

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, May 15th, 2017, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Watson	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Absent/Excused
	Trustee Santana	- Present
	Mayor Kohut	- Present

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting with a Public Hearing for a “No Parking Anytime Zone” in the area of the new Terrace on the Hudson, inviting Jay Hood, Jr., Village Attorney to explain the new law.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood reported that the new Terrace on the Hudson is going to reopen during this upcoming summer season. With that in mind, the Village has made inquiries to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) with regard to parking on Route 9W adjacent to the facility at 21 Route 9W. He pointed out that in the past parking in that area was basically a free for all on the West side, whereas the East side had hardly any parking at all. The Village received a letter from the NYSDOT with their recommendations for parking along Route 9W in the area of the restaurant.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing referring to parking on Route 9W as stated above.

RESOLUTION #101-2017

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor read the following recommendations received from NYSDOT:

- 1) That the Village establishes a Local Law for Proposed Parking Restrictions to be filed with the Secretary of State to install the appropriate parking restriction signage.
- 2) That a “No Parking Anytime Zone” be established on the West side of Route 9W (southbound) from a point 320 feet +/- south of the southern curb of Fairmount Avenue to a point 400 feet +/- south for a total length of 400 feet.
- 3) That a “No Parking Anytime Zone” be established on the East side of Route 9W (northbound) starting across from the beginning of the “No Parking Anytime Zone” on the West side to a point 200 feet +/- south (the section of shoulder that has a gap in the guide rail) for a total length of 200 feet +/- be established.

At this time, the Mayor opened the floor to the public for questions or comments.

Stuart Suchotliff, 1413 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Suchotliff inquired if there will be parking allowed on Route 9W next to the facility and if so what is the Village’s liability if an accident occurs.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded there will not be any parking allowed in the vicinity where there are homes in that area.

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff then inquired about parking in general on Route 9W and if no parking is allowed, why is the Village seeking a no parking zone in the area of the restaurant.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that previously parking was allowed in that area so people just parked there and it never really caused any problems. Also, the Village will really never know until the facility opens how bad the conditions in that area could get.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood responded that he has never heard of any liability to the Village if the car is parked off the roadway.

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff believes there must be some kind of law relative to who is liable if a car is parked on a state road causing an accident to occur, but basically he is concerned that the Village will be held liable.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post mentioned that he passed the Town & Country facility on Route 9W over the weekend where there was a party going on and cars were parked on both sides along Route 9W. He does not know if they were legally parked there or if the Police just ignore the situation, he mentioned, however, that Town and Country uses Route 9W for parking all the time.

Thomas Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson also has noticed that Kennelly's Restaurant also located on Route 9W, right before Town & Country, also has cars parking on both sides of Route 9W.

Mel Post: Mr. Post remarked that Kennelly's is not located in the Town of Haverstraw and wondered if parking alongside Route 9W was legal in Congers.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor did not know about parking rules in Clarkstown, but mentioned there would be a lot of tickets issued in that area if there were no parking laws.

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

RESOLUTION #102-2017

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the "No Parking Anytime Zone" law on Route 9W.

RESOLUTION #103-2017

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Thomas Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

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

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired how much the Village was paid to allow TV and movie filming in the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded there are a lot of factors that make up the cost but the Village received somewhere between \$7,000.00 to \$10,000.00 total for both filmings.

Mel Post: Mr. Post was interested in the plans for the Chair Factory.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that there is currently no plan but the Village is engaging an engineering design firm to work with a Steering Committee of village residents to come up with a proposal for what the Village wants to see done at the Chair Factory location. The Steering Committee will work with the engineering firm to come up with a general proposal that can be presented to the public for its input as to how they would like to see the Chair Factory property utilized. Whatever the decision would be after being presented to the public would then be put out to developers for proposals.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired if anything new is happening with Mr. Ginsburg.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that there is nothing new to report, except that Mr. Ginsburg is still working through financial matters to see if they can move forward.

Mel Post: Mr. Post requested the Mayor to contact the Homeowners Association when and if there is an agreement and if the Village would be required to hold a Public Hearing with respect to that agreement.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor and Village Counsel both felt a Public Hearing would not be required. He mentioned it would necessitate a public vote [by the Village Board] but no Public Hearing would be mandated.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood stated that it would be a part of the Village Agenda, but nothing further would be required.

Mel Post: Mr. Post felt a public vote or a Public Hearing would be one and the same.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained it would be just a vote of the Board at a Village meeting, unless there is an IDA requirement and they have to hold a Public Hearing to entertain questions and comments on the project. He further explained that once the project would move to site development, then there would be Public Hearings held. For an agreement to settle on owed money, there would be no Public Hearings.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine questioned if the Village is responsible for the Lagoon area of the Harbors community to which the Mayor responded "yes". He then asked when the Village would be replacing the ropes that have been down for a long time.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor asked whether Mr. Levine was talking about the ropes or the wires.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine responded "both".

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor pointed out that the Board just recently received the wiring supplies, which is very expensive to replace, however, he was unaware of any ropes that needed to be replaced, because it had not been brought to the attention of the Board.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine suggested the Mayor take a walk around the area. He also mentioned that the poles the ropes are tied to do not have plastic tops, which he feels will add to the longevity of the poles.

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 received numerous reports concerning MiTierra Bar & Restaurant from the Police Chief, which he feels will bolster the complaint he will be preparing.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the NBC network is coming back to film scenes from a TV series entitled "The Sinner" as soon as all details are completed. They will be filming at a house located at 10 Fairmount Avenue.

The Mayor received a request from "Habitat for Humanity" to refurbish a house at 28 Westside Avenue that was donated to them and are asking for a waiver of Building Department fees and for the Village to provide a dumpster at the site to clear brush from around the property. He mentioned that they previously built a house on Partition Street that will hopefully become owner occupied soon.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to waive all Building Department fees and for the Village to provide a dumpster at the site of this latest renovation at 28 Westside Avenue.

RESOLUTION #104 - 2017

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Abstention: Terrence Watson (Board Member of HFH)

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor reported that the North Rockland Rotary is requesting a rain reschedule on their carnival for Memorial Day weekend, Thursday through Sunday.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve a carnival as stated above.

RESOLUTION #105-2017

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor read the following adjustments 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
A1010.0400	Board of Trustees Contractual	\$ 900.00		
A9050.0800	Unemployment	\$ 1,200.00		
A5142.0400	Snow Removal	\$ 11,500.00		
A1620.0420	Building Dept. Repair	\$ 4,000.00		
A5110.0400	Street Maintenance	\$ 15,500.00		
A7110.0430	Utilities – Ball Park	\$ 1,500.00		
A9025.0800	Firemen’s Benefits	\$ 4,400.00		
A9010.0800	NYS Retirement		\$ 39,000.00	
	TOTAL	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 39,000.00	

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

RESOLUTION #106-2017

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor reported that the Stormwater Education Agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension to meet MS4 requirements is due for renewal at a fee of \$1,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to renew the Stormwater Education Agreement as stated above.

RESOLUTION #107-2017

Motion by: Thomas Watson, Jr.
Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor then announced the following activities scheduled to take place in the Village during the months of May and June:

- 1) Tuesday, May 16th – School Budget vote at Haverstraw Elementary School.
- 2) Memorial Day Celebration beginning Monday, May 29th at the Town Hall, stopping at all municipality memorials, including the 9-11 Memorial and ending at the WWI Memorial on Route 9W.
- 3) Sunday, June 11th - Farmer’s Market opens
- 4) Sunday, June 11th – Village Shredding Day at Farmer’s Market location, limited to 3 boxes
- 5) Friday, June 16th – Dancing Under the Stars

6) Saturday, June 17th – Juneteenth Celebration

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – **Trustee Rafael Bueno**: Trustee Bueno read the following application for entrance into the Haverstraw Fire Department:

Geury Grullon - Jr. Firefighter - Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1

Trustee Bueno stated that all paperwork has been duly signed and notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept Mr. Grullon into the Haverstraw Fire Department assigned to Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1.

RESOLUTION #108-2017

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Thomas Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

Trustee Bueno mentioned that Fire Department Inspections will take place on Sunday, May 20th, at 9:00 AM, starting with Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1.

Trustee Bueno then reported that the General Warren Co. #2 emergency truck has a dent in one of its doors and has been sent out for repair.

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 May 15th, 2017:

- 1) Repaired catch basin on Conklin and Maple Avenues.
- 2) Picked up and installed statue at the African/American Park.
- 3) Finalized work on Division Street.
- 4) Cut and trimmed all village properties that are in violation of Village Codes.
- 5) Repaired signs on West Broad and Division Streets.
- 6) Installed flags and banners throughout the Village.
- 7) Blacktopped pot holes and areas damaged by the winter weather.

Trustee Watson then recommended hiring Michael Donohue as a Part-time Maintenance Mechanic at a rate of \$25.00 per hour starting on June 1st. He will serve in this position a total of 17 to 20 hours per week maximum and will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of all Village vehicles including the Fire Department, the DPW, Haverstraw Center vehicles, Building Department and also some of the lawn equipment used by the DPW staff. He then stated that the position of Maintenance Mechanic 1 has been approved by the County.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Michael Donohue for the position of Maintenance Mechanic 1 as stated above.

RESOLUTION #109-2017

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

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel I. A. Santana: Trustee Santana read the following report of activities conducted at the Community Center from May 1st thru May 15th, 2017:

Haverstraw Collaborative: The Collaborative continues to meet monthly at the Center to plan and promote activities for the Community.

JUMP PROGRAM/BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS: Approximately 15-20 young people ages 9-16 are being seen weekly in "mentoring groups" with adult mentors from the community.

SPANISH SPEAKING PARENTS GROUP: The Spanish Speaking Parents Group will meet on Wednesday June 7th - 6:00PM at the Haverstraw Elem. School.

POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES

- 1) 6th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep: On May 13th Tim Sanders, along with 15 youth volunteers from the Center, participated in this event.
- 2) Village of Haverstraw Summer Camp Program: This summer program for children of the Village begins on Thursday, July 6th and ends on Friday, August 18th. Applications are available at the Village Hall.

Trustee Santana received a proposal from HUSH Electrical Contracting for lighting repairs at the Haverstraw Center which would include rewiring the gym lights, replacing entrance lights and rewiring a sensor.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the proposal from HUSH Electric to make the necessary repairs and improvements to the lighting at the Haverstraw Center.

RESOLUTION #110-2017

Motion by: Joel I. A. Santana
Seconded by: Thomas Watson, Jr.
Motion Carries: All

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez:

In the absence of Deputy Mayor Dominguez, Trustee Santana read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of April 29th thru May 12th, 2017:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	81
Complaints	-	14
Municipal searches	-	6
Construction inspections	-	10

Violations/Tickets	-	11
Permits & C.O.'s	-	3

Fines collected at court - \$1,000.00

Nothing further to report from the Building Department.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff inquired if there will be any soil remediation done at Maple Terrace, where the townhouses are located, if they are taken down and if anyone knows whether or not soil remediation was done at Admiral's Cove, in the location of the Sales Office before it was taken down.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that there was some soil contamination where the Sales Center was and when that building came down the soil was remediated. He also mentioned there was a small piece of land on the DPW property that was contaminated, which was remediated at the same time, however, if any further contamination becomes evident, it will be dealt with that at the time.

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff inquired if anyone is going to test the soil around that area.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor does not believe any additional testing is required because they did test the whole area and nothing in the soil borings showed contamination except the sites that were consequently cleaned up. He then inquired if Mr. Suchotliff was speaking about a specific area.

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff responded where the new buildings will be located.

Terrence Watson: Trustee Watson pointed out that the house on the corner of West Street and Maple Avenue that was taken down, the soil was tested and the area was cleaned up and it is now a grass filled area.

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff's understanding was that the area of the apartments was to become a parking facility, to which Trustee Watson stated "no".

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained to Mr. Suchotliff that the Ferry Parking Lot will remain in the same area, adding that there might be some adjustments, but basically it will remain where it is. He then indicated that the sites to be developed are at the DPW and the garage located across from the DPW, which is in the process of eviction.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine inquired if there will be any firework displays for Memorial Day.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the only fireworks that will be held in the Village will be on July 2nd, with a rain date of July 3rd, for the Independence Day celebration.

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

RESOLUTION #111-2017

Motion by: Joel I. A. Santana

Seconded by: Thomas Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk