

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, November 20th, 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 floor to the public for the first Public Participation portion of the meeting inviting people to ask questions or make comments.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post inquired if a Letter of Default on the Interim Agreement has been sent to Mr. Ginsburg.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that the Letter of Default has not yet been sent and there has been no communication with Mr. Ginsburg.

Artie Taub, 3304 Leewood Drive: Mr. Taub inquired about the Board's reaction to the meeting held the previous week with Tilcon.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor feels it was a good start for both the residents of Dutchtown and Tilcon, who will be paving the internal roads hoping that it will cut down on the dust situation. Tilcon will also be taking more air and water samplings, as they are obligated to do by law, in an attempt to prove to the public that there is nothing carcinogenic or dangerous from the dust emanating from the plant.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood was absent from the meeting.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor advised the public that the Streetscape project is nearing completion with just some minor items to be taken care of, some of which will have to wait for spring. He mentioned that over the winter the contractors will have a grinding machine at the Chair Factory to grind up all the materials, which will be left as base material at that site.

The Mayor reported that there has been a problem with the HVAC unit that covers the Board Room, the Mayor's office and the Justice Court. The unit will be replaced by AAA Cooleration with a new Carrier brand rooftop unit. The cost, including use of a crane, is \$13,995.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the replacement of the air conditioning unit at Village Hall as stated above.

RESOLUTION #211-2017

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

The Mayor pointed out that the Clove & Maple Avenue – MGP site across from Maple Terrace Apartments was at one time a manufacturing gas plant owned by Orange & Rockland (O&R) and its predecessor companies at the turn of the century and it had been contaminated by coal tar and needs to be cleaned. O & R is moving forward with the clean-up project and will be holding a public information meeting within the next 2 months to discuss the matter.

Moving forward, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve a request from Janet Elliott for a disabled parking spot in front of her home at 57 Clove Avenue due to her disabilities for which she has received a requisite handicapped permit from the Town of Haverstraw Police Department.

RESOLUTION #212-2017

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to schedule the following Public Hearings:

- 1) Feral Cat Law – December 18th at 7:05 PM
- 2) Section 191-1 Amendment (household/commercial waste not in public containers) – December 18th at 7:10 PM

RESOLUTION #213-2017

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

The Mayor received a request from the Village Clerk/Treasurer for 2 staff members, Rolanda & Mariely, to attend a class on Facebook/Social Media Training at the RCC Branch in Haverstraw, at a cost of \$150.00 each.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the request for training as stated above.

RESOLUTION #214-2017

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to change the January, 2018 meeting dates to Tuesday, January 2nd and Tuesday, January 16th due to the holidays that fall on Mondays during the month.

RESOLUTION #215-2017

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 ADJUSTMENTS				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A8120.0400	Sanitary Sewer Contractual	\$ 5,000.00		
A1990.0400	Contingent Account		\$ 5,000.00	
A1620.0420	Building Dept. Repair	\$ 14,995.00		
A1990.0400	Contingent Account		\$ 14,995.00	

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

RESOLUTION #216-2017

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

The Mayor reminded everyone that free holiday parking in the Village will begin on December 18th and end on January 2nd and that the Annual Holidays in Haverstraw Celebration will be held on Saturday, December 2nd.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno had nothing 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 November 20th, 2017:

- 1) Repaired damaged gate at Santiago Avenue.
- 2) Repaired damaged banner at Short Clove Road.
- 3) Repaired guardrail on West Broad Street.
- 4) Connected all Christmas lights throughout the Village.
- 5) Prepped plows and replaced blades for snow season.
- 6) Staff attended a defensive driving class on November 13th.
- 7) Cleaned graffiti from various street signs.
- 8) Installed overnight parking signs on Lincoln Street, as well as signage at the Division Street Park.
- 9) Cameras in downtown area are up and running.

Trustee Watson then mentioned that the Street Sweeper the Village purchased less than 1 year ago was down more than it was working, therefore, he requested the Board's authorization to purchase a 2015 Tymco Model 435 Street Sweeper demo from Trius, Inc. at a cost of \$140,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the purchase of a street sweeper as stated above.

RESOLUTION #217-2017

Motion by: Terence Watson
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
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:

- 1) The Haverstraw Collaborative continues to meet at the Center on the first Wednesday of each month.
- 2) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group continues to meet at the Center.
- 3) Homework Help is being provided to approximately 60 students on a daily basis.
- 4) All other programs are in progress at the Center and anyone interested in information on any of the programs can call 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 November 7th through November 17th, 2017:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	42
Complaints	-	7
Municipal searches	-	5
Construction inspections	-	4
Violations/Tickets	-	8
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	6

Fines collected at court - \$3,375.00

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
OLD BUSINESS
None.

Mayor Kohut:
NEW BUSINESS
None.

Mayor Kohut:
2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Artie Taub: Mr. Taub inquired if the roof of Village Hall is structurally sound, to which the Mayor responded, "Yes".

Mel Post: Mr. Post then questioned why a default letter has not gone out yet to Mr. Ginsburg.

The Mayor responded that there are procedural steps that must be addressed before anything further can be done.

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

RESOLUTION #218-2017

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk