

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, July 10th, 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 Participation inviting the public to ask questions or make comments.

Victor Ferrera, 22 Broad Street: Mr. Ferrera had a complaint regarding the loud noise and music for 6 or 7 hours straight throughout the night, coming from Division Street to Broadway to Partition Street. He has called the Police several times only to be told they did not have enough cops to respond. He feels when anyone from the Village calls for the Police that they never have enough on duty to send to the Village, so he wonders where the Police protection is for the residents of the Village.

Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno informed Mr. Ferrera that he has spoken to the Mayor regarding this problem.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired of Mr. Ferrera the last time he called the Police for assistance.

Victor Ferrera: Mr. Ferrera responded he made phone calls to the Police approximately 9:00 PM on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the past week and every time he called he was told they did not have enough police on duty to send one to the Village. He has also made phone calls in the mornings and afternoons, but always gets the same response, not enough police to send to the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained to Mr. Ferrera that there is a new Chief of Police in the Town of Haverstraw, Chief Murphy who was a Sergeant with the Village Police Department and is aware of the problems specific to the Village. The Mayor informed Mr. Ferrera that he would speak to the Chief about this problem the following day. The Mayor also stated that he is going to ask the Chief to have his officer's give out tickets from now on instead of just issuing warnings, which are evidently not working.

Judith Curcio, Village Clerk/Treasurer: Ms. Curcio informed the Board that several of Mr. Ferrera's neighbors also called the Village Hall to complain about the noise and music that was blasting at all hours of the night.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine is still concerned about the amount of gravel and rocks being dropped on the overpass by Tilcon trucks. He is aware that the Board has addressed this matter before but he has noticed it happening again with a lot of debris on the roadway, which seems to be getting worse. He feels this issue needs to be addressed again with Tilcon.

Stuart Suchotliff, 1313 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Suchotliff thanked the Board for having new ropes installed along the Promenade, however, he mentioned the wires still need to be taken care of.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that Robert Drexler, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works (DPW) ordered the equipment from the fence company, however, when Mr. Drexler inquired about the order the person from the fence company said an order was never placed, to which Mr. Drexler responded that he had placed the order and had the e-mail to prove it. There was a miscommunication at the fence company, therefore, the equipment was never ordered. The Mayor announced that as soon as the equipment is received DPW will make the necessary repairs.

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff mentioned that he was at the Farmer's Market that past Sunday and it was minimally populated by vendors and inquired if there is any way to get more vendors for the market. He feels the community deserves better than what they are getting in this instance.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez informed Mr. Suchotliff that the Village lost one of its farmers and is trying to find another, but it has been a difficult process.

Stuart Suchotliff: Not knowing the logistics of the situation, Mr. Suchotliff wondered why it is so hard to get vendors when other markets are very well attended because they have a multitude of farmers, etc. offering such a variety of goods to the public. He feels that with the amount of effort that is put into the market, there is just not a good return ratio.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor disagreed with Mr. Suchotliff stating that the only really successful Farmer's Market in Rockland is the Nyack Farmer's Market on Thursday's in the downtown. He mentioned that many others including Suffern have closed.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez reported that Pearl River, Stony Point and West Haverstraw have all closed their markets. She mentioned that people come from throughout the County to the Village Farmer's Market.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor also mentioned that the farmer who left the market, left without giving a reason but he made a great deal of money at the Village market and stated that the previous year was his most successful ever. The Mayor believes there may have been internal issues with the farm that caused them to leave. He also informed the public that the farmers who are still here sell out every week.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez has been speaking with other vendors, but in the meantime, the market has been busy and the remaining farmers are pleased with the turnout. She also mentioned the vendors always sell out.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post questioned the Board as to their position on the Stony Point gasification plant.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded quite vigorously "OPPOSED". He stated that the Village Board will do everything in its power to stop the gasification plant because there would be 400 or more trucks per day that will be coming right through our Village, as well as through the Village of West Haverstraw and the Town of Clarkstown, but will never have to go through the Town of Stony Point. All of the negative impact, including the pollution, will affect the people of the Village of Haverstraw and the Village of West Haverstraw and will not have any effect on the people of Stony Point. The Town of Stony Point does not seem to care about how these

negativities may affect the children in the schools in these areas, the senior citizens living in these areas, the grocery stores where people shop, etc.

Mel Post: Mr. Post feels this will have a major negative impact on our community. Mr. Post then inquired if the Streetscape Project would be completed after the installation of the sidewalks and street lighting or would there be additional items under this project.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that the streets themselves have to be milled and paved. There will also be new trash receptacles installed and Broadway will be repaved from Warren Avenue to the bank corner where a new traffic light will be installed. Once that has been completed the contractors will mill and pave Main Street and New Main Street, with new street lamps and trees being installed/planted as the streets are completed.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired if there will be anything done with the facades on the buildings.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that façade work would not be done as part of the Streetscape Project.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez informed Mr. Post that new signage for many of the buildings will be done under a different program.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then remarked about the Main Street area in Beacon where they have removed all the apartments from the first floors of the buildings and where apartments are no longer allowed. These spaces have been completely filled in with retail businesses and the Town has achieved a complete turnaround.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that the Village currently does not allow any new apartments on the ground floor of any of its buildings in the downtown area. The Board cannot do anything about those with apartments that have been in existence for 30 or more years so until there is a demand for more retail business the landlords will likely keep the ground floor apartments. The Mayor also mentioned that several years ago the Board tried to get the landlords to change over and offered incentives to do so, however, only one building owner on Main Street was interested.

Mayor Kohut: With no further input from the public, the Mayor continued with the agenda for that night's meeting with a presentation regarding a Beer & Food Festival.

Jared Rodriguez, Stony Point, NY: Mr. Rodriguez, Principal Emergent Urban Concepts, along with Tom Ossa of Stony Point, President of the North Rockland Chamber of Commerce and Magda Truchan of Harbors in Haverstraw, Resident/Founder of Pretty Cripple were there to seek approval of the Board to host a "Craft Beer & Food Festival" in October of this year, with the exact date to be determined if approved by the Board.

Tom Ossa, Stony Point, NY: Mr. Ossa expressed their desire to hold a "Beer & Food Festival" in the Village to expand on the success of the "Flavors of Haverstraw Food Crawl" which garnered positive publicity for the downtown business district this past June. They have held several meetings in this regard and would like to be able to bring more people into the Village for different events.

Jared Rodriguez: Mr. Rodriguez feels this event could draw visitors from throughout the region and could provide a significant revenue boost for participating downtown restaurants and other businesses as did the "Food Crawl".

Magda Truchan: Ms. Truchan has spoken with representatives from the Haverstraw RiverArts who hosted several food crawls this past year, but due to limited resources RiverArts is unable to host this proposed event this year, but would be willing to host the event next year. The Chamber is therefore coming before the Board seeking approval to hold a craft beer and food festival this coming October.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired what they are envisioning to happen at this event if approved for this year.

Jared Rodriguez: Mr. Rodriguez believes that they can get an even bigger turnout than that of the food crawl, but it would be limited to the number of people that would fit under a tent with tables, the size of which would depend upon the location of the event. He is predicting approximately 1,500 people, but indicated that they would do a presale of 400 tickets; 200 for noon entrance and 200 for a 2:30 PM entrance. They would like the location to be within close proximity to the downtown restaurants to help boost their sales. The festival would require closure of whatever street is used for a seated tent area with beer garden style tables where people could enjoy their food and drinks. Outdoor seating is always a good option for people to enjoy, which was brought to their attention by many people at the Food Crawl, and this would also keep the restaurants from being overcrowded as some were during the food crawl. They were also thinking about selling "sponsorships/memberships" to the businesses in the Village to advertise their establishments during the festival.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez inquired of Mr. Rodriguez why he feels village membership in the Chamber is so low.

Jared Rodriguez: Mr. Rodriguez feels it is so low because people from the Chamber are not here in the Village that often. All the members are running their own businesses and therefore are not able to come into the Village often. There is some representation from the Village, but not as much as there should be.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez feels that most people do not understand what the Chamber of Commerce does or the full concept of what it is all about. She also added that most of the restaurants and businesses in the Village are small businesses owned by Hispanics so she believes there must be someone Spanish speaking from the Chamber who can come in and talk to the business owners and fully explain what it is that they want to do to help build their establishments.

Jared Rodriguez: Mr. Rodriguez stated that the Chamber would like to step up and be the primary sponsor of the event, however, if they are not able to do that next year, RiverArts would be willing to step into that position.

Tom Ossa: Mr. Ossa also feels that it has been very hard to get some of the businesses to contribute even \$50.00 to help defray the cost to put on some of the events, which is why the business owners need to understand that these events are only going to help their businesses grow, bringing more and more people into the downtown. Mr. Ossa also feels it is necessary for the government and other organizations to help the business

owners comprehend and appreciate what they can make happen and goals that can be reached through such activities being held here in the Village.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez feels that this is a great idea and anything that attracts people to the Village will give them the opportunity to see the positive side of the Village instead of the negative feelings that are out there about us. She feels people need to explore and learn about the different cultures in our diverse community. Unfortunately, a lot of the business owners do not understand the concept of something like a food crawl or other festivals and that they would bring monetary gains to the community.

Jared Rodriguez: He mentioned that they have developed a model for membership, which he believes can work and can be used for other business endeavors also. He explained that they have started doing memberships for \$12.00 per month, with a full year's membership costing \$125.00.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez inquired about the number of members currently involved with the Chamber.

Jared Rodriguez: Mr. Rodriguez responded approximately 65 members.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned he would also like to see the Street Fair resurrected in the Village and would like to talk to the Chamber about that, especially with the completion of the Streetscape by next year.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez felt that could even tie in wonderfully with the "Beer & Food Fest" for next year. She mentioned that people have actually spoken to her about the Street Fair. She feels that could be a really great thing for the Village.

Jared Rodriguez: Mr. Rodriguez wishes it would be possible to activate the ferry again, which always brought people to the Village for the Street Fair and people have spoken to him about it. He feels the Village would have to create an event with a lot of activities, which a combined Street Fair and Beer and Food Fest could do for the Village, especially as the Mayor said, the Streetscape would be complete making the downtown very inviting to visitors from all over.

Joel I. A. Santana: Trustee Santana inquired if the Chamber has been in touch with the brewery at the Garnerville Terminal.

Jared Rodriguez: Mr. Rodriguez responded that they have and it is their hope that they would get involved as well as all the other breweries in Rockland.

Magda Truchan: Ms. Truchan has been in touch with Michael Kruger, a beer dealer, who has told her that he already has 10 breweries that would be interested. She also mentioned that Mr. Kruger would be a big help in putting on this type of event in the Village. And she mentioned that in the past few years these "Brew Fests" have been popping up and have grown very popular, with 1 fest that she knows of having over 100 breweries involved. That is not what she wants for the Village, but to be able to start with 15 to 20 breweries would be fantastic for the Village.

Joel I. A. Santana: Trustee Santana believes that even if the Village could get all the breweries in Rockland it would be a fantastic start.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez inquired if the Chamber will be doing another Food Crawl in October to which Ms. Truchan responded no because there are just too many things going on this fall, including the RiverArts Festival. They are hoping to attract more people to join the Chamber and be able to help out with everything they would like to do.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez suggested having someone write an article to send to the Journal News and other media sources with regard to the RiverArts and what they are attempting to do to draw more people to the beautiful riverfront communities and also ask for volunteers to help with the many festivals, etc. and perhaps get a story out of it.

Jared Rodriguez: Mr. Rodriguez mentioned that "Sivnet", which is basically a volunteer opportunity board, is going to be launched soon in Rockland County, which would be another way to get people involved. He feels that most people don't know that they can get involved in all these different activities, so this would be a great way to get the word out.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that the next step is to see if the Beer Fest is something that the Board would like to pursue and if so, to pick a Sunday, which is the least busy day in the downtown.

Jared Rodriguez: Mr. Rodriguez suggested perhaps closing off the first block of Main Street for the event, which would put people in close proximity to the restaurants and would not disturb the flow of traffic, especially for buses who would still be able to make their usual turns onto Broadway.

Terrance Watson: Trustee Watson suggested also closing off that part of West Street close to Broadway and utilize the parking lot behind Unoodles for additional space.

Magda Truchan: Ms. Truchan feels that it should be in areas where it will be seen and create a whole vibe to attract people and feels it would be hidden in that parking lot.

Tom Ossa: Mr. Ossa also feels that using that area would reduce the amount of parking for the event. He feels parking is going to be at a minimum if any of the downtown parking lots are used and there should be as many parking lots left open as possible. They would prefer having it in places where the facades and the streetscape are visible to the public. They were even thinking of having the tables numbered and the restaurants could deliver food to the tables under the tents.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor feels that having some of the Village Food Trucks placed in areas accessible to people would be a good addition.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez suggested closing off the 2nd and 3rd block on New Main Street, which would hopefully provide enough room for tables to be set up.

Magda Truchan: Ms. Truchan feels if the Board can help the Chamber with the locations, etc. this will turn out to be a great event for the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor also mentioned that they would have to figure out the expenses involved as well, with tents, tables & chairs, etc., remembering too with the tents that the street is only 50 feet wide and he does not want anything being secured into the new sidewalks and roads.

Jared Rodriguez: Mr. Rodriguez stated that the Chamber will also be putting money into this festival and do a ticket presale so there would be some funds to work with. Also, he feels everyone has to keep in mind if they do a presale and don't sell any tickets the festival would have to be cancelled, so they want to market the festival and start presales very early on. They know there is a demand for this type of festival, and would like to aim for mid October, perhaps October 21st or 22nd.

Joel I. A. Santana: Trustee Santana inquired who would be overlooking who is drinking, etc.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that the Village cannot order the Police to be around but he is sure they would be for this event.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez also mentioned that someone would have to be watching that people are over 21 to be drinking.

Tom Ossa: Mr. Ossa informed the Board that the Garner Arts Gala is scheduled for the middle of October but is held at night from 7:00 to 10:00 PM.

Magda Truchan: Ms. Truchan inquired if there is anything else going on in the Village that weekend that they should be aware of.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the art students will be painting the windows in the downtown for Halloween, but also the Board needs to think about where the Streetscape Project will be at that point. He believes the contractors will be coming up from the river to Main Street at the bank corner and should be finished there around October 1st, unless they run into obstacles. He will double check on that with the contractors.

Jared Rodriguez: Mr. Rodriguez stated that they would also like to include some of the local history of the Village going back to General Andre's meetings and capture history in their ads.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned that there may be a possibility of borrowing the Town's picnic tables from Bowline since it will be after their high season. He will inquire about that.

Jared Rodriguez: Mr. Rodriguez informed the Board that they have already started talking to some of the business owners including Bella Sofia who would be interested in making large "Beer Garden Pretzels" for the event and Lucas's who is going to start making "Bacon Chocolate Bars", which would go so well with beer. So there is a lot of excitement about the possibility of a Beer/Food Fest in the Village. They will be back in a couple of weeks with enough information to hopefully move forward with this event.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood reported that the MiTierra Restaurant owner and the building owner have been served with a "Public Nuisance Lawsuit" and believes that the Red Tomato Restaurant may be the next one served.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio gave the following report for the months of March, April and May, 2017:

<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	\$3,753,752.00
<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	\$ 812,254.00

Ms. Curcio had nothing further to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the Village now has a new Website which includes videos, is much more user friendly and is much easier for the Village to update. The Website will be ready to go live within the next couple of days thanks to the assistance provided by Deputy Mayor Dominguez with the contractor, Igniting Media.

The Mayor received a request from the residents of West Street to have additional speed humps installed. They fear for the small children and many senior citizens living there because there is an enormous amount of traffic on West Street and most don't bother to slow down. The residents feel there is a need for additional speed humps. The Board will consider installing 1 or 2 speed additional speed humps on West Street.

The Mayor requested authorization of the Board to sign the 2017 SNUG Contract with the County in the amount of \$11,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2017 SNUG Contract as stated above.

RESOLUTION #133-2017

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the purchase of a Type 2 Sound Level Meter Kit at a cost of \$868.25.

RESOLUTION #134-2017

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

The Mayor reported the need to install a new service ladder to the roof and a new roof hatch to the Village building at 25 Fairmount Avenue. The Board has received an estimate from H.T. Welding in the amount of \$550.00 to remove the wooden ladder and install a metal ladder, plus a quote of \$835.43 for a new roof hatch from Beckerle Lumber.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve removal of the wooden ladder and installation of a metal ladder at 25 Fairmount Avenue as stated above.

RESOLUTION #135-2017

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

The Mayor then entertained a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Thomas Watson, Sr. from the Village Planning Board effective June 30, 2017.

RESOLUTION #136-2017

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

The Mayor entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing with regard to the MS-4 Report (Storm Water Management requirements) for August 14th at 7:05 PM.

RESOLUTION #137-2017

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

The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the “Amended Negative Declaration of the Notice of Determination of Non-Significance” for the Henry Hudson Quadricentennial Park Promenade along the waterfront. In order for the Village to proceed with the project, this is a requirement from NYSEQRA of the Environmental Conservation Law.

RESOLUTION #138-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
 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 ADJUSTMENT CORRECTION				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A1410.11	Clerk – Decrease		\$ 7,537.28	
A1325.01	Treasurer – Increase	\$ 7,537.28		
2016-2017 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
A1110.0400	Justice Contractual	\$ 1,400.00		
A1440.0410	Engineer Ferry Grant	\$ 3,400.00		
A8020.0400	Planning & Zoning	\$ 50.00		
A8510.0400	Beautification	\$ 3,600.00		
A5110.0400	Street Maintenance	\$ 1,600.00		
A7110.0420	Ball Park	\$ 2,300.00		
A3620.0400	Safety Inspector Cont.	\$ 300.00		
A9720.0700	Statutory Bond Interest		\$ 12,650.00	
A5110.0420	Street Maintenance/Road Repair		\$ 24,000.00	
A8110.0430	Sidewalks		\$ 13,000.00	
A9950.0900	Transfer to Capital Improvements			\$ 37,000.00
A9950.0900	Transfer to Capital Fund	\$ 24,860.06		
A0599.0300	App.Reserve for Capital Imp.			\$ 24,860.06

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

RESOLUTION #139-2017

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

The Mayor then mentioned that “Dancing Under the Stars” for June had to be cancelled due to rain and has been rescheduled with the band “Spectrum” for Friday, August 4th. The “Dancing Under the Stars” scheduled for August 18th will be held as planned. The band performing for that night will be “HeatedXchange”. He also reminded everyone that the Village Farmers Market will continue through the month of October.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno submitted the following application for admittance into the Haverstraw Fire Department:

Jose Ramon - Lady Warren Hose Co. #5

His application is complete and has been duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept Mr. Ramon into the Haverstraw Fire Department, assigned to Lady Warren Hose Co. #5.

RESOLUTION #140-2017

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

Trustee Bueno then read the following report of fire activity for the month of June, 2017, submitted by Fire Chief Thomas Price:

Total Alarms	-	17
General Alarms	-	15
Special Calls	-	2
Mutual Aid Calls	-	0
Structure Fires	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	1
Dryer Fires	-	1
Pump Out	-	1
Gas Leaks	-	2
Good Intent/Misc.	-	3
Haz Mat Calls	-	1
False Alarms	-	7
Total Manpower Responding		- 253 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 July 10th, 2017:

- 1) Repaired 3 catch basins on Riverside Avenue. Replaced a pipe on 1 of them and repaired 1 on State Street.
- 2) Repaired ropes at the Harbors along walkway.
- 3) Put in new flower beds with trees and mulch on Lot #8.
- 4) Repaired floor in the trailer.
- 5) Put into service a new flatbed truck for barricades and misc. work.
- 6) Mulched all playgrounds.
- 7) Placed new benches and garbage cans at Rose Nelson Park.
- 8) Blacktopped Highland Avenue and State Street.
- 9) Cut and trimmed all vacant properties within the Village.
- 10) Fixed damaged fence at Emeline Park.
- 11) Removed a tree from Village on the Green Park.
- 12) Assisted SCS Engineering with work done at the Manny Lopez Baseball Field.

Trustee Watson then requested approval of the Board to hire Lamar Blair who currently works as a Part-time Laborer to the same position Full-time in order to fill a vacancy in that position.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the hiring of Lamar Blair as stated above.

RESOLUTION #141-2017

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

Trustee Watson then requested approval of the Board to hire Manuel De la Cruz as a seasonal worker.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the hiring of Manuel De la Cruz as stated above.

RESOLUTION #142-2017

Motion by: Terence Watson
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Abstain: Joel I. A. Santana
Motion Carries

Trustee Watson then informed the Board that one of the vehicles in the DPW fleet has a major amount of rusting in the rear of the truck and is basically unusable. Trustee Watson recommended that the Village purchase a 2016 Ford F150 for use by DPW Foreman Joseph Miller, from Schultz Ford at a cost of \$25,700.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the purchase of a 2016 Ford F150 as stated above.

RESOLUTION #143-2017

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

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel I. A. Santana: Trustee Santana had nothing to report.

Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio informed the public that the Village Day Camp started that past Thursday, with 176 applications to date. The Village is still accepting applications because not all applicants show up daily for camp.

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 June 10th thru July 7th, 2017:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	98
Complaints	-	20
Municipal searches	-	6
Construction inspections	-	12
Violations/Tickets	-	30
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	3

Fines collected at court - \$1,800.00

Deputy Mayor Dominguez then informed the Board that the NYS Liquor Authority had been to the Village several months back and suggested the Village purchase a Sound Meter Kit and send the Building Inspector to classes to become certified in usage of a sound meter. Ruben Berrios has gone for the training and now we will be purchasing the equipment.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez then mentioned that the following Thursday the Little League Championship kicks off in the State and they will be utilizing both the Haverstraw Little League Field and the Village's Manny Lopez Baseball Field. She mentioned that they are expecting approximately 1,000 people from all different states for the tournament.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff requested an update on the auto shop near the Harbors.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Suchotliff that the "Notice of Eviction" was delivered to the tenant but they have to wait for the Sheriff's Department to do the physical eviction, which is scheduled to occur on July 18th, he believes. He also informed Mr. Suchotliff that the property owner

has to supply men to remove everything from the premises and tow trucks to remove any cars that may be left, therefore everything should be done this month.

Denora (last name inaudible), 25 Broad Street: She informed the Board that she and all her neighbors on Broad and Division Streets have a problem sleeping at night with all the loud noise and blasting music. They call the Police, but as soon as they leave the noise and the music start up again.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired if it's more on Division Street or if it is equal on both streets to which she responded mostly on Division Street. The Mayor then asked if the noise is coming from houses or cars parked on the street.

Denora: She responded it is mostly from vehicles parking in the area, but then some of the people in the buildings come out and join them. She mentioned on Saturdays it could start at 2:00 in the afternoon and continue all through the night. She did mention that the Police do come and she thought that maybe putting up signs about blasting music might help. They are even trying to put together a neighborhood watch to report happenings in their area.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that if these people are not paying attention to the Police they are definitely not going to pay attention to any signs that might be there. He asked her if the Police are actually issuing tickets when they arrive. If the Police are just giving warnings and not issuing tickets this could be why it continues to happen. The Mayor mentioned again that there is a new Police Chief who is very familiar with the Village and the problems that occur here, so he will be reaching out to him to see if there is something he can do to resolve the problem. If the Police start to give tickets that will cost that person \$250.00, \$500.00 and more for repeat offenses, people will start to think twice about playing their loud music because now it is hitting them in their pockets.

Jay Hood, Esq.: Counselor Hood informed the public that it is the Police Department that handles these types of matters, and for the public to keep calling them.

Mel Post: Mr. Post suggested that these residents attend the Community Meeting held by the Town, because the Police are there as well as the Town Board.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed the public that the next meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 11th at Town Hall in Garnerville and if there are still problems at that time all the neighbors should attend this meeting.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez also informed the public that if at any time they want to speak to the Mayor and he is not available that they can stop in at her office on Broadway or at Trustee Bueno's business.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned that since the new Police Chief has been in office he has noticed an increase in patrols in the Village and the Officers are also walking the streets. The Board is hopeful that the Village is now going to see increased attention and protection from the Police Department.

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that they are having discussions with GDC and expect to have a meeting set up for the first week in August with all parties, including legal personnel, which will hopefully get things moving along. He then made the public aware of construction taking place on Riverside Avenue/Route 9W, directly south of the bus garage, where NYSDOT is doing repair work on the retaining wall, which is expected to take a couple of months to repair.

Jay Hood, Esq.: Counselor Hood was just informed that the eviction date for the auto shop is July 13th.

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

RESOLUTION #144-2017

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk