

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, beginning at 7:00 PM.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Watson	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- Absent
	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 heard that the Rockland Bakery will be moving to the Village and inquired if the Board has anything to report on that.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that there is nothing definitive at this time, but that they have inquired of the owners of Blue Beverage about the Hornick's building.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport then mentioned that the new "traffic light" on New Main Street seems to take a long time to change colors. He inquired if there is any way the time setting can be changed to speed things up a little.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the light has a sensor that responds to traffic, however, there is a set time limit.

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 approval of the Board to authorize the Mayor to sign the "Inter-Municipal Agreement" between the Village of Haverstraw and the Village of West Haverstraw relating to the acquisition and shared use of Public Works equipment, services and materials.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the "Inter-Municipal Agreement" as stated above.

### RESOLUTION #62-2018

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then entertained a motion to authorize payment to the Village of West Haverstraw for half the cost to acquire a new lift, which will benefit both municipalities.

### RESOLUTION #63-2018

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 December, 2017, January and February, 2018:

Disbursements	\$2,575,000.00
Revenue	\$ 900,000.00

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #64-2018**

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

Ms. Curcio then pointed out that \$17,875.00 in revenues was for filming during this 3 month period.

Terence Watson: Trustee Watson inquired what the fees are to allow filming in the Village.

Ms. Curcio responded that the fee starts at \$1,000.00 per day for the permit, then depending on what the film company is going to do, what property will be used and the number of vehicles they will bring in, the price is charges are added.

Ms. Curcio had nothing further to report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:** The Mayor requested approval of the Board to sponsor the Town of Haverstraw "North Rockland Community Day 5K Run" event on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 9:00 AM at Bowline Park, with a \$250.00 donation which benefits local charities.

**RESOLUTION #65-2018**

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

The Mayor reported that the flat roof at the western section on the old Municipal Building on Maple Avenue is in dire need of repairs. Ruben Berrios, Building Inspector, has received a proposal from Construction by Allison, Inc. to do the necessary repairs at a cost of \$6,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the proposal for roof repairs as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #66-2018**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 PM to review the 2018-2019 Budget.

**RESOLUTION #67-2018**

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to accept \$65,000.00 in funding from the Department of State and to sign a Contract with them for the LWRP update.

**RESOLUTION #68-2018**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Village Clerk to go out to bid on Summer Camp transportation once the Camp Schedule has been completed.

**RESOLUTION #69-2018**

Motion by: Terence Watson  
 Seconded by: Emily Dominguez  
 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
A7310.0410	Summer Camp Contractual	\$ 2,450.00		
A1940.0200	Land Purchase	\$ 25,245.00		
A9730.0700	BAN Interest	\$ 3,750.00		
A1990.0400	Contingent Account		\$ 31,445.00	

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

**RESOLUTION #70-2018**

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

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

**Mayor Kohut:  
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FIRE & ORDINANCES** – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno gave the following report of firematic activity for the month of March, 2018:

Total Alarms	-	18
General Alarms	-	15
Special Calls	-	2

Mutual Aid Calls	-	1
Structure Fires	-	2
Cooking Fires	-	1
Electrical Fires	-	2
Gas Leaks	-	6
Snow Storm Standby	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	2
False Alarms	-	3

Total Manpower Responding – 313 members.

Trustee Bueno had nothing to report.

The Mayor reported that the Haverstraw Fire Department will be on mutual aid to the West Haverstraw Fire Department for the next 8 months to cover the lower end of that village while the Samsondale bridge is being repaired.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson:**

Trustee Watson read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, as of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018:

- 1) Repaired damaged signs throughout the Village.
- 2) Installed 2 hour parking signs on all of the Handicapped signs throughout the Village.
- 3) Serviced lawn equipment for the upcoming season.
- 4) Repaired Gurnee Avenue fountain.
- 5) Called out for storm related duties on March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> after which all trucks were cleaned.
- 6) Replaced plow blades on Trucks 14, 15, 18 & 9 and machine 32.
- 7) Removed snow from various locations throughout the Village.
- 8) Cleaned up the Hudson Avenue War Memorial and replaced mulch with river rock.
- 9) TAM was contacted to assist with work on the Sewer Pump Station in the garage, to repair the pump on Riverside Avenue (chain caught in it) and continued working with the department the week of 3/26 to clean up troubled sewer spots throughout the Village.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel Santana:** No report was given in the absence of Trustee Santana.

**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 March 19<sup>th</sup> thru March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

Miscellaneous inspections	-	61
Complaints	-	13
Municipal searches	-	6
Construction inspections	-	8
Violations/Tickets	-	1
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	2

She then reminded everyone that winter parking regulations are no longer in affect.

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**

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport commented on the great job the DPW did on refurbishing the Gurnee Avenue fountain.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post requested an update on the negotiations with GDC.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that Mr. Ginsburg requested a meeting with the Board, at which time the Village gave him 2 dates to choose from, however, a date has not yet been schedule. The Mayor feels they are closer to final negotiations than they have been but they still do need to meet to further discuss some issues.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then asked about where Village lines end and the Town line begins in the area of Westside Avenue.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that the Village ends at 325 Westside Avenue, past Dowd Street and the condo complex.

Mel Post: Mr. Post feels that the whole area in that location is a mess.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that Route 202 is a state highway for which the Village is not responsible. He repeated again that the Village has no control over and cannot do anything on a State Highway.

Terence Watson: Trustee Watson further explained that it is like Route 9W running through all the townships. It's a State Highway and only the State is allowed to touch those roadways.

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

**RESOLUTION #71-2018**

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terrance Watson

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk