

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Batista	- Vacation
	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 noticed that Route 9W and Route 202 have been paved and wondered how that came about. He then informed the Board that his business is down approximately 75% since the start of the Streetscape project on New Main Street, mentioning that the construction vehicles are taking up all the parking spaces and should be limited to where they can park those vehicles while working on the sidewalks.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the State was originally going to pave 1 side of the road but after speaking with someone at DOT they thankfully paved the entire roadway. He then informed Mr. Rappaport that he spoke to some of the construction crew that day and they opened up some spots above Union Restaurant. He informed Mr. Rappaport that the problem is maintaining enough room for trucks and buses to get through that area because if there are cars parked on one side and they are working on the other side the truck and bus drivers will have a hard time getting onto New Main Street. He also mentioned that if trucks have to pull in for deliveries, etc., the crew is good at assisting them in doing so.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport alluded to the fact that he is in his shop every day and sees what is happening on New Main Street, some of which is a hindrance to anyone wanting to come into the Village. He also noticed that no concrete has been poured yet on Main Street.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that concrete was poured that day on Main Street. He also pointed out that with such a big project as the Streetscape there are going to be some inconveniences that both the businesses and the public will have to deal with.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport then informed the Board that there are cabs now parking in the parking lots which are taking spots away from potential customers. He is just very frustrated at this point.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor suggested Mr. Rappaport call the Village Hall as soon as he sees anything like that happening on a weekday between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, that way someone can get the Parking Enforcers to those locations immediately to issue tickets. He then stated that the construction crew is doing their best to accommodate anyone needing to get into the downtown area.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine reminded the Board about the streetlights that are out on the Short Clove Road overpass, mentioning that now there are 3 lights out.

Terence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson informed Mr. Levine that his crew took care of some lighting in that area, so these 3 may have just burned out.

Edwige Fourcand, 49 Hillside Avenue: Ms. Fourcand wrote a letter to the Board requesting speed bumps and street lights be installed in her area on Hillside Avenue, which she mentioned is in complete darkness once the sun goes down and cars do speed through the neighborhood. She also informed the Board that a child was nearly hit on Halloween and that her car has been broken into. She would like the Board to consider her request, which she feels will alleviate some of the problems.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor did take a drive through the area, however, since it was dark, he will do another drive through during the day. He is not sure how many lights will be needed in that location, but he will speak with Orange & Rockland about putting in 1 LED streetlight, which he feels will cover the area. He is not sure about a speed bump in the area because it is not a heavily driven area and the majority of the drivers are neighborhood people.

Edwige Fourcand: Ms. Fourcand then mentioned that there is a young man that drives his ATV on the street speeding through the neighborhood constantly.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Ms. Forcand that she needs to call the Police when she sees this happening because riding an ATV or dirt bike on the street is illegal.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post congratulated Trustee Dominguez on another term in office and also Joel Santana on his victory. He then inquired if there is anything new with the GDC matter.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that there has been no change with GDC.

Renee Comack, 33 Harbor Pointe Drive: Ms. Comack thanked the Board and the Department of Public Works (DPW) for all the work they have done to make Harbors a safer place for the community.

Arti Taub, 3304 Leewood Drive: Mr. Taub also wanted to thank the Board and the DPW for their quick response in taking care of some issues at the Harbors.

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 requested the Board to schedule a Public Hearing with regard to the Dog Day Care Law, specifically a zoning text amendment.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing as stated above, for December 19th at 7:05 PM.

RESOLUTION #230-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion Carries: All

Counselor Hood then informed the public that the County had to let go of all the student workers throughout the County, a total of 70 student workers, of which 12 worked for the Village of Haverstraw at the Community Center. He felt it would really hurt the student workers to be let go at this time of the year and it would also create a problem with running the after school program in our Youth & Family Service Department. Counselor Hood approached the Legislature about coming up with funding to continue to support the student worker program and it was unanimously approved by the Legislature, therefore, the students will be working the rest of the year and then the funding should begin in January of 2017 to continue this program.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor thanked Counselor Hood for all the effort he put forth to keep this student worker program on track for the remainder of 2016.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio gave the following Treasurers Report for the months of June, July and August, 2016:

Disbursements

Operating Expenses	-	\$ 900,468.00
Regular Payroll	-	673,934.00
Bond Payments	-	98,082.00
TOTAL	-	\$ 1,672,484.00

<u>Revenue</u>	-	\$ 7,393,331.00
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Ms. Curcio had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer's report.

RESOLUTION #231-2016

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor requested approval of the Board to close all Village departments at 3:00 PM on Thanksgiving Eve.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close all Village departments as stated above.

RESOLUTION #232-2016

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

The Mayor advised the public that December 3rd the "Holidays in Haverstraw" festival will be held. This day in the Village includes brick making at the Brick Museum, candy making at Lucas's, holiday food offerings at different restaurants downtown, the annual Holiday Concert at the Presbyterian Church at 2:00 PM, the Village Tree Lighting at 4:30 PM, which will be followed by "Supper With Santa" for the kids at the Community Center. He invited everyone to enjoy the festivities on that day.

The Mayor then requested approval of the Board to once again, as has been a tradition in the Village for many years, to cover all the parking meters in the downtown area to allow for free parking for all visitors and residents from December 18th through and including January 2nd.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to allow free parking in the downtown business district as stated above.

RESOLUTION #233-2016

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

The Mayor then mentioned that Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Sunday's this year, making December 26th and January 2nd the days that the Village will be closed to officially celebrate these holidays. He also mentioned that January 2nd, being a Monday, would also be a regularly scheduled board meeting day, therefore, the Board Meeting needs to be rescheduled to be held on Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:00 PM. Also, at this time, the Mayor informed the public that the 2nd meeting of January would normally be on Monday, January 16th, however since that is also an official holiday, Martin Luther King Day, the Board Meeting would have to be moved to Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to move the dates of the first and second board meetings of the month of January to Tuesday, January 3rd and Tuesday, January 17th as stated above.

RESOLUTION #234-2016

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

The Mayor reported that the Board has received the audits of the Village of Haverstraw Justice Court from the Village auditors Korn, Rosenbaum for the 2014/2015 year.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the audits as presented.

RESOLUTION #235-2016

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

The Mayor then read the following adjustments to the 2016/2017 budget year submitted by Joseph Modafferi, Village Accountant:

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A1440.0410	Engineer Ferry Grant	\$ 600.00		
A1990.0401	Contingent		\$ 600.00	
A8120.0400	Sanitary Sewer Contractual	\$ 8,000.00		
A1990.0401	Contingent		\$ 8,000.00	
A9050.0800	Unemployment	\$ 2,100.00		
A1990.0401	Contingent		\$ 2,100.00	
A6360.0400	Special Events	\$ 2,000.00		

A1990.0401	Contingent		\$ 2,000.00	
A8610.0400	Beautification	\$ 3,500.00		
A1990.0401	Contingent		\$ 3,500.00	

Overtime & Sick Bonus Record Fiscal Year 2016/2017 1 st Quarter				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
1110.11	Justice Court	\$ 2,283.14		
1420.1	Legal	\$ 9,890.00		
1410.11	Clerk/Treasurer Office	\$ 2,653.19		
9961.9	Reach Out	\$ 3,945.88		
7140.1	Recreation	\$ 3,265.15		
7140.1	Recreation – Buy Out	\$ 4,201.41		
3620.1	Building Dept.	\$ 4,196.72		
5110.1	DPW – Laborers, etc.	\$ 14,576.06		
5010.11	Clerical	\$ 620.76		
5010.1	DPW – Admin.	\$ 2,574.74		
5010.1	DPW – Admin. Buy Out	\$ 19,776.05		
A1990.41	OT Contingency		\$ 67,983.10	

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve both of the above budget adjustment charts.

RESOLUTION #236-2016

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

The Mayor received a request from Farley Elementary School to use the Village Parking Lot adjacent to the Knights of Columbus Hall on November 16th for a school function bus pickup.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to allow pickup of students at the parking lot adjacent to the Knights of Columbus as stated above.

RESOLUTION #237-2016

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

The Mayor then requested approval of the Board to take out a promotional ad in the Town's 400th Anniversary Journal in the amount of \$150.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve a \$150.00 ad in a journal as stated above.

RESOLUTION #238-2016

Motion by: Terence Watson, Jr.
 Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
 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 applications for admission into the Haverstraw Fire Department:

Stephen Bunyan	-	General Warren Hose Co. #2
Jamsel Reyes	-	Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1
Alberto Velasco	-	Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1

All applications have been duly notarized and completed.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the above applicants into the Haverstraw Fire Department, assigned to the above stated companies.

RESOLUTION #239-2016

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

Trustee Bueno then read the following report of fire activity for the month of October, 2016, submitted by Fire Chief Robert Drexler, Jr.:

Total Alarms	-	15
General Alarms	-	11
Special Calls	-	3
Mutual Aid Calls	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	1
Dryer Fires	-	1
Brush Fires	-	1
Pump Out	-	1
Overheated Motor	-	1
Stuck Occupied Elevator	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	3
False Alarms	-	5

Total Manpower Responding - 362 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, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, as of November 7th, 2016:

- 1) Trimmed and cut trees in alleyways.
- 2) Blacktopped potholes in all alleyways and streets.
- 3) Removed boat docks from the marina.
- 4) Repaired catch basins on Riverside Avenue and Park.
- 5) Cleaned all sewerage trouble spots and basins throughout the Village.
- 6) Installed “No Parking” sign and fence at the end of Allison Street.
- 7) Took down all Farmer’s Market signage.
- 8) Replaced light bulbs in the Harbors.
- 9) Purchased a new 2016 Street Sweeper
- 10) Repaired and revamped plows in readiness for the upcoming season.

Trustee Watson reported that a major repair needs to be done to a catch basin on Dowd Street. He has received 2 proposals, but recommended that the Board approve the lowest bid received from King & Son Construction, Inc. of Valley Cottage to do the necessary repairs at a cost of \$3,650.00.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to accept the recommendation of Trustee Watson and approve King & Son Construction to do the necessary repairs to a catch basin on Dowd Street as stated above.

RESOLUTION #240-2016

Motion by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno Sr.

Motion Carries: All

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Francisco Batista: In the absence of Trustee Batista the report of activities at the Community Center for the period of October 17th thru November 7th, 2016 was given by Trustee Dominguez as follows:

- 1) **Strengthening Families:** This program runs in the Spring and Fall with 6 week cycles in each. It is currently in its 5th week with a total of 12 families participating and is offered in both English and Spanish.
- 2) **Thanksgiving:** The Haverstraw Center will host its annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on Monday, November 21st, at 4:00 PM.
- 3) **The Haverstraw Collaborative:** The Collaborative continues to meet monthly at the Center to plan and promote activities for the betterment of the Community.
- 4) **Celebrating Families:** The Center's staff, in conjunction with the Department of Social Services, will be starting this program on November 16th.
- 5) **Halloween Festival:** The Halloween Parade took place on October 31st beginning at the Center at 5:00 PM. All residents were welcome to participate and a fun time was had by all.
- 6) **Staff Personnel:** Tim Sanders will be honored by Keep Rockland Beautiful on Saturday, November 19th, at the Pearl River Hilton for all the volunteer work he does with KRB throughout the year and for his guidance and leadership qualities that he is instilling in the youth of the Haverstraw Center and the community. Congratulations to Tim on this well deserved honor.
- 7) **Jump Program:** This program has started, however, there is still a need for Spanish Speaking mentors. Anyone willing to volunteer some of their time should speak with Peter Fata, Ass't. Director, Haverstraw Center.

Trustee Dominguez 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 October 24th through November 4th, 2016:

Miscellaneous inspections	-	90
Complaints	-	12
Searches	-	2
Construction inspections	-	11
Violations/Tickets	-	12

No fines collected due to no Court held during October.

Trustee Dominguez then reported that the security cameras in the Building Department are not working and need to be replaced. Of the bids received, she recommended going with the lowest bidder Lighting Connection, Inc. at a cost of \$1,750.00 to replace all the cameras in the Building Department. The high bid came in at \$3,979.00 from Audio Digital Design.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the bid from Lighting Connection, Inc. as stated above.

RESOLUTION #241-2016

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

Trustee Dominguez then requested approval of the Board to have the Village Clerk obtain the Civil Service Listing from the County for a Clerk/Typist Spanish Speaking for the Building Department.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to have the Village Clerk obtain the Civil Service Listing as stated above.

RESOLUTION #242-2016

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

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez advised the public that she will be accepting turkey donations for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the needy.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned that several months back a project was started on 16 Partition Street by "Habitat for Humanity" to build a new house in the Village for a resident of the Haverstraw community. He reported that the house is reaching completion which should be done by November 17th when there will be an Open House held between 5:00 and 8:00 PM, to show everyone what can be accomplished through a largely volunteer effort.

Terence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson wanted to mention that Trustee Emily Dominguez was honored at a dinner that past weekend by the Elks Club as "Citizen of the Year". Congratulations and applause was given to Trustee Dominguez for this great honor awarded to her for all her hard work and dedication to the people of this community.

Mayor Kohut:
2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine inquired about the hours that the voting polls would be open.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez informed the public that the polls would be open from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport informed the Board that he has noticed unlicensed contractors working on buildings in the Village on the weekends. He feels it would be in the Village's best interest to have the Building Inspector go out on weekends just to keep tabs on what is going on in the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor agreed with Mr. Rappaport because he has also seen this happening and has reported each incident to the Building Inspector on Monday when he is back in the office.

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

RESOLUTION #243-2016

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk