

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017, beginning at 7:00 PM.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting with the first Public Participation inviting people to ask questions or make comments.

Larry Levin, 1414 Round Point Drive: Mr. Levine brought to the Board's attention again that the wires along the Promenade have still not been repaired and also there are more lights out now than what he previously reported.

Robert Drexler, Superintendent, Department of Public Works (DPW): Mr. Drexler informed Mr. Levin that staff were on site at the Promenade the previous week and all were restored with the exception of 8 ballast lights. He then stated that the cable wires were ordered, however the wrong wires were delivered, therefore the wiring had to be reordered.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Point Drive: Mr. Post inquired if there was a synthetic product that could be used instead of the existing wiring and would last much longer.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that they have not found another product that would work in that area.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then informed the Board that the asphalt along the Promenade is loaded with large cracks.

Robert Drexler: Mr. Drexler offered to walk the promenade with the 2 gentlemen the following day to check out their findings.

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 requested the Mayor to make a motion declaring the Village Board as Lead Agency for the Environmental Review of the zoning changes regarding Special Use Criteria.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to declare the Village Board as Lead Agency as stated above.

RESOLUTION #165-2017

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

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

**VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio:** Ms. Curcio gave the following report for the months of June, July and August, 2017:

Total Disbursements	-	\$1,979,501.00
Total Revenue	-	\$7,785,722.00

Ms. Curcio had nothing further to report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:** The Mayor received 2 requests for "Handicapped Parking" signage; the 1<sup>st</sup> for 60 Hudson Avenue and the 2<sup>nd</sup> for 7 Broad Street/4 Division Street. The Board has reviewed both requests and determined the signage is unnecessary for both areas. The appropriate letters will be sent.

The Mayor received a request from Cosgriff Hose Co. #4 to return their meeting room back to the original floor plan. The Board has agreed to do so, to the extent that DPW can do the necessary work.

The Mayor then gave the following update on the "Streetscape Project" pointing out that all roadwork is planned for 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, but will be extended to 6:00 PM if more time is required:

- 1) Work around the Village Hall will be taken care of within the next couple of days.
- 2) Broadway (from Warren Avenue to West Street) will be closed to traffic on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> for milling.
- 3) Main Street and New Main Street will be milled on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> with 1 lane open for traffic.
- 4) Broadway (same as above) will be closed to traffic on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> for paving.
- 5) Main Street and New Main Street will be paved on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> with 1 lane open for traffic. If necessary paving will continue on Wednesday and will be weather dependent (cannot do paving in rainy conditions).
- 6) Manholes, gas lines and sewer drains will be protected with cold patch.

The Mayor requested authorization to purchase an additional 10 trash receptacles, to match the existing ones, from the Maglin Corporation at a cost of \$1,295.00 per container.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to purchase the trash receptacles.

RESOLUTION #166-2017

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

The Mayor suggested that the Village engage a testing company to do water and air testing in and around the Riverside Avenue/Dutchtown area due to concerns of residents about the air quality around the Tilcon Quarries and water quality from Suez Water. The Board was in agreement with the suggestion and authorized the mayor to move forward on the testing.

The Mayor reported that there was a portion of Route 9W that was inaccurately depicted as being in an R1 zone, which should have been a Highway Business Zone, therefore, he requested the Board to approve this change to the Village Zoning Map.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above revision to the Village Zoning Map as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #167-2017**

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

The Mayor requested approval of the Board to hire Berard & Associates to prepare an audit of the Justice Department for the 2016/2017 fiscal year at a cost of \$2,500.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion for an audit of the Justice Department as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #168-2017**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept with regret the resignation of Erica Alejandro, Administrative Assistant for the Building Department.

**RESOLUTION #169-2017**

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to hire Michelle Ventura to fill the vacated position in the Building Department, subject to final review and approval of the Building Inspector and the Commissioner.

**RESOLUTION #170-2017**

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

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- 1) The Village Farmer's Market will continue to be open on Sundays in front of the Village Hall through and including November 19<sup>th</sup> and on Wednesdays in the Justice Court Parking Lot through the end of October.
- 2) Dancing Under the Stars - Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> adjacent to the Village Hall.
- 3) RiverArts Festival – Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Emeline Park.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

**Mayor Kohut:**  
**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FIRE & ORDINANCES** – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno read the following Fire Department applications:

Allendy Duran	-	Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1
Victor Sanchez	-	Cosgriff Hose Co. #4

Both applications are fully completed and notarized.

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

**RESOLUTION #171-2016**

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

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson:**  
In the absence of Trustee Watson, Mayor Kohut read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works:

- 1) Trimmed and removed trees at Emeline Park and trees at the Harbors.
- 2) Cleared and paved the paper road extension of Springsteen Avenue between Rockland Auto Body and Dr. Waverly Circle.
- 3) Returned meters to the streets where they had been taken down for the Streetscape Project.
- 4) Repaired sidewalks on Gurnee Avenue by Village Mill and the curb at New Main Street & Hudson Avenue.
- 5) Replaced the signage on George Street adjacent to the Firehouse.
- 6) Repaired 2 damaged fences at Emeline Park and the African American Park.
- 7) Repaired 2 catch basins on Riverside Avenue by the cilos and sewer station.
- 8) Installed speed hump at Lakeview Court.
- 9) Cleaned fire prevention trailer for the upcoming “Fire Prevention” season.

There was nothing further to report.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel I. A. Santana:** Trustee Santana read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of September 5<sup>th</sup> thru September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

- 1) The Haverstraw Collaborative meets monthly to plan and promote activities for the betterment of the Community.

- 2) Homework Help Program began on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, with 65 children currently enrolled.
- 3) Spanish Speaking Parents Group will meet on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM at the Haverstraw Elementary School.
- 4) Late Night Fridays – This is a program run by staff member Tim Sanders and will begin on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 to 9 PM.
- 5) Strengthening Families will begin Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> with a total of 12 families registered.
- 6) Monthly Youth Celebration is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with “Caught Being Good”.
- 7) Jump Program will be starting on October 17<sup>th</sup> and is in dire need of Spanish speaking mentors. Volunteers can speak with Pete at the Center.

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

**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 September 6<sup>th</sup> thru September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

Miscellaneous inspections	-	64
Complaints	-	4
Municipal searches	-	2
Construction inspections	-	7
Violations/Tickets	-	24
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	8

Deputy Mayor Dominguez then informed the public that she and the Mayor met with the manager of Sherwin Williams with regard to work being done in the downtown. They are looking to partner with them for purchasing paint that the building owners and businesses will be able to purchase at a discount of 50%. They will be completing 1 model before the winter season and hope to have a program in place for the spring of 2018. Both she and the Mayor feel this is a great opportunity for the downtown businesses and property owners to upgrade the facades of their buildings.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

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

None.

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

RESOLUTION #172-2017

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk