

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

Before this meeting officially started, Joel Santana was sworn in as a newly elected Trustee. This was followed by the swearing in of Emily Dominguez who was re-elected to the Board in November.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Watson	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- 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.

With no input from the public, the Mayor continued with the agenda for that nights meeting, starting with the Village Reorganization as follows:

Village Attorney – Jay Hood, Jr., Esq. - 1 year term

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #260-2016

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

Assistant Village Attorney – Dennis Michaels - 1 year term

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #261-2016

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

Village Assessor – Edye McCarthy - 1 year term

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #262-2016

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

Village Engineer – Brooker Engineering - 1 year term

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #263-2016

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

Village Historian – Stephen Cobb - 1 year term

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #264-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Acting Village Justice – Luis Torres - 1 year term

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #265-2016

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

Clerk to Justice Court – Esther White - 1 year term

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #266-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Terrence Watson, Jr.
Abstain: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carries: with a majority of 4 approvals.

Associate Court Clerk – Toni Jones - 1 year term

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #267-2016

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

Director of Disaster Preparedness – Village Fire Chief

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #268-2016

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

Deputy Director of Disaster Preparedness – 1st Ass't. Chief

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #269-2016

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

Registrar of Vital Statistics – Judy Curcio - 1 year term

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #270-2016

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

Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics – Isabel Gonzalez - 1 year term

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #271-2016

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

Planning Board Member – Gil Carlevaro - term to expire 11/30/2021

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #272-2016

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

Planning Board Chairperson – Thomas Watson, Sr.- 1 year term

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #273-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Abstain: Terrence Watson, Jr.
Motion Carries: with a majority of 4 approvals

Zoning Board Member – Richard Santiago - term to expire 11/30/2019

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #274-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Zoning Board Chairperson – Edwin Rivera

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #275-2016

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

Architectural Review Bd. Member – Andrea Caccura – term to expire 11/30/2019

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #276-2016

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

Architectural Review Board Member – Jacqueline Watson – term to expire 11/30/2019

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #277-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Architectural Review Board Chairperson – Jean Gitlin - 1 year term

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #278-2016

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

The following Deputy Mayor and Commissioner appointments were made by the Mayor:

Deputy Mayor – Emily Dominguez

Building & Codes – Emily Dominguez - 1 year term

Fire & Ordinances - Rafael Bueno - 1 year term

Public Works, Buildings & Grounds - Terrence Watson, Jr. - 1 year term

Youth & Family Services - Joel Santana - 1 year term

Regular Meeting Dates of the Board – Continue to be 7 PM on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, unless a holiday falls on those Monday's.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above Board Meeting dates and time.

RESOLUTION #279-2016

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

Planning Board Meeting Date – Continue to be the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Zoning Board Meeting Date – Continue to be the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Architectural Review Board Meeting Date – Continue to be the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above days and times for the for the Building Department Boards to meet.

RESOLUTION #280-2016

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

Designation of Official Newspapers – Journal News OR Rockland County Times, and/or El Clarin and El Sol.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above as official newspapers for the Village.

RESOLUTION #281-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Designated Depositories – Authorization to utilize depositories & trusts located within the Town of Haverstraw.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointment.

RESOLUTION #282-2016

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

Procurement Policy – Competitive bidding with an award to the lowest bidder for purchases in excess of \$10,000.00 and contracts for services in excess of \$35,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above Procurement Policy.

RESOLUTION #283-2016

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

Advanced Approval of Claims – Authorizes payment in advance of Audit of Claims for public utility services, insurance premiums, postage, freight and express charges and pre-approved contracted services.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion for advanced approval of claims, as stated above.

RESOLUTION #284-2016

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

Mileage Allowance Rate – IRS 2016 rate of \$.54 per mile.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the mileage allowance as stated above.

RESOLUTION #285-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Attendance at Schools/Conferences – Board to approve in advance an employee's attendance at all schools and conferences.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve attendance at schools and conferences as stated above.

RESOLUTION #286-2016

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

Petty Cash Fund for Youth & Family Services – established at \$300.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Youth & Family Services petty cash fund as stated above.

RESOLUTION #287-2016

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

Petty Cash Fund for Justice Court – established at \$75.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the petty cash fund for the Justice Court as stated above.

RESOLUTION #288-2016

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

Standard Work Day for Elected and Appointed Officials: As instructed by

- 1) Mayor, Trustees & Village Justices - 5 days, 6 hours per day
- 2) Appointed officials including acting Village Judge, Zoning Board, Planning Board and ARB – 5 days, 6 hours per day
- 3) All other appointed officials including, accountant, assessor, Assistant Village Attorney, Court appointed deputies, Crossing Guards, Custodians, Fire Alarm Mechanic, Parking Enforcement Aide, and Village Attorney – standard working day 5 days, 7 hours per day.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above stated days and hours to work for all elected and appointed officials.

RESOLUTION #289-2016

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

The Mayor concluded the Reorganization of the Village and moved forward with that night's agenda.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: The Mayor reported that Counselor Hood, who is also a Rockland County Legislator, was excused due to a County Budget meeting he had to attend that night. Counselor Hood did request the Mayor to inform the public that the Board has requested the Department of Conservation allow the Village to be an interested party in the most recent Tilcon mining filing reported to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). He explained that this would allow the Village to stay abreast of all paperwork, etc. and for the Village to intervene if and when they feel it is necessary.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Board's request to DEC as stated above.

RESOLUTION #290-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio: In the absence of Ms. Curcio, no report was given.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor updated the public on the Streetscape Project reporting that it is progressing nicely having completed the north section of Main Street, except for the trees and lighting fixtures, which will be done towards the completion of the project. He is hopeful that everyone has noticed that the contractors are nearing completion of New Main Street, at which point the contractors will shut down for the winter and resume work again sometime in March.

The Mayor received a request from Father Madden of St. Peter and St. Mary's Church for a religious procession to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Monday, December 12th starting at 6:00 PM at the school and proceed from Broadway to Main Street to Allison and Broad and back to the church.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the congregation of St. Peter and St. Mary's Church to march through several streets of the Village as stated above.

RESOLUTION #291-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

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 November, 2016, submitted by Fire Chief Robert Drexler, Jr.:

Total Alarms	-	17
General Alarms	-	10

Special Calls	-	0
Mutual Aid Calls	-	7
Structure Fire	-	1
Gas Leaks	-	3
Good Intent/Misc.	-	3
False Alarms	-	3

Total Manpower Responding - 305 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson:

Trustee Watson had nothing to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana had nothing to report at this time.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of November 21st through December 2nd, 2016:

Rental registrations	-	1
Miscellaneous inspections	-	32
Complaints	-	4
Searches	-	8
Construction inspections	-	8
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	10
Violations/Tickets	-	12
Fines collected at Court	-	\$3,750.00

Trustee Dominguez requested the Board to approve the hiring of Erica Alejandro to fill the vacated position of Clerk/Typist Spanish Speaking in the Building Department, beginning January 16th. This will be a provisional appointment until she can take the Civil Service Test. The starting salary for this position is set by the CSEA contract.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the hiring of Erica Alejandro to fill the vacated position of Clerk/Typist Spanish Speaking as stated above.

RESOLUTION #292-2016

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

Trustee Dominguez also wanted to remind everyone that “holiday parking” will begin on December 19th, 2016 through and including January 2nd, 2017, pointing out that there is a maximum of 2 hours parking time at all meters. She also mentioned that overnight parking is now in effect in the Village and continues through March 31st, 2017.

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
OLD BUSINESS
None.

Mayor Kohut:
NEW BUSINESS
None.

Mayor Kohut:
2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine congratulated Trustee Dominguez on being re-elected to serve on the Village Board and Trustee Santana on his election win to the Village Board. He then thanked the Board for having the "speed hump" installed in Harbors, although he would like to know when the lines will be painted and if some adjustments can be made to the signage.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Levine that the lines are put on with a blow torch and the Village is still waiting for that product to be delivered.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine then informed the Board that the first sign for the "speed hump" coming down the hill cannot be seen due to its small size and completely different shape than the "speed hump" sign on New Main Street. When anyone is leaving Harbors the sign is too high to be seen. He is requesting the Board have the sign lowered and made larger so it is visible to everyone. He does not want to see the "speed hump" or any cars damaged due to the visibility of the signage. He then asked how the people who plow the snow are going to know the "speed hump" is there and if it gets damaged how it will get repaired.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that if the speed hump is damaged by the people plowing the snow, it is their responsibility to repair it. He also added that their being in the community all the time they should be aware that the speed hump is there. He suggested that they put markers by the hump to remind them of its location.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine firmly feels that the sign needs to be moved so it is further up before the curve in the road and it should also be bigger. He also mentioned that people are still not stopping at the "STOP" signs and there should be more of a Police presence for issuing tickets.

Artie Taub, 3304 Leewood Drive: Mr. Taub suggested that the "STOP" signs be installed at a right angle in order to be seen more clearly.

Terrence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson will address the issue with the Mayor and the Superintendent of DPW.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor wanted to make Mr. Taub aware that there are certain codes and street regulations that the Village must abide by and that the Village is only allowed to do certain things.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post inquired if the Board has reached any kind of agreement with GDC either interim or otherwise.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that there has been no movement on the GDC matter, however, he expects something to happen in the near future, but

as of now there is no change. He also mentioned that Mr. Ginsburg is sending in the interest payments due on the BAN.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport spoke about the Streetscape causing problems for his customers, especially trying to find parking on New Main Street or elsewhere in the Village when the contractors close off New Main Street totally. A lot of his customers end up leaving without conducting business. He then mentioned that he could inform his customers to use the parking lot across from his business however the construction crew parks their vehicles there for long periods of time. He requested the Board provide the crews with another place to park their vehicles, allowing room for the public to park when conducting business, dining, etc.

Jose Hilario, 77 Picariello Drive: Mr. Hilario inquired if the Village will be fixing sidewalks on Broadway.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Hilario that Main Street, New Main Street and Broadway are all part of the Streetscape Project, mentioning that in the spring the crew will be installing sidewalks on the river side of Broadway and then come back down the other side. The Mayor pointed out that the Village has been waiting for the funding to do these projects and now the Streetscape has finally begun so it is just a matter of time.

Jennifer Reyes, Main Street: Ms. Reyes is concerned about the loud music, the rowdiness, the fighting, the sound of bottles being broken all going on in her area throughout the day and into the night. She has a young child and is truly concerned about her well being.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Ms. Reyes that he talks to the Police on a regular basis about such happenings in the Village. He suggested she contact the Town Police and also contact the Town Board, who control the Police Department, and complain about the conditions in her neighborhood to them, explaining that the citizenry gets a better response from the Town Board than other elected officials.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Holiday, mentioning that the Village just celebrated "Holidays in Haverstraw" with many different events and restaurant offerings, which he was happy to report, was another successful event for the Village. He asked for a moment of silence to close the meeting in memory of town resident, Lauren Gould, the wife of a Police Sgt. and daughter-in-law of John Gould a member of the Town Board who died the previous day at the age of 35. With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESOLUTION #294-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk