Gil Musinger: Mr. Musinger asked that the Board reconsider that approach mentioning that if a resident were to sell their property the newly replaced sidewalks definitely improves the value of that person's home. He feels the residents should be made to contribute to the cost of the sidewalk project because every homeowner has a responsibility towards the upkeep of their home and property.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor thanked Mr. Musinger for his input.

Gil Musinger: Mr. Musinger then inquired whether or not the Village collects any revenue from the food truck in the Village parking lot.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Musinger that the Village collects \$300.00 per month from that food truck.

Mel Post: Mr. Post would like to have the Parking Enforcement people go to Maple Avenue where the cars are parked all over as well as in other "No Parking" areas. He has mentioned before the problem with the 2-way traffic that has vehicles zigzagging to get around.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Parking Enforcers do enforce traffic conditions on Maple Avenue alternating with their normal routine in the downtown area.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then asked that they enforce the traffic situations in that area on a more frequent basis.

Sherry Coplon, 58 Main Street: Ms. Coplon inquired why the Village has decided to raise the cost of Parking Permit violations especially with the difficulty with the parking in the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that the Village was raising the fee for all parking violations and that the Village's rates are still exceptionally low compared to other communities. In the past some people preferred to take the chance of getting a ticket rather than purchasing the Parking Permit.

Sherry Coplon: Ms. Coplon mentioned that people continue to park illegally and that there are now 2 new handicapped spots in Lot #9. She then inquired at what point those illegally parked cars get towed because there is just not enough parking available to Village residents.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned that a few years back the Village tried to put a parking lot on Second Street that would have provided approximately 40 spaces and every resident in the community fought against putting in that parking lot.

Sherry Coplon: Ms. Coplon mentioned the Harbors, where she feels there is abundant parking, which got many negative comments from the public. She feels the Board needs to give more thought to the parking situation in the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Village provides parking wherever it possibly can. In addition, he mentioned that in the past 5 years parking lots have been established on Broadway, another in the area of Jefferson Street, a lot has been added on Broad Street and they have increased the number of spaces in the parking lot by Hornick's. He mentioned again that the Village does whatever they can wherever possible within the Village budget. He also mentioned that people have a responsibility themselves if they have a car. Where they are living and what parking is available to them should be considered or they have to find parking elsewhere, which is what is currently happening in all urban communities.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez mentioned that there are 2 parking lots adjacent to the Village Hall which, at night, are mostly empty. She herself parks in one of those lots during the winter and walks up the hill to her home.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then brought up the Streetscape project. He stated that with the possibility of more restaurants and opportunities opening up within the Village the Village has to give considerable thought to more parking in the downtown area, which would be another positive note for the downtown where some people may view them (parking lots) otherwise. Mr. Post sees parking as a necessary item of the Streetscape Project to bring people into the Village to shop and partake in our many restaurants.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez again mentioned that there are 2 large parking lots in the downtown area, adjacent to the Village Hall, for guests to park while they shop and dine.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then mentioned that a lot of people have big visions for the Village, like the vision of another restaurant on Dr. Girling Drive at the site of the former sales center, which the neighbors all saw as a negative. So it seems not every vision is as good as it appears.

Sherry Coplon: Ms. Coplon mentioned that cars are parked like sardines when the Union Restaurant is busy and her thoughts were the possibility of a parking garage.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that a parking garage would cost approximately \$30 to \$40 million dollars and the Village would love to be able to put up a parking garage but that is not a likely solution. The Mayor responded that there is parking available in those lots mentioned by Trustee Dominguez that can be utilized by residents and visitors alike.

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #160-2013

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift
Senior Steno Clerk