

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, August 14th, 2017, 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 opened the meeting with the first Public Hearing of the night, regarding the MS-4 (Municipal Storm Sewer System) Report. He explained that the Village is required by New York State law to hold an annual Public Hearing on the Village's efforts to regulate and control storm water runoff. The Village engineering firm, Brooker Engineering, prepares this report annually and has submitted the finalized report for the Board's approval. This report details storm water efforts by the Village including catch basin maintenance, cleanouts, preparing construction sites to prevent unnecessary runoff, educating employees, etc.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the Village MS-4 Report.

RESOLUTION #145-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Terence Watson
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then opened the floor to the public for questions or comments about this report.

With no questions or comments from the floor, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #146-2017

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve submission of the report to New York State.

RESOLUTION #147-2017

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then announced the next Public Hearing with regard to Village Zoning Amendments.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #148-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Terence Watson
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor invited Special Counsel, Zachary Mintz, Esq. to present the information relating to the Zoning Amendments.

Zachary Mintz, Esq.: Counselor Mintz reported that the Board had requested assistance with reviewing and amending the Village Zoning Codes. The current review is of the requirements in the existing codes for special permits for schools of general instruction, schools of special instruction, places of worship, places of general assembly, schools with accessory housing, worship with accessory housing, places of general assembly and residential places of worship. Whether these places currently exist or may apply in the future, the Village needs to ensure that the specifications in the Village Zoning Codes are the right size and scope to match the uses of the surrounding neighborhoods and be characteristic of the Community itself.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #149-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Terence Watson
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor invited the public to ask questions without going into the actual text of the changes. There was no input from the public.

Zach Mintz, Esq.: Counselor Mintz informed the Board of the following items needed to move forward with amending the Village Zoning Code, including, a referral to the Village Planning Board, a referral to the Rockland County Planning Board, completion of the steps for the Environmental Review, and submission of the "Notice of Intent to be Lead Agency".

At the suggestion of Counselor Mintz, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion on the above actions and to adjourn the Public Hearing until the September 18th Village Board Meeting. (A formal narrative of Resolution is available in the Clerk's office.)

RESOLUTION #150-2017

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Trustee Bueno	- Yes
	Trustee Watson	- Yes
	Trustee Dominguez	- Yes
	Trustee Santana	- Yes
	Mayor Kohut	- Yes

Judith Curcio, Village Clerk/Treasurer: Ms. Curcio announced the motion passes with a majority vote.

Mayor Kohut: Continuing with the agenda, the Mayor opened the floor to the public for Public Participation.

Doris Suarez: 91 Broadway: Ms. Suarez was there representing Centro de Amigos Senior Center, requesting the purchase of 2 parking spaces in the

lot across from the Day Care Center for 2 14 passenger vehicles, for which they would need availability for their clients.

Mayor Kohut: To clarify her request, the Mayor reiterated that she needs 2 permanent spots to park the vans that are utilized by the Centro de Amigos, including overnight parking. The Mayor informed her that the fee would be \$1,200.00 per van for the year. The Village would install signage stipulating that those spots are for the Center.

Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio pointed out that those spots do not include overnight parking, therefore, they would need to obtain permits as well, at a cost of \$150.00 each because they are oversized vehicles.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve 2 parking spots on Broadway, Lot 16, dedicated to the Centro de Amigos Center.

RESOLUTION #151-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion Carries: All

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post inquired about what the developer who recently met with the Board is looking to do here in the Village and what part of the Village he is interested in.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that the developer is looking to build on top of 2 Village parking lots (the one adjacent to Village Hall and the one adjacent to Knights of Columbus), while still providing parking underneath. He would like to have 90 to 100 units of market rate and workforce housing, with some commercial space.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then requested an update on GDC.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that there is nothing new to report on that matter.

Gil Musinger, 1416 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Musinger conveyed to the Board that the appearance of the downtown area is incredible and just wants to be sure that everything continues to be taken care of.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine inquired about the status of the Streetscape and if there is a goal date for completion of the project.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Streetscape should be completed by the end of the year, at which time all the accessory items need to be completed, such as striping, traffic light installation, wiring for the decorative lights etc.

With no further input from the public, the Mayor continued with the agenda for that night's meeting.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood reported that he filed the lawsuit on Mi Tierra Restaurant and the building owner. He has had some discussions with them and feels everything is going in the right direction. He will be working on the Red Tomato Restaurant next.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez reported that Mi Tierra Restaurant has submitted an application for new signage.

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 Village has received a proposal for LED Street Lighting, which he believes everyone was pleased with, especially with the savings that will be realized. The Village will continue moving forward with this project by authorizing the purchase of the lights from Orange & Rockland when the process of negotiating a price for the lighting, together with the Town of Haverstraw and the Village of West Haverstraw, is complete.

The Mayor received a request from Azali Isabelle Simon Transportation for a New York City van to take people from Haverstraw into Manhattan on Friday's, Saturday's and Sunday's.

Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio informed the Mayor that technically the Village cannot prohibit them from doing this, but Simon Transportation would like to do it with the Village's permission, which would require proper insurance from them to be on file with us.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired if the Village would be held liable in any way.

The Mayor responded "NO", but the Village will make sure they have the proper insurance coverage. He feels the Village should not require a permit because that would completely detach the Village from any form of liability. He will discuss this with Counsel to find the best way to handle this matter.

The Mayor received a request for the Village to supply 2 Port-o-Sans for the River Arts Festival to be held in September at Emeline Park.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to supply port-o-sans for the River Arts Festival as stated above.

RESOLUTION #152-2017

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

The Mayor briefly mentioned the installation of solar wind panels on lamp posts in the Village to show that the Village is going "green" wherever it can and also along the promenade when it is completed. He just wanted to make the public aware that this may be something the Village will pursue in the future with the right grant funding to subsidize this energy saving feature, which could cost upwards of \$15,000.00 per pole.

The Mayor then reported that the Village is considering switching its payroll company and requested the Village Clerk/Treasurer to speak on this matter.

Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio reported that she would like to switch payroll from PayServ back to PayChex, who now has a lower and better priced model which would give employees the ability to access their own information online, has much better reporting models and has greater flexibility than it had in the past. The cost is slightly higher than the Village is currently paying PayServ and the Paychex contract would be \$9,248.00 and can be locked in at that rate for 3 years. Ms. Curcio also mentioned that with all the reporting now required by federal & state agencies this would be the better company to go with as they can provide the Village with the reporting capabilities currently required, as well as having the ability to create employee reports that Payserv cannot generate. She also stated that the Village is not bound to PayServ in any way.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Village Treasurer to switch our payroll company back to PayChex.

RESOLUTION #153-2017

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

The Mayor reported that he recently spoke with Dave Zigler, representative of the Maple Avenue development, who informed the Mayor that they are actively moving on this development having hired an architect to design plans, but other than that there is nothing else to report on this development.

The Mayor then mentioned that a meeting was held with the Steering Committee regarding the Chair Factory property. Minutes from that meeting were distributed to the Trustees and Deputy Mayor Dominguez would visit the site the following day.

The Mayor received a request from the Village Clerk/Treasurer, Judith Curcio to attend a Budgeting & Internal Controls Seminar in Greenburg at a cost of \$100.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve attendance at a seminar for the Village Treasurer as stated above.

RESOLUTION #154-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received a request from Esther White, Chief Court Clerk, to attend the 2017 NYS Association of Magistrates Court Clerks Seminar, together with Toni Jones, Court Clerk, from Sunday, September 24th through Wednesday, September 27th in Ellicottville, NY, at a cost of approximately \$2,000.00, which includes seminar, meals and hotel for both attendees.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve attendance by Justice Court officers at a seminar as stated above.

RESOLUTION #155-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor reported that the County Planning Department is interested in acquiring easements on properties around the railroad crossings to allow for "Quiet Zones" to happen, mentioning that the County would be acquiring the New Main Street crossing. The specific map designations in the Village of Haverstraw that they are looking at are: Map # 10, Parcel No. 12 and Map # 11, Parcels No. 13 & 14. The three sections are located at the New Main Street crossing.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve transfer of New Main Street parcel pieces as stated to the County.

RESOLUTION #156-2017

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

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood reported that the lines will not go silent, however, until they are all completed.

The Mayor then 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
A1110.120	Constables	\$ 2,600.00		
A5110.0400	Street Maintenance	\$ 500.00		
A5110.0420	Road Repair	\$ 200.00		
A9720.0700	Statutory Bond Interest		\$ 3,300.00	

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

RESOLUTION #157-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Terence Watson
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor reminded everyone of upcoming events in the Village as follows:

- 1) Friday, August 18th, 7:30 PM – Dancing Under the Stars with the Heated Exchange Band.
- 2) Sunday, August 27th – Backpack Event at Emeline Park starting at 4:00 PM followed by Movie Night at 7:30 PM.
- 3) Sunday, September 24th – RiverArts Festival.
- 4) Sundays through October – Farmers Market open from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Trustee Dominguez reported that the State has given the County \$63,000.00 in additional WIC checks that have to be used by the end of 2017, of which Haverstraw will receive

approximately \$30,000.00. The Village will extend their Farmers Market to include Wednesdays and will be held in the Village Parking Lot adjacent to the Village Court from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The checks will be given out on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Village, allowing people to go directly to the Market when they leave the WIC office to buy their fresh produce and goods. The Wednesday market will be open from August 16th and continue through October. She pointed out that there will be 1 farmer who will be setting up in the parking spots reserved for the Judge, mentioning that it will start out with 1 farmer and if she feels 2 are needed she already has a second farmer lined up, who will set up in the spots reserved for the Court Clerks, who can park their vehicles in the employee lot on Maple Avenue and it should not impact the bank parking at all.

The Mayor then reported that one of the Village's surplus vehicles, a 2004 Ford Taurus, is being requested for purchase by one of the Village employees. He stated that the "Kelly Blue Book" value is approx. \$800.00 and she is offering the same to purchase the vehicle.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to sell the excess vehicle to a village employee at a cost of \$800.00.

RESOLUTION #158-2017

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Joel I. A. 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 July, 2017, submitted by Fire Chief Thomas Price:

Total Alarms	-	26
General Alarms	-	17
Special Calls	-	8
Mutual Aid Calls	-	1
Vehicle Fires	-	1
Boat Fires	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	1
Brush/Rubbish Fires	-	2
Gas Leaks	-	2
Good Intent/Misc.	-	8
Water Leaks	-	1
Boat Calls	-	4
False Alarms	-	6

Total Manpower Responding - 503 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 August 10th, 2017:

- 1) Replaced guardrail at 155 Broadway.
- 2) Placed banners throughout village and bridge.
- 3) Painted all speed humps throughout the Village.
- 4) Put meters back on Broadway and Partition and New Main Street.
- 5) Installed signs on Division Street and Westside Avenue.
- 6) Installed railings and counters at the Manny Lopez Baseball Field.
- 7) Repaired 2 catch basins on Dr. Girling Drive and across from 138 Halgren Crescent.
- 8) Repaired 1 catch basin at 85 New Main Street.
- 9) Patched Highland Avenue, State Street, Hudson Avenue, Sharp Street, Clove Avenue and alleyways.
- 10) Cut and trimmed all vacant properties in the Village, including 35 Clove Avenue.
- 11) Fixed damaged curb on Partition Street.
- 12) Repaired the fence at the Community Center.
- 13) Drainage job, new basin and pipe at 5 Division Street and 44 Picariello Drive.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor offered “CONGRATULATIONS” to the Girls Softball Team for winning the New York State Championship, which was played at the Manny Lopez Baseball Field in the Village. The Mayor would like to acknowledge this by having a sign installed at the field in their honor. He then mentioned that the “Latin Festival” in the Village a couple of weeks back was a successful event with no problems. The Village DPW was on hand to help out with whatever needed to be done throughout the day and with final clean-up. He also thanked the Police Department and the Town Parks Department for all their help throughout the day.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of July 10th thru August 11th, 2017:

- 1) The Haverstraw Collaborative continues to meet monthly at the Center.
- 2) Village Summer Camp - Camp began on Thursday, July 6th and will end on Friday, August 18th, having served 175 children. Camp will be hosting its annual field day on Wednesday, August 16th and will be ending the season with its Annual Talent Show to be held on Friday, August 18th.
- 3) Summer Youth Program for Teens – This program is for teens from 9 to 12 years of age and is a positive alternative program for the youth. The program runs from Monday through Friday from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM offering recreational, educational and volunteer opportunities for youth participating in the program this year.
- 4) Homework Help Program – This program will begin on September 5th with a total of 65 children from grades 3 through 12 signed up for this program.

- 5) Positive Alternatives – On Saturday, July 12th, staff member Tim Sanders, along with the group, attended a NY Giants practice held at Giants Stadium.

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then requested approval of the Board to change the date of the first Board Meeting for September to Tuesday, September 5th, due to the Labor Day Holiday on September 4th.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to move the first Board Meeting for September as stated above.

RESOLUTION #159-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Terence Watson
Motion Carries: All

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez:
The Deputy Mayor read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of July 8th through August 11th, 2017:

Miscellaneous inspections	-	261
Complaints	-	30
Municipal searches	-	11
Construction inspections	-	50
Violations/Tickets	-	43
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	10

Deputy Mayor Dominguez advised the public that Yoga continues to take place on Saturday mornings at Emeline Park and Zumba has begun on Sunday mornings at Emeline Park and both activities have been very successful.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of June 12th for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #160-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Terence Watson
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Dominguez wanted to inform the Board that she will be scheduling appointments within the next couple of weeks with each Department Head and the liaison from each department who will be taking over the Website.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mel Post: Mr. Post reported that he was at the promenade that day and the wires, etc. around the promenade have not been repaired, mentioning that fishermen and crabbers have been tying their gear to the wires. He then mentioned that the Village Website looks good, but would prefer that the minutes be closer to the date of the meeting.

Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio informed Mr. Post that the person who does the Minutes is retired and comes into the office at her convenience.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that the materials for the promenade have just recently been received by the DPW.

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

RESOLUTION #161-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terence Watson

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk