

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016, beginning at 7:00 PM.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Watson	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- Present
	Mayor Kohut	- Present

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed the public that he was starting this meeting with a presentation and then introduced Pat Gordan, Head of the Brick Museum of Haverstraw. He advised the public that 2 years ago Ms. Gordan came to him with a suggestion to recognize and honor Gary Zeh, who has since passed, for everything that he has done and contributed to the Village of Haverstraw and the North Rockland area. He then introduced Renee Zeh-Garrison, Gary's daughter. He continued to speak about Gary, mentioning that he lived in the family home on Hudson Avenue all his life, however, he was recognized more for Haverstraw Transit, a bus company his father started and Gary took over and ran until sickness put a hold on how much he could manage in his life. His family owned multiple businesses in the Village over the years, but the bus garage was the place Gary could always be found. He stated that both Gary and his wife Mary meant so much to the Village of Haverstraw because of their hidden charity work and all the public things they did for the Village and its residents. Gary never backed away from any cause or person that was in need of help. Gary was also a member of Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1 for approximately 50 years and held the position of Chief Chauffeur for almost all of those years. He was a humble humanitarian. Addressing Gary's daughter Renee, he stated that Haverstraw Transit is her legacy and although things are now changing there, it is the hope of the Board that whoever ends up with the bus company has some of the same integrity, care and dedication that Gary had. Gary was a man who had a lot of wealth, but he was also that man who was out driving the back roads of Stony Point every snowy day in his old Country Squire Wagon to make sure that the roads were safe for the kids that would be riding his buses. He was truly a man of the people and never wanted any recognition. He just did whatever he saw needed to get done for the Village, the fire department and any people he came across that needed assistance.

Ms. Gordon had suggested renaming Hudson Avenue as a way to recognize Gary, but what the Mayor decided would be more appropriate, would be to name the stretch of road where all the yellow buses still stand today and where Gary spent most of his time, "Gary Zeh Way". He displayed the signage and announced where they will be placed, thanking Gary's friend Bill Holland for all his help in getting this done.

Terrence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson addressing Renee Zeh-Garrison, just wanted her to know that everyone thought of her father as a great, generous man who gave from his heart. With this signage in one of his favorite areas and an area everyone knows so well, Gary will truly never be forgotten.

Renee Zeh-Garrison: Ms. Zeh-Garrison thanked everyone for this great honor they have bestowed on her dad.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor continued with the agenda for that night's meeting with the first Public Participation inviting the public to ask questions or make comments.

With no input from the public, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing with regard to amending Section 245 of the Village Law for Pet Care Facilities.

RESOLUTION #294-2016

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

In the absence of Village Attorney, Jay Hood, Jr., the Mayor will be presenting and taking questions with regard to this matter. He reported that a proposal was previously submitted by Kevin Lynch for a Pet Care Facility on Route 9W in the Village. The Mayor went on to explain that the proposed amendment to the Zoning Local Law of the Village for the HB Highway Business Zoning District along Route 9W in the Village would authorize, by Special Permit issued by the Board, the use of land and structures for Pet Care Facilities, defined as an establishment where household pets are temporarily boarded for remuneration. He further explained that a Pet Care Facility differs from a "kennel" as pets are typically boarded for the day and overnight boarding is only available on a limited basis. The establishment may also offer accessory services such as retail sale of pet care supplies and services such as animal grooming. Several criteria will be followed that limit certain aspects of the use when adjacent to or within 100 feet of a residentially zoned area, including no outside animal runs or kennels. He explained that for such a use the owner would have to fence off the property from the neighbors and the animals would have to be kept in completely enclosed structures or cages accompanied by facility personnel. They also have to meet all the requisites for building and zoning requirements for the property and the overnight boarding area shall not exceed 50% of the total gross area. The Mayor then opened the floor to the public for questions or comments concerning the law.

Bill Holland, Clearwater Beach, Florida: Mr. Holland inquired if this amendment is for a general area or for a specific location.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Holland that it would be an amendment to the highway business district, running the full length of Route 9W in the Village and that the Village cannot "spot zone" a law, therefore amendments have to be made to the entire zoning district.

With no further input from the public, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #295-2016

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to pass the amendment to the Local Zoning Law for the Highway Business Zoning District.

RESOLUTION #296-2016

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

The Mayor then introduced Kevin Lynch the proposed proprietor of the Doggie Day Care Facility in the location of the former Westbrook's Bar & Grill, which the Mayor mentioned is a huge improvement over the former establishment. Mr. Lynch thanked the Board.

Mayor Kohut:

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.:** In the absence of Counselor Hood no report was given.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:** The Mayor received a request from the staff of Gran Fondo, New York for approval to allow them to use the roads through the Village on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 for their annual bicycle race. The race will start at the George Washington Bridge travel through several Villages in the County to the Bear Mountain Bridge and then on to Fort Lee.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Gran Fondo racers to run through the Village to make their way to the Bear Mountain Bridge as stated above.

RESOLUTION #297-2016

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

The Mayor reported that there is a need to create the position of Clerk/Typist Spanish Speaking for the Building Department and at the same time abolish the position of Clerk/Typist Spanish Speaking from the former Police Department.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to establish the position of Clerk/Typist Spanish Speaking for the Building Department and abolish the same position from the former Police Department.

RESOLUTION #298-2016

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to hire Rolanda Sand as a Part-time Court Clerk in the Justice Court & a Part-time Clerk/Typist for Village Hall at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.

RESOLUTION #299-2016

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the resignation of Griselda Robles from her Part-time position in the Justice Court and Part-time position in the Building Department.

RESOLUTION #300-2016

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

The Mayor received a proposed agreement from Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, an independent financial advisors group used when the Village has to go out to borrow money. It is the standard operating agreement with them, including their hourly rates, etc.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Financial Advisory Services Agreement with Capital Markets Advisors.

RESOLUTION #301-2016

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

The Mayor then requested the Board's approval to sign the Pitney Bowes Postage Meter Contract at a cost of \$179.11 per month for a 60 month term.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion for authorization to sign a postage meter contract as stated above.

RESOLUTION #302-2016

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

The Mayor read the following amendments to the 2016 budget year submitted by Joseph Modafferi, Village Accountant:

2016-2017 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A3410.0200	Fire Dept. Equipment	\$ 50,000.00		
A3089	Other Government Aid State			\$ 50,000.00
	Member item for generators			
A8510.0400	Beautification	\$ 2,000.00		
A1990.0401	Contingent		\$ 2,000.00	
A1440.0410	Engineering Ferry	\$ 1,000.00		
A1990.0401	Contingent		\$ 1,000.00	
A7110.0410	Dock Repair	\$ 2,125.00		
A1990.0401	Contingent		\$ 2,125.00	

A1010.0400	Trustee Contractual	\$ 100.00		
A1990.0401	Contingent		\$ 100.00	
A8120.0400	Sanitary Sewer Contractual	\$ 2,500.00		
A1990.0401			\$2,500.00	

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above budget adjustments.

**RESOLUTION #303-2016**

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

The Mayor received a request from the Haverstraw RiverArts for approval to hold their next Food Crawl on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 with a rain date of June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Haverstraw RiverArts Food Crawl as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #304-2016**

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

The Mayor then reported that the Village has secured 2 new grants from New York State Consolidated Funding. The first grant in the amount of \$65,000.00 is for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan and the second grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 to upgrade the Village's Comprehensive Plan. He thanked Sylvia Welsh, the Village Grant Writer, for her efforts in securing these grants.

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 admittance into the Haverstraw Fire Department:

- Francisco Dominguez - Cosgriff Hose Co. #4
- Rodolfo Pena - Cosgriff Hose Co. #4
- Gabriel Suarez - Lady Warren Hose Co. #5

All documents have been completed and notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the above candidates into the Haverstraw Fire Department assigned to their chosen company.

**RESOLUTION #305-2016**

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

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson:**

Trustee Watson read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Superintendent of Public Works, as of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016:

- 1) Finished speed hump at the Harbors.
- 2) Did miscellaneous jobs at the Brick Museum.
- 3) Assisted the Haverstraw Hispanic Lions Club with Christmas Tree setup on Broadway.
- 4) Blacktopped village parking lots, marked all parking spaces and replaced parking signs.
- 5) Blacktopped potholes throughout the Village.
- 6) Repaired signage at various street locations.
- 7) Put up Christmas decorations at Community Center.
- 8) 2 call outs for salting roads over the past 2 weeks due to storm conditions.
- 9) Assisted fire department with salting at a fire on Broad Street for approximately 3 hours. Trustee Watson thanked and commended the staff of the DPW who came out that night for a job well done.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel Santana:** Trustee Santana read the following report of activities at the Haverstraw Center:

- 1) The Center held its Christmas/Holiday Party that day for approximately 150 children and their families. Dinner was served and the children had a visit with Santa who gave each child a gift.
- 2) The Haverstraw Collaborative continues to meet at the Center.
- 3) The Jump Program and the Spanish Speaking Parents Group met on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**POSITIVE ALTERATIVES**

- 4) Teen Night was held on December 10<sup>th</sup> with a total of 25 participants and staff members.

Anyone interest in any of the programs offered at the Center or wanting information on what is available can go to the Village of Haverstraw Website or call the Center at 845-429-5731.

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

**BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez:**

Trustee Dominguez read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of November 21<sup>st</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016:

Rental registrations	-	0
Municipal searches	-	2
Miscellaneous inspections	-	47
Complaints	-	3
Construction inspections	-	5
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	6

No fines collected.

Trustee Dominguez reminded everyone that winter hours are in effect through March. She also mentioned that holiday parking is available now through January 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a 2 hour limit at each metered spot in the downtown area.

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

**MINUTES:** The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of September 6<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above minutes as written.

RESOLUTION #306-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terrence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez reported that the Village is collecting clothes and other items for the families involved in the fire that week, which can be dropped off at the Quisqueya Club or at her office if the Club is not open.

**Mayor Kohut:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post inquired if there is a ratio for the income or real estate taxes that the Village is allowed to Bond.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that there is a ratio, however, he did not recall the number, but stated that the Village is well under the number.

Clerk/Treasurer Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio informed Mr. Post that the number is set by New York State through the calculation of the Constitutional Debt Limit and the Village has to supply them with information every year that it is staying within that debt limit. Currently the Village is at approximately 30% of the Debt Limit.

Mel Post: Mr. Post requested an update on the Ginsburg matter.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that the Board expects to sit with Mr. Ginsburg some time mid-January. There have been no other changes and Mr. Ginsburg has not produced anything as far as plans for further building is concerned. He keeps telling the Mayor that they will be

coming in with plans to build the waterfront units, and may do so when they meet in January.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, wishing everyone a Happy Holiday season and a happy and safe new year.

RESOLUTION #307-2016

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk