

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Tuesday, January 17th, 2017, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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| ROLL CALL | Trustee Dominguez | - Present |
| | Trustee Bueno | - Absent |
| | Trustee Watson | - 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.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport wanted the Board to know that what they have done with the parking situation on New Main Street is working out nicely.

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 has completed and will be filing an easement this week for Riverside Avenue to install a new drainage system leading to the river, mentioning that the homeowner did allow it and signed the Easement. He then reported that he will be filing the Tax Certiorari based on the sale of the Mark Auto Parts settlement in the amount of \$960,000.00, which is pending approval of Edye McCarthy, Village Assessor.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to settle the Tax Certification with Mark Auto pending approval of the Village Assessor.

RESOLUTION #5-2017

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

Counselor Hood then reported that Low Tor Plaza withdrew their Tax Certiorari for the year 2016-2017.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the withdrawal from Low Tor Plaza as stated above.

RESOLUTION #6-2017

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

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor received a request from the Quisqueya Sports Club to raise the Dominican Flag on Monday, February 27th, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in honor of Dominican Independence Day.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to raise the Dominican Flag as stated above.

RESOLUTION #7-2017

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

The Mayor then entertained a motion to appoint Ed Molina to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board for a term ending November 30th, 2019.

RESOLUTION #8-2017

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

The Mayor informed the public that Community Development applications must be submitted within the next few weeks to the County office for approval. The Village Board has reviewed and concluded that the following applications be forwarded:

- 1) for the Village streets and sidewalk projects
- 2) for the Village signage program
- 3) to upgrade the Emeline Park playground.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above stated programs for forwarding to the Rockland County Community Development Office.

RESOLUTION #9-2017

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

The Mayor reported that the Department of Public Works (DPW) is in need of a new copy machine. A proposal has been received from Toshiba for a 48 month contract at a cost of \$49.00 per month.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve a contract with Toshiba for a new copy machine as stated above.

RESOLUTION #10-2017

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

The Mayor pointed out that there are currently 2 vacancies in the Parking Enforcement Bureau for which applications have been received.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Zaire Ashby and Nicholas Barbera to the position of Parking Enforcement Aides.

RESOLUTION #11-2017

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

The Mayor reported that one of the consultants that works regularly with the Village on cell phone tower applications, renewals, renovations, etc., has a new master agreement for professional services from Henningson, Durham & Richardson (HDR) for telecommunication services at the existing rates.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect to sign the new agreement for telecommunication services as stated above.

RESOLUTION #12-2017

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

The Mayor reported the following amendments to the 2016-2017 budget year submitted by Joseph Modafferi, Village Accountant:

| 2016-2017 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Acct. # | Account Name | Increase | Decrease | Increase |
| | | Appropriations | Appropriations | Revenue |
| A8660.0200 | Acquisition of real property | \$ 18,000.00 | | |
| A1990.0401 | Contingent | | \$ 18,000.00 | |
| A8020.0400 | Planning & Zoning | 1,500.00 | | |
| A1990.0401 | Contingent | | 1,500.00 | |
| A1440.0410 | Engineering Ferry | 15,000.00 | | |
| A4089 | Federal Aid | | | \$15,000.00 |
| A9050.0800 | NYS Unemployment | 3,600.00 | | |
| A1990.0401 | Contingent | | 3,600.00 | |
| A1989.0400 | Grant Writer | 1,100.00 | | |
| A1990.0401 | Contingent | | 1,100.00 | |
| A8120.0400 | Sanitary Sewer Contractual | 14,000.00 | | |
| A1990.0401 | Contingent | | 14,400.00 | |
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| | TOTALS | \$ 53,600.00 | \$ 38,600.00 | \$15,000.00 |
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Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above budget adjustments.

RESOLUTION #13-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Joel Santana

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor advised the public that the 2nd Village Board Meeting for February is being moved to Tuesday, February 21st due to the Monday federal holiday celebrating Presidents Day. He also informed the public that the Village Board also sits as the Board of Assessment Review that same night, therefore February 21st will also be the Annual Board of Assessment Review - Grievance Meeting, which will begin at 4:00 PM and end at 8:00 PM for anyone wishing to speak to the Board regarding their taxes.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to move the regularly scheduled board meeting for February 20th to February 21st along with the Annual Board of Assessment Grievance Meeting as stated above.

RESOLUTION #14-2017

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

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: In the absence of Trustee Bueno no report was given.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson: Trustee Watson read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Superintendent of Public Works, as of January 17th, 2017:

- 1) Trimmed trees on all village streets and alleyways.
- 2) Repaired and painted all garbage cans in the business district.
- 3) Filled all potholes on village streets and alleyways.
- 4) Removed all Christmas decorations throughout the Village.
- 5) Sanded and painted compressor light and blacktop roller.

Trustee Watson then reported that one 7.5 horse powered pump at the Tilcon/Riverside Avenue Pump Station needs to be replaced. He received a proposal from TAM Enterprizes to replace the pump at a cost of \$11,788.00.

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

RESOLUTION #15-2017

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

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of January 3rd to January 17th, 2017:

- 1) The Haverstraw Collaborative continues to meet monthly at the Center to promote activities for the betterment of the community.
- 2) Celebrating Families works with every member of the family ages 3 to adult, which is currently in the 8th week of the program. The families have been actively participating.
- 3) The Jump Program & Big Brothers/Big Sisters are in dire need of Spanish speaking mentors. Anyone willing to volunteer can contact the Center for information.
- 4) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group will meet on February 1st at 6:00 PM at the Haverstraw Elementary School.
- 5) Monthly Youth Celebration which is hosted in conjunction with Caught Being Good will be held on January 24th.

POSITIVE ALTERATIVES

- 6) On January 12th, Haverstraw Center Staff member Tim Sanders and Frank Vasquez took youth participants to attend a basketball game at the Barclay Center. For many of the youth participants it was their first time to ever attend a basketball game of this sort.

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of January 2nd through January 13th, 2017:

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|---------------------------|---|----|
| Rental registrations | - | 0 |
| Miscellaneous inspections | - | 62 |
| Complaints | - | 6 |
| Construction inspections | - | 2 |
| Building Permits & C.O.'s | - | 3 |
| Violations/Tickets | - | 7 |

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
OLD BUSINESS
None.

Mayor Kohut:
NEW BUSINESS
None.

Mayor Kohut:
2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No comments from the public.

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

RESOLUTION #16-2017

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk