

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 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 portion of the meeting, however, since there were no people in attendance at that time, he continued with the agenda for the meeting, a Public Hearing to amend Village Law #165-8 "Use of Streets".

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing stated above inviting Village Attorney, Jay Hood, Jr. to present the amendment.

RESOLUTION #10-2018

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

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood explained that this amendment to §165-8 of the Village Local Law makes it unlawful for anyone to solicit money or contributions directly from an occupant of any vehicle traveling upon a public street, interstate or highway, including an intersection where there is a traffic device.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor and the Board feel it is not safe for anyone to be standing in the middle of the street for collection purposes and mentioned also that at one point there was a group of girls supposedly collecting money on the highway for their volleyball team, which turned out to be a scam.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #11-2018

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the amendment to §165-8 of the Village Local Law.

RESOLUTION #12-2018

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

Mayor Kohut:

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.:** Counselor Hood reported that the Board requested him to research information regarding a "Fit for Duty

Medical Exam & Policy” in the event an employee has or may develop medical issues that would deter him/her from performing the duties required in his/her job description. He is hoping to have a draft ready to present to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

**MAYOR’S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:** The Mayor announced that the Board received a “Thank You” letter from Vanessa Lopez for allowing her to move from her clerical position at the Community Center to the clerical position at the Department of Public Works (DPW).

The Mayor received a request from the Quisqueya Club to hold a flag raising event on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM in honor of the Dominican Independence Day.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the raising of the Dominican flag as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #13-2018**

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

Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio informed the Board that members of the “Rockland Universal Lions Club” approached her that day about holding 2 carnivals in the Village. She informed them that they might not be granted 2 different time slots.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez stated that someone also approached her about holding a 10 day carnival in the Village and she informed them that the most the Village has ever allowed is a Thursday to Sunday time slot. She also informed the person that there are carnivals currently on the schedule and they would need to send a formal request to the Board.

Leo Martinez, Upper Nyack, New York: Mr. Martinez is a member of the newly formed Rockland Universal Lions Club (RULC) and was at this meeting to request approval for RULC to hold a carnival in the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired of Mr. Martinez how this club is different than the other Lions Clubs.

Leo Martinez: Mr. Martinez responded that it is not different; it is a newly established club to encompass the entire county, not just Haverstraw.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired if the Hispanic Lions Club is still in existence to which he was informed it would be closing. Mr. Martinez was then informed that he would have to submit a letter to the Board with their carnival request.

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to move the February 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, due to the President’s Day holiday. He

announced that the Annual Board of Assessment Review will also be held that day from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

**RESOLUTION #14-2018**

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

The Mayor received a request from Rafael Bueno, 21 New Main Street, for a Special Permit to allow a residential barbershop in an upstairs portion of the building, with the front being turned into a deli.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood mentioned that the Village will have to declare itself as Lead Agency for this application and a Public Hearing would have to be scheduled.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to declare itself Lead Agency for a Special Permit Application for an in-home barber shop and to hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> with regard to this application.

**RESOLUTION #15-2018**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the OASAS Agreement with the County, with the Village to receive \$217,026.00.

**RESOLUTION #16-2018**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the 2018 Toshiba Copy Machine Contract for the Village Hall, Building Department and DPW, at a total cost of \$304.87 per month.

**RESOLUTION #17-2018**

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
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 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 January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

- 1) Staff painted walls at the DPW garage.
- 2) Continued repairs at the Cosgriff Hose Firehouse #4.
- 3) Filled in potholes with cold patch throughout the Village.
- 4) Repaired the leak at the Community Center.
- 5) Staff called out for snow storms on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- 6) From January 2<sup>nd</sup> thru January 5<sup>th</sup> the department worked on snow removal throughout the Village.
- 7) Trucks were thoroughly cleaned after each storm.

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 for the period of January 3<sup>rd</sup> thru January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

- 1) THE HAVERSTRAW COLLABORATIVE continues to meet monthly at the Center.
- 2) THE SPANISH SPEAKING PARENTS GROUP: This group continues to meet monthly at the Center.
- 3) JUMP PROGRAM: In progress.
- 4) HOMEWORK HELP: Help given on a daily basis to students in need.
- 5) POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES: On January 3<sup>rd</sup> youth from the Center visited with Senior Citizens at the Haverstraw Place.
- 6) All other programs are in progress at the Center and anyone interested in information on any program can call the Center or visit the Village Website.

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 January 8<sup>th</sup> thru January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	49
Complaints	-	5
Municipal searches	-	3
Construction inspections	-	2
Violations/Tickets	-	2
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	2

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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**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 in memory of Fines Dominguez, Kenny Henriquez, Billy Kerbly and Milagros Guzman. The Mayor requested a moment of silence for the deceased.

**RESOLUTION #18-2018**

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk