

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, March 5th, 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 floor to the public for the first Public Participation inviting people to ask questions or make comments.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport informed the Board that the "5 Minute" parking sign in front of the bodega is missing and people are now parking there all day long.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that those "5 Minute" parking signs created many problems, therefore the Board decided to take them all down.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport then mentioned that many of his customers have been commenting about how great the Village looks, however, there is still a big problem with the litter on the streets and sidewalks.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the DPW is out cleaning the streets 6 days a week. He also mentioned that the Building Department sends out notices to the merchants in the spring about keeping the property in front of their buildings clean of litter and debris, as well as signage and store window regulations.

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 authorization of the Board to consult a Labor Attorney for assistance with an employee issue.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing the Village Attorney to consult a Labor Attorney as stated above.

RESOLUTION #37-2018

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

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that he has been working on the Village Budget and would like to hold a meeting with the Trustees to review the Budget on Monday, March 26th at 5:45 PM.

The Village Clerk, Judy Curcio, announced that the law requires that the Budget be given to the Trustees for review by March 20th, budget hearing by April 15th, and the budget must be passed no later than April 30th.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2018-2019 Brooker Engineering Contract at a fixed rate retainer of \$15,600.00, plus rates of \$60.00 to \$194.00 per hour based on service provided.

RESOLUTION #38-2018

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

Mayor Kohut also entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Brooker Engineering proposal to prepare the MS4 2018 Annual Report at a cost of \$1,200.00.

RESOLUTION #39-2018

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

The Mayor received a proposed resolution from the County Executive of Dutchess County which he is sending to different towns, villages and cities requesting they become a "ThinkDIFFERENTLY" community. This is an initiative to foster a welcoming and supportive environment for residents with special needs.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to become a "ThinkDIFFERENTLY" community uniting for the common good and protection of our more vulnerable residents.

RESOLUTION #40-2018

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept a proposal from Henningson Durham & Richardson, cell tower consultants, in the amount of \$5,000.00 to review an application for a Verizon rooftop wireless transmission facility at 193-195 Route 9W South in the Village.

RESOLUTION #41-2018

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Village Clerk to request the Civil Service list from the County for a Receptionist-Typist Spanish Speaking.

RESOLUTION #42-2018

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

The Mayor received a letter from the North Rockland Chamber of Commerce for permission to bring back the street fair which was held annually in the Village for many successful years. They are requesting the Village to allow them to host the 2019 Haverstraw International Street Fair on Sunday, May 5th, 2019.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to allow the Chamber to host a street fair as stated above.

RESOLUTION #43-2018

Motion by: Terence Watson
 Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
 Abstention: Emily Dominguez
 Motion Carries

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
A9950.0900	Transfer to Capital (Riverside Drainage)	\$ 49,000.00		
A1990.0400	Contingent Account		\$ 49,000.00	
A1950.0400	Property Tax	\$ 8,580.00		
A2410	Rent Bank			\$ 8,580.00
A6989.0110	Personnel Farmers Market	\$ 5,400.00		
A6989.0420	Farmers Market		\$ 5,400.00	
A6989.0420	Farmers Market	\$ 2,500.00		
A1990.0400	Contingent Account		\$ 2,500.00	

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

RESOLUTION #44-2018

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

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno read the following report of fire activity for the month of February, 2018, submitted by Fire Chief Thomas Price:

Total Alarms	-	14
General Alarms	-	9
Special Calls	-	3
Mutual Aid Calls	-	2
Structure Fires	-	0
Car/Truck Fires	-	2
Brush Fires	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	5
Electrical Fires	-	1
Extrication Calls	-	1
False Alarms	-	2

Total Manpower Responding - 309 members

Trustee Bueno then announced that long time member of Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1, Charles Fisher, recently passed away. He requested that this meeting be closed in memory of Firefighter Charles Fisher.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #45-2018

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:

Trustee Watson read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, as of March 5th, 2018:

- 1) Finished painting in the Community Center and painted rooms in the Building Department.
- 2) Filled in potholes on various streets throughout the Village and picked up loose black top on streets throughout the Village caused by the winter weather.
- 3) Salted roads throughout the Village on February 16th and March 2nd for approaching snow storms.
- 4) Removed snow from various locations throughout the Village.
- 5) All trucks were cleaned after each snow storm.
- 6) With the assistance of the Joint Regional Sewer Board, completed a sewer job at Route 9W and Fairmount Avenue.
- 7) With a village engineer, completed the annual inspection of the Manny Lopez Baseball Field.
- 8) Started cleanup of the Greenway Trail.
- 9) Transported a load of paint to the Hazardous Waste Disposal.
- 10) Replaced damaged catch basin on Tor Avenue.
- 11) Repaired damaged catch basins on Maple Avenue, Fairmount Avenue and Feeney Place.

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 February 20th thru March 5th, 2018:

- 1) The Haverstraw Collaborative continues to meet monthly.
- 2) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group continues to meet monthly.
- 3) Celebrating Families & Strengthening Families Programs continue to meet.
- 4) Jump Program & Homework Help Programs: These programs continue daily at the Center
- 5) We Care Event was held on February 26th & 27th. Both youth and their families participated.
- 6) Unity in the Community Event – Held by the Haverstraw Collaborative, will take place during the North Rockland School District's spring break from April 2nd thru April 6th.

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 February 19th thru March 2nd, 2018:

Miscellaneous inspections	-	108
Complaints	-	9
Municipal searches	-	9
Construction inspections	-	2
Violations/Tickets	-	13
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	8

Fines collected at court - \$1,000.00

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reminded the Board that the annual inspection of the Haverstraw Fire Department quarters will take place at 9:00 AM on May 19th with the bi-annual parade to follow at 3:00 PM.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport inquired if the new landlords of the REC building are aware that their apartments have to be inspected before they are rented.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor is not sure, but he will take care of that matter. On this subject, Counselor Hood informed the Board that the Village may not be able to charge a fee for that inspection.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Haverstraw Fire Department Firefighter Charles Fisher with a moment of silence.

RESOLUTION #46-2018

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk