

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, October 5th, 2015, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Batista	- Present
	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 the Board to do another cleanup of grass and brush around the Graziosi building. Mr. Rappaport also inquired about taking advantage of solar power incentives on our government buildings.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded it was discussed several weeks back. The problem being the incentive that exists for homeowners do not exist for government or businesses the same way. The Village is still looking into it but the Board is not sure it would be cost effective for the Village.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post was not at the meeting when the Board discussed electronic locating systems with the Fire Department, wanting to know the outcome of the discussions.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that the Board discussed several items with the Fire Department including the electronic device which is actually a body locator for responders to emergency situations.

Mel Post: Mr. Post also wondered if the Ambulance Corps. would also be hooked into that device.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the system is strictly for the Haverstraw Fire Department and that the Ambulance Corps. may have their own device.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then requested an update on the GDC negotiations.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that there is nothing new since the last meeting held a few weeks back. A letter was sent by the Village regarding several issues that were raised at that meeting but there has been nothing further since then.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then brought up a previous request by both Noel Rappaport and himself to change the start time of the Board meetings from 7:00 to 7:30 PM.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Board did discuss the time change, however, the Board feels 7:00 PM is a good start time and would like to leave it at that for now.

Mel Post: Mr. Post feels that for everyone's convenience the 7:30 PM time slot would work out better for people attending the meetings.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the consensus of the Board right now is to leave the start time for the Board Meetings at 7:00 PM.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport informed the Board that 7:00 PM is not a good time for many people who regularly attend the meetings. By the time a person gets home from work and sits down to eat they have already missed a portion of the meeting.

Mel Post: Mr. Post also mentioned that the people who attend these meetings on a regular basis are the majority of the residents who are interested in what takes place at these meetings. He feels the Board should accommodate the residents by coming to a fair time between 7:00 and 8:00 PM, with 7:30 being a more practical time for residents wanting to attend these meetings.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that there could not be a change that night because the Board had not fully discussed the start time. Following further discussions with the Board a final decision will be made.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then referred to the Minutes of the June 15th meeting, stating that the remark he made at that meeting "that there were not as many people attending the Board Meeting due to the early start time" was sarcastic and that should be reflected as part of that set of minutes.

Judy Curcio: Ms. Curcio believes there is something in the minutes reflecting that, but she will review them again to be sure.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine inquired about the status of the Streetscape Project.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Village would be awarding the first contract later on in that night's meeting, also mentioning if things go as planned, the Contractor may be able to begin work in November on the block by the Post Office.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine then inquired what the estimated time would be to complete the project.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded approximately 12 construction months, meaning it would probably be 2017 when the entire project would be complete.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine reminded the Board that the lights on the overpass are still off.

Terence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson informed Mr. Levine that the electrician will be there on Wednesday to restore the lights.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine also reminded the Board that the dead tree he requested to be removed several meetings back, still remains standing.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Levine the dead trees will be removed now that the heat of the summer is over and more water is available, with new trees to be planted. There was some discussion about the Village of Haverstraw sign being illuminated, but, the Mayor responded it would be a matter of getting electricity to the sign and therefore, the Board decided to go with a solar light.

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

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood had nothing to report.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired if Counselor Hood would like to request a Public Hearing for the next meeting.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood stated that it depended on whether or not the Board wants to establish a totally new Code or just issue a permit to the caring company with conditions.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez would like for everything to remain consistent and therefore would like for the Board to change the Code.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor feels the same thing can be accomplished by just issuing the carting company permits with conditions rather than changing the law. He requested Judy Curcio sit with Trustee Dominguez to prepare a letter to be sent to all carting companies that will be picking up in the Village.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed the public that the Town of Stony Point is proposing an Energy Plant off of Kaye Fries Drive, 250 feet north of the Town line. It would entail hundreds of trucks per day using Route 9W and 202. These trucks would exhaust pollutants into the air subjecting residents including those living in the Senior Citizen complex housing over 200 units, an elementary school and a minority neighborhood to noise, smells, pollutants, etc. The Board feels this would be a terrible thing for people to have to endure, adding that both the Villages of Haverstraw and West Haverstraw would be severely impacted by this proposal. At this point, the Board has given suggestions to the DEC for their scoping sessions, however, he pointed out that DEC is more likely to side with consultants rather than the views of the public. With this being the case, the Town has hired TRC Engineers to work on behalf of the Town of Haverstraw and the 2 villages to counter whatever may be proposed at the DEC hearing. The Town has requested the 2 villages to contribute to the cost, mentioning that the Town of Clarkstown, who would also be impacted by this decision and subjected to the truck traffic, has agreed to contribute \$10,000.00 to the cost of the study. The Town of Haverstraw has requested, therefore, that the Village contribute \$15,000.00 to the cost, with the Village of West Haverstraw contributing \$20,000.00 to this cause. The Mayor reported that the Board attended a workshop with the other 2 boards the previous week and everyone was in agreement to fight this proposal by the Town of Stony Point.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to participate in the above mentioned engineering study by TRC Engineers in the amount of \$15,000.00,

RESOLUTION #179-2015

Motion by: Francisco Batista
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carries: All

Terence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson inquired what the final cost is to prepare the study to which the Mayor responded \$68,000.00.

The Mayor then requested an Executive Session to review CSEA negotiations at the conclusion of that night's Regular Board Meeting.

The Mayor reminded the public that the first Saturday in December is the annual "Holiday's in Haverstraw" function. In order to advertise this event, RIVERTOWN has offered the Village a special rate for a full page ad in their November issue. The Chamber is requesting the Village contribute \$450.00 for this ad.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize a contribution of \$450.00 in payment for the Rivertown advertisement.

RESOLUTION #180-2015

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

The Mayor announced that there will be a Halloween Parade on Friday, October 30th at 5:00 PM, followed by a Costume Contest at the Community Center, with Trustee Batista and Counselor Hood as Judges for the contest.

The Mayor requested authorization from the Board to sign the amended 2015 SHIFT Contract with the County increasing funding from \$22,000.00 to \$30,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #181-2015

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

The Mayor reported that on August 19th of this year there was a bid opening for the Streetscape Project with the following 4 bidders present:

Northbrook Constricting Corp. of Peekskill, NY
Calmart Enterprises of Congers, NY
Argenio Bros., Inc. of Newburgh, NY
Sentrale Construction of White Plains, NY

The Board is now prepared to award the Streetscape Project to Sentrale Construction with their base bid being \$4,479,685.00. There were also 4 alternate bids included as follows:

Asphalt Stamping	\$ 31,032.00
Sidewalk Extension to Warren Ave.	\$ 112,179.00
Sidewalk Repairs: (between Clove Avenue & New Main Street at the railroad crossing)	\$ 98,745.00

Granite Curbs

\$ 185,300.00

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the entire contract to Sentrale Construction of White Plains, New York as stated above.

RESOLUTION #182-2015

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor stated that the Board still has to appoint a Construction Manager for the Project as per DOT requirements. The Board is hoping to do so some time during the month of October so the contractor can start in November and hopefully complete the easterly block on Allison Avenue and First Street up to Second & Liberty Streets.

The Mayor made the following announcements:

Monday, October 12th - Columbus Day - all Village offices will be closed.

Friday, October 16th – Halloween store front window painting will take place. Students from North Rockland High School and the Haverstraw Middle School will start painting store fronts during the morning hours, weather permitting.

Friday, October 9th – Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1 will be holding a “Spaghetti Dinner”.

Friday, October 16th – The Haverstraw Brick Museum will be holding their annual fund raising dinner at Gilligan’s in Stony Point. The cost is \$50.00 per person.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno read the following report of fire activity for the month of September, 2015, submitted by Fire Chief Robert Drexler, Jr.:

Total Alarms	-	16
General Alarms	-	14
Special Calls	-	2
Mutual Aid Calls	-	0
Structure Fires	-	0
Cooking Fires	-	3
Mulch/Brush Fires	-	1
Extrication Calls	-	1
Water Leaks	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	6
False Alarms	-	4

Total Manpower Responding - 325 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 September, 2015:

- 1) Trimmed trees back for the winter season.
- 2) Installed “speed hump” behind St. Peter’s Church.
- 3) Repairing damaged catch basins throughout the Village.
- 4) Removed and installed brackets from the old poles to the new poles for Christmas lighting and flags.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned that Tilcon milled the upper portion of Fairmount Avenue in the location of Green Hills on Friday, in anticipation of paving that area sometime during the upcoming week.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of September 21st through October 5th, 2015:

- 1) September 24th the Center held their Monthly Youth Celebration in conjunction with Caught Being Good. The children who were chosen received certificates.
- 2) Thursday, October 1st the Center hosted its first Family Fun Night from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Dinner was provided along with fun games.
- 3) Haverstraw Collaborative will meet on Wednesday, October 7th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM.
- 4) Wednesday, October 7th the Spanish Speaking Parents Group will hold its first meeting at the Center at 6:00 PM.
- 5) Strengthening Families Program will begin on October 8 and end on November 12th.
- 6) The Haverstraw Center will be holding its Annual Halloween Parade and Costume Contest on October 30st starting at 5:00 PM. Line up for the parade begins at 4:45 PM at the Center.

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Emily Dominguez:

Trustee Dominguez read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of September 21st through October 2nd, 2015:

Rental registrations	-	18
Municipal searches	-	6
Miscellaneous inspections	-	145
Construction inspections	-	36

Complaints	-	11
Violations & tickets	-	7
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	6

Trustee Dominguez mentioned that the Manny Lopez Ball Field will be closing for the winter during the next 2 weeks.

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of August 17th, 2015 for approval by the Board.

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

RESOLUTION #183-2015

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
 Seconded by: Francisco Batista
 Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine was informed that a new “Stop” sign will be installed at Riverside Avenue & Short Clove Road. He wanted to know when this would be done.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Levine that the Board opted to put in a “Speed Bump” to see how that works out for controlling the trucks.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport informed the Board that there was a huge number of dump trucks traveling up New Main Street that day going towards the river.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Village received some milling material from Airmont which was brought in by those trucks to be deposited on the Damiani property until it is used in the alleyways of the Village.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport inquired when the old poles in the downtown area will be removed.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that as soon as Cablevision and Verizon move their lines, the poles will be removed. The Village and O&R have relocated their lines to the new poles and have notified Cablevision and Verizon that they have a month to move their lines from the old poles, at which point they will be removed.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport inquired about the snow plowing during the winter months if the contractors are going to start the Streetscape Project.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that the contractors will not be digging up the streets. They will be working on the sidewalks, which should not have any effect on the plowing over the winter.

Joel Santana, 14 Halgren Crescent: Mr. Santana missed the part of the meeting where the Streetscape Project was awarded, therefore, inquired about who was awarded the job.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Santana that the Streetscape Project was awarded to Sentrale Construction of White Plains. He also mentioned that there will be a Construction Management Firm overseeing the entire project on behalf of the Village.

Joel Santana: Mr. Santana also reported that there are several lights out at the Village on the Green and wanted to know how to report the outages.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Santana to report the pole numbers and the closest street address to the poles to the Village and the Village will in turn, through its portal with O&R, report the outages.

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

RESOLUTION #184-2015

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk