

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, December 4th, 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: The Mayor opened the meeting with the first Public Participation inviting people to ask questions or make comments.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport feels the downtown area is in dire need of more parking enforcement, litter control and taxi control.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that the only thing that can be done is to get the Police to step up their reinforcement of the parking issues, which he has requested and will continue requesting of them. With reference to the garbage, the Building Inspector will be visiting all the businesses and apartments to inform them that they will have to start taking care of the areas in front of their buildings. He mentioned that more street receptacles have been ordered for the downtown and the Board is hopeful that everyone will abide by the regulations.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport requested an update on the new sweeper.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the other sweeper basically did not working properly from the time of delivery and thanked Counselor Hood for his efforts in getting the Village their money back on that sweeper. The Village was then able to purchase a new sweeper at a lesser price from a different company because it was a demo unit and once it has been property registered it will be put to work on the Village streets.

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that the Village has not yet received a response to that letter and he could not say anything further on this matter at the present time.

Mel Post: Regardless of what happens, Mr. Post inquired if Mr. Ginsburg will be able to continue building on Site A.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that Mr. Ginsburg has rights to the additional 49 units on Site A, but has no other rights beyond that. He owns some property on Site B, but does not own the DPW property, which is where he intended to continue construction.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then requested an update on the Chair Factory and if the settlement was accepted.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the settlement offer was rejected and the Village is appealing the Judge's award, which could take anywhere

from 6 months to a year. He also mentioned that the Village has a proposed rendering for the site.

Stu Suchotliff, 1413 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Suchotliff wanted to know how the Village can proceed with renderings if a settlement was not accepted.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Village has already been sitting on the property for 8 or 9 years and will try to maximize whatever amount it can to override the loses and if the Village sells or develops the property anything the Village acquires has to go toward that debt. He explained that if the Court rendered a bad decision and overcharged the Village, which the Board feels they have, the Village is still obligated to pay whatever amount the Court decides.

Stu Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff inquired if the Village is looking to sell the property.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Village is simply looking at ways to maximize what can be done with the property and has people working on it who have expertise in this kind of matter. The Board is hopeful that they will help the Village recover the maximum amount of money possible.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired if there has been any unsolicited interest in the property.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that several years ago the Village hired realtors who brought in people interested in the property, however, since that time the Village has pulled it off the market.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport informed the Board that the Samsondale Avenue Bridge will soon be out of service, which will surely affect access to and from the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that in a fire emergency, the Village will be assisting the West Haverstraw Fire Department with anything on this side of the bridge.

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

Mayor :

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood was absent from this meeting due to responsibilities at the County, however, he did request the Mayor to schedule a Public Hearing for January 16th at 7:05 PM for the Use of Streets Local Law, a proposal to amend §165 of the Village Code to keep people from soliciting for money on local roads. He mentioned that a firefighter was hit while participating in a highway solicitation some years back.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on the “Use of Streets” Local Law for 7:05 PM on Monday, January 16, 2018.

RESOLUTION #219-2017

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:

The Mayor entertained a motion to continue the contract with Pest Shield Corp. for termite control service at Relief Hose Co. #3 Firehouse on Conklin Avenue, which will run from January 1st, 2018 thru December 31st, 2018 at a cost of \$425 per year.

RESOLUTION #220-2017

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing him to sign the 2017 OASIS contract with the County of Rockland for continued services provided at the Youth & Family Services Center.

RESOLUTION #221-2017

Motion by: Terence Watson
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor then reminded everyone that there will be free holiday parking in the downtown business district from December 18th thru January 2nd.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor announced that during 2017 the Village received just over \$50,000.00 in income from the movies and TV shows filmed in the Village. "RISE" the TV show that spent the most money will be a mid-season replacement for NBC and they believe they will be picked up for another season, meaning they will be back to the Village for more filming.

The Mayor announced the following:

2017 APPOINTED VILLAGE OFFICIALS & TERMS OF OFFICE:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Village Attorney	J. Nelson Hood, Jr.	1 year
Assistant Village Attorney	Dennis Michaels	1 year
Village Assessor	Edye McCarthy	1 year
Village Engineer	Brooker Engineering	1 year
Village Historian	Stephen Cobb	1 year
Acting Village Justice	Luis A. Torres	1 year
Clerk to Justice Court	Esther White	1 year
Associate Justice Clerk	Toni Jones	1 year
Dir. Disaster Preparedness	Fire Chief 4-1	1 year
Deputy Dir. Disaster Prep.	Assistant Chief 4-2	1 year
Registrar Vital Statistics	Judith Curcio	1 year
Deputy Registrar	Isabel Gonzalez-Soto	1 year

PLANNING BOARD

5 Year Term Edward Molina – renew
Planning Bd. Chair Joseph Natale 1 year

ZONING BOARD

5 Year Term Edwin Rivera – renew
Zoning Bd. Chair Edwin Rivera 1 year

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

ARB Chair Jean Gitlin 1 year

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above appointments as stated.

RESOLUTION #222-2017

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

COMMISSIONERS (appointments by Mayor)

Building & Code Enforcement Commissioner Emily Dominguez
Fire Commissioner Rafael Bueno, Sr.
Public Works Commissioner Terrance Watson
Youth & Family Services Commissioner Joel I. A. Santana

DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Board of Trustees of the Village of Haverstraw is designating banks and trust companies located within the Town of Haverstraw to be used as depositories of all monies received by the Village Treasurer, Clerk and Receiver of Taxes;
- 2) That this resolution is effective immediately.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Designated Depositories as stated above.

RESOLUTION #223-2017

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

ADOPTING PROCUREMENT POLICY

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Board of Trustees is adopting the Procurement Policy as described in Section 54 requiring competitive bidding, with an award to the lowest bidder, after public advertisement in the official newspaper of the municipality, for purchases in excess of \$20,000.00 and contracts for services in excess of \$35,000.00.
- 2) That the Board of Trustees is designating the following municipal officers as the persons responsible for purchasing decisions:
 - a) Village Mayor
 - b) Village Trustees
 - c) Village Treasurer
 - d) Village Deputy Treasurer
- 3) That his resolution is effective immediately.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to adopt the Procurement Policy as stated above.

RESOLUTION #224-2017

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

ADVANCE APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

NOW BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Board of Trustees authorizes payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, insurance premiums, postage, freight and express charges and preapproved contracted services. All such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit and the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claims are jointly and severally liable for any amount the Board of Trustees disallows.
- 2) That this resolution is effective immediately.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Advanced Approval of Claims as stated above.

RESOLUTION #225-2017

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

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Board of Trustees shall approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of \$.535 per mile.
- 2) That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Mileage Allowance as stated above.

RESOLUTION #226-2017

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

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS AND CONFERENCES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Board of Trustees must approve the attendance at such school or conference prior to attendance.
- 2) That this resolution is effective immediately.

Mayor entertained a motion to approve Attendance at Schools & Conferences as stated.

RESOLUTION #227-2017

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

STANDARD WORK DAYS – ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Haverstraw, be and hereby establishes the following as a stand workday for elected and appointed officials for the purpose of determining days worked reportable top New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System:

- 1) ELECTED OFFICIALS: Five day work week, six hours per day for the Mayor, Trustees and Village Justice.
- 2)
- 3) APPOINTED OFFICIALS: Five day work week, six hours per day for the Acting Village Justice, Members of the Zoning Board, Members of the Planning Board and Members of the Architectural Review Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the standard work days for elected and appointed officials as stated above.

RESOLUTION #228-2017

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

STANDARD WORK DAYS – APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Haverstraw, be and hereby establishes the following as a standard workday for elected and appointed officials for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System:

- Accountant
- Assessor
- Assistant Village Attorney
- Camp Director
- Court Attendants
- Crossing Guards
- Custodians
- Fire Alarm Mechanic
- Parking Enforcement Aides
- Village Attorney

Five day work week, 7 hours per day.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Standard Work Days for Appointed Officials and Other as stated above.

RESOLUTION #229-2017

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

The Mayor read the following adjustments to the 2017-2018 budget year submitted by Joseph Modafferi, Village Accountant:

2017-2018 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A3320.0410	Meter Replacement	\$ 3,100.00		
A1990.0400	Contingent Account		\$ 3,100.00	

Mayor entertained a motion to approve the above budget adjustments.

RESOLUTION #230-2017

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

The Mayor reminder everyone that there is "Free Parking" in the downtown from Monday, December 18th, 2017 thru and including January 1st, 2018.

Mayor :
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – **Trustee Rafael Bueno:** Trustee Bueno read the following report of fire activity for the month of November, 2017, submitted by Fire Chief Thomas Price:

Total Alarms	-	13
General Alarms	-	11
Special Calls	-	2
Mutual Aid Calls	-	0
Chimney Fire	-	1
Vehicle Fire	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	4
Mulch/Rubbish	-	1
Carbon Monoxide Calls	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	2
False Alarms	-	2

Total Manpower Responding - 309 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 December 4th, 2017:

- 1) Finished paving alleyways and roads for the season.
- 2) Placed new banners on all light poles in the downtown business district.
- 3) Put up tree and lights at the Community Center.
- 4) Installed alternate side of the street overnight parking signs on Wayne Street.
- 5) Installed handicap sign at 57 Clove Avenue.
- 6) Replaced all faded signage throughout the Village.
- 7) Installed 10 parking meters.
- 8) Repaired Broadway and Clinton Street catch basins.
- 9) The new street sweeper was put into service that day.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut mentioned that the Board met with Suez Water that week and they will begin Monday with work on the Union, Orchard and Broadway to move all the services onto the 8 inch water main. The work will begin on December 11th and take approximately 3 to 4 weeks to complete. They do not expect any disruption in water service.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana did not have a report from the Center, but mentioned that Wednesday, December 6th The Haverstraw Collaborative would be holding a poverty simulation informative event to demonstrate low income living in the community.

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 20th thru December 1st, 2017:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	42
Complaints	-	6
Municipal searches	-	0
Construction inspections	-	4
Violations/Tickets	-	0
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	3

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor :

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor :

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor :

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport wanted the Board to know that the new lights in the downtown area look great and was wondering when O&R would be removing the old ones.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor thanked Mr. Rappaport, informing him that they will be removed some time in the near future, when the company the Village hired will do a survey of the lighting requirements through the Village to see where there is an excess of lighting and where there is a shortage. The Board is assuming that most old lighting will be removed. The new lighting is LED, which will provide a huge savings of roughly 70% in energy costs.

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

RESOLUTION #231-2017

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk