

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, July 18, 2016, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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| 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 an update on the Streetscape Project.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the Village has finally received all approvals from the State of New York. The Board is now waiting for all the Contractors to return their signed contracts to the Village and following a pre-construction meeting with everyone involved in the project they can begin to move forward and get the project underway. He is hopeful that the Contractors can begin work sometime in August.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport inquired about the Community Development Building Grant (CDBG).

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that the Village received \$150,000.00 for new sidewalks, which will cover New Main Street, the block between Broad & West Lincoln, and others that might fit in with the funding. The other \$15,000.00 will be used toward a village signage program to work with the merchants downtown in order to have compatible, standardized signage for all the business.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport then requested the Board to extend the duties of the Parking Enforcers to include being able to ticket double parked cars. He mentioned that people are always double parking on New Main Street and sometimes for long periods of time. He feels the parking rules should be changed to include this.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Parking Enforcers already have that authority, adding that the only thing they cannot do is issue tickets for a moving violation. The Mayor mentioned that he saw a beer truck double parked and he blocked the street, called the Police and waited for them to come. The driver was issued a ticket. The Mayor agreed that double parking downtown has gotten worse over the years. The Mayor also mentioned that from a recent court visit he saw that the Police were issuing a large amount of tickets because there were at least 150 people in court for traffic violations.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Point Drive: Mr. Post requested an update of the Village Website.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez informed Mr. Post that the professional photographer has a few more photos she wanted to take to put on the site, but she is hoping it will be done shortly. She is also still waiting for some information from some of the Department Heads. They have

started doing the framework for the site and have just gotten access to the Village's current site to bring over that information. She is hoping for a draft for the Board to see in August and she is hoping everything is good to go live after Labor Day. With tax season in the Village being very heavy, a couple of the Departments could not get their information to her.

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor noted that there was really nothing new to report on GDC and he is not sure where it is going to go because the Village is not sure if Mr. Ginsburg's demands can be met at this point.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired if the Interim Agreement is still in affect or has it once again expired.

The Mayor responded that the Interim Agreement has expired, however, the Village has received another payment that is currently in escrow and that would pay another year's principal and interest on the outstanding bond. The Mayor suspects that everything will come to a head in the near future.

With no further 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 reported that he had several items that he is working on and that he would e-mail the Mayor with the list of items.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned that the Board does have to schedule a Special Meeting for Thursday at 5:30 PM with the Litigation Counsel with regard to the Chair Factory Condemnation Case. He requested the Village Clerk to post the information about the meeting.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio gave the following Treasurers Report for the months of March, April and May 2016:

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| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$2,707,398.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 749,610.00 |

Ms. Curcio had nothing further to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor received a request from the Village Clerk to increase the salary of Mariely Urena to \$14.00 per hour explaining that she has taken on additional work in the front office that Ms. Curcio feels qualifies her for this increase.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to adjust the salary of Mariely Urena as stated above.

RESOLUTION #150-2016

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

The Mayor then requested approval from the Board to hire Rolanda Sand as a Part-time Student Worker at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Rolanda Sand as stated above.

RESOLUTION #151-2016

Motion by: Francisco Batista
Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor inquired if any of the Board members would be interested in having the Village sponsor "Movies in the Park Night" which would take place at Emeline Park in August.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Village to sponsor "Movies in the Park" with details to be established at a later date.

RESOLUTION #152-2016

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

The Mayor requested approval of the Board to accept the 2016 LOSAP Annual Report and to request the presence of PenFlex at the August meeting.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #153-2016

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

The Mayor requested approval of the Board to accept, with extreme regret, the resignation of George White, Superintendent of Public Works, effective July 20th. George served the Village for approximately 30 years.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #154-2016

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

The Mayor also requested the Board to accept the resignation of Tanya Soto, who worked at the Haverstraw Center as the Program Coordinator.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #155-2016

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

The Mayor requested the Board adopt the 2016 Rockland County Zoning Map as the Village of Haverstraw Zoning Map, with the corrections to road names on the Official Tax Maps as presented to the Rockland County Department of Planning.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #156-2016

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

The Mayor requested approval from the Board to hire Esther White to fill the vacant position of Justice Court Clerk at a salary of \$44,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Esther White as stated above.

RESOLUTION #157-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Abstained: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carried by remainder of the Board

The Mayor requested the Board's approval for the United Latin Festival/Parade to take place on Sunday, August 7th.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #158-2016

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

The Mayor requested the Board's approval to appoint Robert Drexler to the position of Superintendent of the Department of Public Works.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #159-2016

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

The Mayor then requested the Board to appoint Joseph Miller to the position of MEO2 & Maintenance Supervisor for the Department of Public Works.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #160-2016

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

The Mayor received a request from the North Rockland Rotary Club to hold a carnival in the parking lot adjacent to the Knights of Columbus from August 18th through August 21st.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #161-2016

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

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno then read the following report of fire activity for the month of June, 2016, submitted by Fire Chief Robert Drexler, Jr.:

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| Total Alarms | - | 16 |
| General Alarms | - | 7 |
| Special Calls | - | 7 |
| Mutual Aid Calls | - | 2 |
| Structure Fires | - | 0 |
| Cooking Fires | - | 1 |
| Brush Fires | - | 4 |
| C.O. Alarms | - | 1 |
| Occupied Stuck Elevator | - | 1 |
| Auto Accidents | - | 1 |
| Boat Calls | - | 2 |
| Good Intent/Misc. | - | 3 |
| False Alarms | - | 3 |

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 Robert Drexler, Department of Public Works:

- 1) Replaced sewer pump and electrical wiring at the Maple Avenue Pump Station.
- 2) Repaired damaged sidewalks on Middle Street and West Street.
- 3) Repaired ramp at General Warren #2 Fairmount Avenue firehouse.
- 4) Dug up and replaced pavers on Main Street overlooking the Hudson River.
- 5) Replaced mulch at all the playgrounds in the Village with playground friendly mulch.
- 6) Replaced and installed new paver on Riverside Park.
- 7) Cut and trimmed grass at all abandoned properties and village properties.

8) Ripped out and replaced damaged catch basin at State Street and Hillside Avenue.

He then mentioned that the Village garbage truck needs to be sandblasted and painted. The DPW received a proposal of \$7,200.00 to do the necessary work on the truck.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the above stated proposal.

RESOLUTION #162-2016

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

Trustee Watson then mentioned that there are pump stations located throughout the Village and when the stations are compromised because of power failures or floods the Village is not aware of it. The DPW received a proposal of \$1,500.00 including a \$100.00 sync card, from TAM Enterprises to install a cellular remote alarm dialup system, which will send a text message to the Foreman and the Superintendent notifying them of an issue at the Pump Station.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the proposal from TAM Enterprises as stated above.

RESOLUTION #163-2016

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

Trustee Watson reported that the DPW wants the ability to monitor the fuel usage at the garage more closely and has received an estimate from American Petroleum to install a fuel pump monitoring system which will monitor that activity at a cost of \$13,350.00. He believes that this would be the best way to monitor what vehicles are consuming the fuel and exactly how much fuel is being used by each.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the installation of a fuel pump monitoring system as stated above.

RESOLUTION #164-2016

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

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

Mel Post: Mr. Post was under the impression that all the garbage was picked up commercially and didn't realize that the DPW still maintained a garbage truck.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that DPW still has 1 garbage truck that has been a part of the DPW fleet for approximately 20 years. That truck is used to collect leaves, brush and also to pick up the garbage from the bins the Village has placed on the streets. Having this work done on this truck will keep the Village from having to purchase another vehicle. The Mayor then mentioned that the Overlook has been refurbished and for

those who have not seen it, he highly suggested that they do so, stating that it was the DPW staff who did all the work on it.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista read the following report of activities at the Community Center:

- 1) The Haverstraw Collaborative met on Wednesday, July 6th from 12:00 PM thru 2:00 PM and are scheduled to meet again on August 3rd. This group plans and promotes activities for the betterment of the community.
- 2) Village of Haverstraw Summer Camp Program: Camp began on Wednesday, July 6 and will end on Friday, August 19th. There are currently 161 children attending daily.
- 3) The summer program for teens entering the 9th grade through the 12th grade began on July 6th. This is a program for youth who either have to attend summer school or cannot find employment. The program runs from Monday through Friday from 12:00 to 5:00 PM.

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 June 20th through July 15th, 2016:

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| Rental registrations | - | 8 |
| Municipal searches | - | 6 |
| Miscellaneous inspections | - | 165 |
| Complaints | - | 14 |
| Construction inspections | - | 7 |
| Building Permits & C.O.'s | - | 8 |
| Violations/Tickets | - | 28 |
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| Fines Collected | - | \$3,065.00 |

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 4th, April 18th, May 2nd and May 16th for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #165-2016

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor informed the public that West Haverstraw will be holding their “Dancing Under the Stars” on August 5th featuring a Motown Band. The Village of Haverstraw’s “Dancing Under the Stars” will be held on August 19th featuring the “A Band”.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stuart Suchotliff, 1413 Round Point Drive: Mr. Suchotliff inquired if the catch basins are the responsibility of the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded “yes”. He then mentioned that there are some located in the Harbors that were supposed to be corrected by GDC before the Village accepted them. He explained it was an issue that had to be taken care of before they were turned over to the Village.

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff inquired if they had been corrected by GDC.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor received notice that day stating that they have all been corrected, however it hasn’t been confirmed yet by the Village.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport inquired if George White is sick.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that he is and everyone is unhappy about that and hopeful that his time off will get him back to good health.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport feels that Bobby Drexler is an excellent replacement for the Superintendents position, stating that he has always responded to any problems he has ever had.

Noel Rappaport also remarked that the property located at 35 Clove Ave needs addressing because of excess garbage and overgrown grass.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor will check with the Building Inspector to see if he has this property on his list.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired if there are specific rules for homes with trash thrown about, overgrown grass, garbage can all over, etc.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Village does have laws in place for all those things.

Mel Post: Mr. Post feels that there should be a charge when the Village has to cut the grass, etc. on any property with these violations.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that if the Village has to take care of these issues, after making attempts to contact the property owners and they do not correct the problems and violations are issued, the DPW will go in and take care of the property, generate a bill for the work done, which is then added to the owner’s property tax and if the Village gets them to court, they are served with additional fines. The Mayor feels this has been working out nicely for the past 5 years and the Village is collecting the money for the work on these properties.

Mel Post: Mr. Post also feels that people should be putting their garbage cans away the day the garbage is picked up rather than having them blown all over the streets.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that there are instances where people do not have anywhere to put them but in their pickup location. Generally speaking, in the residential neighborhoods, they are supposed to be taken from the curb and put away someplace other than curbside.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired about the Flea Market to be held at the Farmers Market.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez informed Mr. Post that they have just completed a flyer and she is looking into dates. She has to talk to the Board about having it in the parking lot adjacent to the Knights of Columbus, because currently the Farmers Market is doing business in the parking lot adjacent to the Village Hall. She mentioned that there were 7 vendors the previous Sunday. Trustee Dominguez also wanted to let everyone know that she is collecting backpacks and supplies for their annual back to school giveaway, which will be held on August 28th.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor remarked that there has been a lot of turmoil happening across the Country lately and now another mass slaying of police officers occurred yesterday. He closed the meeting that night in memory of all the slain officers and victims of police shootings that were killed that week.

RESOLUTION #166-2016

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk