

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Tuesday, March 4th, 2019, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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| ROLL CALL | Trustee Bueno | - Present |
| | Trustee Watson | - Absent |
| | Trustee Dominguez | - Present |
| | Trustee Santana | - Present |
| | Mayor Kohut | - Present |

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting with the first Public Participation inviting people to ask questions or make comments.

Gil Carlevaro, Hudson Ave.: Mr. Carlevaro spoke about the "Way Finding" application.

Keith Shikowitz, 15 Havervale Lane, Garnerville, NY: Mr. Shikowitz is with the Rockland County Times and was unable to attend the Comprehensive Plan Meeting. He questioned the Board about the number of participants, any next steps that would be taken and if there were any particular ideas discussed. He inquired if any of the ideas presented stood out more than others.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Shikowitz that there were approximately 75 people in attendance, with the main topics of discussion being living in the Village, working in the Village, recreational activities, schools and shopping. He reported that there were many interesting ideas tossed around, which will be looked into by the Consultants and the Committee to help lay the groundwork for the new Comprehensive Plan. One of the things that interested the Mayor was the "Way Finding" idea that would inform residents and out-of-towners where to find different places in the Village, directions on how to get to those places. There were also discussions regarding transportation on the weekends and how important that would be to the Village.

Keith Shikowitz: Mr. Shikowitz then inquired if the Board has considered sending out notices to inform people about meetings and activities.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that there was a discussion about how to keep the public better informed about upcoming Board meetings, etc., which will be an ongoing topic.

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 mentioned that he saw the article about a "drug bust" that took place and that several people involved reside in the Villages of Haverstraw and West Haverstraw. He reached out to both Mayors about getting in touch with the landlords regarding the illegal activities their tenants are involved in and are hopeful

that these landlords will do the right thing and move these people out of our communities. He will look further into this matter and follow up.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: Following his interview, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Alays Aquino to the position of "Parking Enforcement Aide", part-time, at a salary of \$13.00 per hour.

RESOLUTION #63-2019

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received a proposal from Barton & Loguidice for grant writing services in the amount of \$2,000.00 to prepare the following grant applications to assist with the Way Finding Plan:

- 1) NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Wastewater Engineering Planning Grant Program; and
- 2) Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Program.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Barton & Loguidice to prepare grants as stated above.

RESOLUTION #64-2019

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

At this time, the Mayor informed the public that the Village has received a grant through Senator Zebrowski's office, as well as a grant through Rockland County Community Development. This gives the Village the funding to replace the 20 year old equipment at Emeline Park, with a modern, ship-themed, ADA compliant playground, with the total cost being covered by these grants.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the sponsorship of "Keep Rockland Beautiful" with a donation of \$650.00 for their upcoming event.

RESOLUTION #65-2019

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing the Village Clerk to go out to bid for an exhaust system for the Fire Department. The Mayor mentioned that this is being paid for from a grant the Village received through the office of Senator Larkin.

RESOLUTION #66-2019

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor reported that it is necessary for the Village to close out 2 Capital Accounts from the following Bond Issues and transfer the remaining funds to the General Fund to reduce the original debt:

- 1) Damiani Property Bond in the amount of \$26,134.12
- 2) Warren Court Baseball Field in the amount of \$74,533.97

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close out 2 Capital Accounts as stated above.

RESOLUTION #67-2019

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

The Mayor read the following adjustments to the 2018-2019 budget year submitted by Joseph Modafferi, Village Accountant:

| 2018-2019 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Acct. # | Account Name | Increase | Decrease | Increase |
| | | Appropriations | Appropriations | Revenue |
| A1950.0400 | Sewer Tax | \$ 650.00 | | |
| A1920.0400 | Municipal Dues | \$ 300.00 | | |
| A1110.0400 | Justice Contractual | \$ 2,000.00 | | |
| A3410.0420 | Medical – Firemen | \$ 1,800.00 | | |
| A1310.0400 | Accounting | \$ 240.00 | | |
| A1990.0400 | Contingent | | \$ 4,990.00 | |
| A1440.0400 | Engineering | \$ 30,000.00 | | |
| A2555 | Building Permits Reimbursement for Engineering | | | \$ 30,000.00 |
| A5110.0420 | Road Improvement | \$ 174,364.00 | | |
| A2560 | Street Opening Fees (O&R) | | | \$ 174,364.00 |
| A5110.0420 | Road Improvements | \$ 62,000.00 | | |
| A2560 | Street Opening Fees (Suez) | | | \$ 62,000.00 |
| A1325.0400 | Treasurer Contractual | \$ 25,855.40 | | |
| A1420.0400 | Law Contractual | \$ 14,350.00 | | |
| A0000.599 | Allocate Reserve Bonding Reserve AAA | | | \$ 40,205.40 |
| A1930.0400 | Judgments & Claims | \$ 250,000.00 | | |
| A9730.0600 | BAN | | \$ 250,000.00 | |
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| 2018-2019 Salary Adjustment Record | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Acct. # | Account Name | Increase | Decrease | Increase |
| | | Appropriations | Appropriations | Revenue |
| A1110.11 | Justice Court | \$ 1,324.29 | | |

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| A1325.1 | Clerk/Treasurer Office | \$ 7,885.58 | | |
| A1420.1 | Legal | \$ 13,247.00 | | |
| A9961.9 | Reach Out | \$ 2,331.74 | | |
| A7140.1 | Recreation | \$ 2,331.74 | | |
| A3620.1 | Building Department | \$ 5,642.64 | | |
| A5110.1 | DPW – Laborers, etc. | \$ 20,651.22 | | |
| A5010.1 | DPW – Administration | \$ 10,430.98 | | |
| A1990.41 | OT Contingency | | \$ 63,845.20 | |
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Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above budget adjustments.

RESOLUTION #68-2019

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 read the following report of fire activity for the month of February, 2019, submitted by Fire Chief Thomas Price:

| | | |
|----------------------|---|----|
| Total Alarms | - | 16 |
| General Alarms | - | 11 |
| Special Calls | - | 4 |
| Mutual Aid Calls | - | 1 |
| Structure Fires | - | 0 |
| Cooking Fires | - | 2 |
| Brush Fires | - | 1 |
| Gas Leaks | - | 2 |
| CO Alarms | - | 1 |
| Pump Out/Water Leaks | - | 2 |
| Good Intent/Misc. | - | 4 |
| False Alarms | - | 3 |

Total Manpower Responding - 305 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Deputy Mayor Emily

Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, as of March 4th, 2019:

- 1) Repaired and replaced all the valves on all village trucks.
- 2) Repaired damaged signs on Clinton Street, Main Street, New Main Street and Maple Avenue.

- 3) Repaired damaged signs on New Main Street Gateway coming into the Village.
- 4) Called out to repair hole on Grant Street sewer job.
- 5) Completed work at the old Municipal Building (painting & sheetrock).
- 6) Repaired damaged catch basin on West Street.
- 7) Repaired damaged door at Village Hall.
- 8) Salted and plowed village streets following 5 snow storms, which were followed with a cleaning of all trucks.
- 9) Cleaned catch basin at garage and the oil/water separator as part of the yearly maintenance.
- 10) Continue to monitor all village streets following each storm, filling potholes with cold patch wherever necessary.
- 11) Crack sealed on Jefferson Street and Broadway adjacent to firehouse #5.
- 12) Continue with MS4 work throughout the Village.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the Villages of Haverstraw and West Haverstraw were the cleanest and easiest to get in and out of following all snow storms. This was also mentioned by the public at the Comprehensive Planning meetings.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Terence Watson: In the absence of Trustee Watson no report was given.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT – Trustee Joel I. A. Santana: Trustee Santana read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of February 18th thru March 1st, 2019:

| | | |
|---------------------------|---|----|
| Rental registrations | - | 12 |
| Miscellaneous inspections | - | 42 |
| Complaints | - | 3 |
| Municipal searches | - | 3 |
| Construction inspections | - | 9 |
| Violations/Tickets | - | 7 |
| Building Permits & C.O.'s | - | 2 |

Fines collected at court - \$3,500.00

Trustee Santana thanked the Building Inspector and the Department for a job well done, as always. He also thanked the DPW for the great job that they have done dealing with the winter storms. He had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
OLD BUSINESS
None.

Mayor Kohut:
NEW BUSINESS
None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No input from the public.

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

RESOLUTION #69-2019

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk