

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Tuesday, January 18th, 2011, beginning at 8:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Kohut: Before opening the floor for the First Public Participation, the Mayor invited Cara Bonomolo to speak about a cell tower application being submitted.

RESOLUTION #17-2011

(PLEASE REFER TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOLLOWING RESOLUTION #32-2011.)

Cara Bonomolo, Esq., Snyder & Snyder LLP, 94 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York: Counselor Bonomolo spoke on behalf of T-Mobile North East, LLP, who is seeking to obtain a Special Permit to co-locate a wireless telecommunications public utility facility on the existing building known as the Central Presbyterian Church, located at 64 New Main Street. The installation will consist of 3 panel antennas with a 7 foot self extension of the existing turret on the bell tower. She explained that the extension will be designed and painted to match the existing turret, therefore, will not be visible from the exterior and can transmit through the turret. In addition, the facility will also include equipment cabinets, which will be located in the basement of the building. T-Mobile has submitted an affidavit from their radio frequency engineer demonstrating a need for the facility to remedy a significant gap in T-Mobile's Reliable Wireless Service within the village. Also submitted is an RF Exposure Report certifying that the proposed antennas, in combination with the existing antennas on the church building, will comply with the FCC requirements regarding radio frequency admissions.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez inquired if there were any other locations nearby where T-Mobile will be submitting applications.

Cara Bonomolo: Counselor Bonomolo does not believe T-Mobile currently has any applications pending locally; however, they do have an application pending with the Village of Suffern and also have existing sites in surrounding communities, including West Haverstraw, Clarkstown, Upper Nyack, the Town of Orangetown and the Town of Haverstraw.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned that since T-Mobile has previously appeared before the board that they are familiar with the application and village procedures, referred Counselor Bonomolo to the Planning Board, after which a joint Public Hearing will be scheduled with both the Village Board and the Planning Board. He explained that the applicant also needs to appear before the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and that once a date has been set for that meeting, the Building Department secretary will notify her.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to refer T-Mobile to the Planning Board.

RESOLUTION #18-2011

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then opened the floor for the first Public Participation inviting the public to ask questions or make general comments, not specific to the cell tower application. With no response from the floor, the Mayor opened the first Public Hearing regarding 52 Broadway.

Cyril Kerr, owner 52 Broadway: Mr. Kerr informed the board that when he purchased this property, the building had 4 apartments. He recently became aware that it was in the Village records as a 3 apartment building, therefore, he started the process to have the property listed accurately as the original 4 apartment dwelling.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez inquired if the building Mr. Kerr referred to was next to Annabella's Restaurant to which he responded yes.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired when Mr. Kerr purchased the building.

Cyril Kerr: Mr. Kerr responded he purchased the building in the mid 1990's as a 4 apartment dwelling. He has already appeared before the Planning Board and upon inspection by the Building Department, the building was found to be up to code, including the fourth apartment. The Planning Board then referred Mr. Kerr to the Village Board.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq., Village Attorney: Counselor Hood stated that approval would be based on the condition of an easement being placed on 50 Broadway where the tenants will park.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired if anyone had any questions regarding 52 Broadway and stated that the application was approved by the Planning Board.

Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista inquired about the parking and how the tenants would access the lot.

Cyril Kerr: Mr. Kerr informed the board that they would enter the lot from Clinton Street where two driveways have access to the rear of the building.

Mayor Kohut: With no further comments from the floor, the Mayor entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #19-2011

Motion by: Francisco Batista

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the pre-existing 4 apartment dwelling.

RESOLUTION #20-2011

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then opened the second Public Hearing with regard to a group home for disabled adult men on Simenovsky Drive.

Patricia Hackler, New York State Foundling, 235 North Main Street, Spring Valley: Ms. Hackler brought to the board a special request regarding an existing group home that has been operating in the village for 30 years caring for abused and neglected adolescent boys. They are now requesting permission to convert the home into a group home for 6 adult males who are developmentally disabled.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired if there was anything at all that had to be done to the facility to make it operational for 6 adults.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler stated that nothing physically had to be done to the house to make the conversion from adolescents to adults.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then inquired if the 6 male adults would be ambulatory and what they would be doing throughout the day.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler responded that they will be involved in vocational programs at the home during the evening hours and weekends and that they are high functioning individuals who will be in the community at professional training or working during the day.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez inquired if there would be someone living with them full time.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler informed the board that there will be at least three staff members in the house at all times, with the possibility of four.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor requested Ms. Hackler to provide the board with the staff schedule so they will have a better idea of how the house will be run.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez questioned why they are making the change.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler explained that there has been a shift in the perspective for children who have been abused or neglected with a push to keep them in the lowest level of care, which would include their immediate family, other relatives or a foster home. She then explained that most of the boys in their care were from the city and the city wants to bring them back into their own environment and not have them in outlying areas. They already have a commitment by the state for an adult group home and feel it would be more beneficial to put adults in this home in order to keep them in their communities and near their families so the families can still be a part of their lives.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor asked if they will be Rockland County residents.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler stated that some of them will be, but perhaps not all of them, and that NYS Foundling tries to keep them as close to their families as possible. She mentioned that they also have group homes in Westchester County, Spring Valley, Nanuet and New City, along with this one in Haverstraw.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez inquired if all these homes were for adults and the number of people living in these group homes.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler responded that they are all adult group homes with a maximum of 6 residents, excluding one facility in Westchester that is home to 8 residents.

Mayor Kohut: At this time the Mayor invited to public to make comments or ask questions.

Lynn Teger, 5 Simenovsky Drive: Ms. Teger was not clear on why the home is being changed from an adolescent to an adult facility. She also was not clear on where the adult males would be coming from.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler stated that there was no longer a need for a group home for adolescent boys because they were all New York City residents and the decision was made to pull all their adolescents from outlying areas. Since there is no longer a demand in the Rockland County area for an adolescent group home and all the boys have gone back to the city, the house, which has been empty since late October, is available for the adult residents.

Lorenzo Melendez: Mr. Melendez is the Program Director for the Simenovsky Drive group home. He informed the board that the adults are currently in a large Hudson Valley facility, but that they want to place the men in a home close to where they live. He believes, of the six men that would be placed in this facility, that four are from Rockland and two are from Westchester, and all have earned the right to move back to a community setting, which is why NYS Foundling has decided to make this change.

Lynn Teger: Ms. Teger inquired if these adults would have the opportunity to have their family visit on a regular basis.

Lorenzo Melendez: Mr. Melendez explained that they could visit at the facility or go to their own homes, which would occur on the weekends, however the family can visit them at the facility any time.

Lynn Teger: Ms. Teger is concerned about the parking on Simenovsky Drive and having six people in a house where family would be visiting, she feels this will create a serious parking issue. She inquired about the backgrounds of the residents and issues that they would be facing.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler stated that they do have limitations, being developmentally disabled, but because of confidentiality laws could not give specifics.

Lynn Teger: Ms. Teger inquired if they would be allowed outside their homes and what they would be doing outside the home.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler responded that they would have some activities outside the home, including BBQ's, picnics, etc. One of the responsibilities of NYS Foundling is to see that residents have involvement in the community, which would include going to the movies, bowling, swimming, eating out, etc., however, they would always be accompanied by staff members. She explained that this is their home so they do the same types of things in their yard as any family would do.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez inquired if NYS Foundling would be providing transportation for the residents to get from place to place to which Ms. Hackler responded they have a van to transport residents wherever they would be going.

Lynn Teger: Ms. Teger inquired where the van would be parked and how many there would be.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler replied there would be one van, which would be parked in the driveway of the home.

Lynn Teger: Ms. Teger stated that there are a lot of children living on the street and a Little League Field in the area where a lot of children play. She inquired if the adults would in any way be a danger to the children.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler responded that they should not be a danger in any way because they are not allowed to be on their own outside the facility and staff are with them at all times.

Lynn Teger: Ms. Teger had questions regarding the Zoning Code, which she has reviewed. She inquired if the home meets the requirements of §G1, regarding the lot size. She then read the specifics of the Village Code.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood did not know the specifics of the lot size of the property and stated he would look into that.

Lynn Teger: Ms. Teger then asked about §G2 regarding how many group homes are allowed in an area. She then read the code and mentioned that there are existing group homes at 74 Hudson Avenue, 57 Sharp Street and 60 Hudson Avenue. She asked the board to look into whether the homes are all located in the allowable area according to the mileage specifications.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood stated that this is a pre-existing facility and the mileage specifications would refer to a new facility, explaining that NYS Foundling is simply changing the use of the facility. He also stated that a facility has to not use a non-conforming use property for a year before losing the status.

Lynn Teger: Ms. Teger then asked that NYS Foundling provide a statement of the proposed type, number, age and permanency in conjunction with Paragraph 4C of the code. She understands that there is a need for this type of program, however, she wants to be sure there is nothing to be concerned about.

Peter Gonzalez, 1 Simenovsky Drive: Mr. Gonzalez stated that in the last 4 years the police have constantly been called to this group home. He also mentioned that there were always two other cars there besides the van. He is totally against this group home and feels the Village of Haverstraw has become a dumping ground.

Olga Gonzalez, 1 Simenovsky Drive: Ms. Gonzalez asked when the people would find out what kind of disabilities the residents have. She spoke about all the children that are always in the area and wanted to know what assurances NYS Foundling can give her that these children are not going to be in any kind of danger.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler stated that there is information that NYS Foundling can disclose, however, there are specifics that are clearly confidential. She then stated that they are adult males ranging in age from mid thirties to mid fifties, who have been in care for most of their lives and have limitations in terms of their ability to care for themselves. They are never going to get any better and will never be able to live on their own. She mentioned again that they will not be allowed outside the home without being accompanied by staff members, who will be with them at all times both inside and outside the home. She also stated that the adolescents who previously resided in the home were boys of average intelligence who were familiar with creating problems. She also stated that typically, if these men were to hurt anyone it would be themselves, and if they were considered a danger to anyone, they would not be placed in a community facility because the state does have more secure facilities for those types of residents.

Olga Gonzalez: Ms. Gonzalez stated again that they had problems with the adolescents even though there were staff members in the house day and night, stating that the residents would be out roaming the streets and the police were always being called, mentioning one night where they were called five or six times. There are children throughout the neighborhood and she wants to be sure that nothing is going to happen to anyone on the street.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez inquired about the incident reports on the other group homes in the county.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler stated that there are incidents inside the house where the men may fall and hurt themselves, but there are no incidents of them going outside the house and creating problems in the community. She agrees that with an adolescent group home there might be problems outside the home, but explained that would not be the case with these men who are totally dependent on their caretakers.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor requested Ms. Hackler provide the board with a list of all the other homes in Rockland County.

Peter Gonzalez: Mr. Gonzalez again stated that 4 years is enough for his family to endure a group home in his neighborhood and would like them to find another location for this group home.

Hector Torres, 9 Simenovsky Drive: Mr. Torres is a police officer with the Town of Haverstraw and has been called to this group home on many occasions. He also has two young daughters who are not allowed out of the house alone because of this element on the street. He has seen kids climbing in and out of the window on the side of the group home and insists there is no supervision. He wants assurances that when his daughters have to leave the house to catch the bus or whatever, that they are going to be safe.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez inquired if the house would be maintained by the current staff or if new staff would be assigned to the group home.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler stated that it would probably be new staff, as well as some existing staff, but not the kind of staff that was there to care for the child welfare population. The people who care for children have a different mindset and typically cannot make the transition to working with

adults because it takes a different kind of skill and commitment. These adults may require help to shower, go shopping, etc. The staff may come from other adult homes that are part of the Office of Persons with Developmental Disabilities.

Hector Torres: Mr. Torres again stated that the public is not getting any assurances of what kind of people are going to be there and were told the same thing about the juveniles; that they would be in a controlled environment. He does not want this group home on his street.

Jay Hood, Jr. Esq.: Counselor Hood reiterated that the group home is already there. He understands the concerns of the public and stated that the Village Board will have to take everything into consideration, including state rules and regulations, when making a final decision.

Mildred (Cheryl) Reeves, 17 Simenovsky Drive: She wanted to know if this was going to be a smoke free zone, where no smoking is allowed even outside.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler stated that the residents will be able to go out in the yard and mentioned that some of the staff are smokers, however, no one is allowed to smoke in the house. They are also required to be a certain number of feet away from the house to smoke.

Olga Gonzalez: Ms. Gonzalez wanted to know where the owner of the house was and why he rented to a group home when he could have rented to a nice family or sell it. She feels he is making a lot of money at their expense and just because it has been a group home for 30 years does not mean it has to be a group home forever.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that only the landlord could answer those types of questions and he was not present. He then asked Ms. Hackler if this organization typically rents or purchases houses for this purpose.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler stated that they do both, but in this instance they are renting.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired who actually owns the property and asked her to provide the owners contact information to the board.

Geraldine Thompson, Simenovsky Drive: Ms. Hoffman inquired if this is, in fact, a done deal. It seemed that way to her since she has witnessed the house being shown to the people who would be living there. Along with her neighbors, she does not want this group home on her street or in her neighborhood. She also mentioned the parking situation, which is horrendous.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that this was a Public Hearing subject to both the Village Group Home Law and New York State Padavan Law, which is a sighting law for group homes. Although counsel has researched the village law regarding group homes, he will also have to research the NYS Padavan Law to see what the village's rights, obligations, requirements, etc. are with regard to group homes. The Mayor then inquired how NYS Foundling is regulated as a group home for adults and children and how they are regulated as a group home for the OMRDD population.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler explained that for the child welfare population NYS Foundling is regulated by the NYSOCSS for family and children's services and by the City of New York. There are auditors from the City of New York brought in to look at the facilities, as well as the New York State Office for Family and Children's Services, who reviewed it, approved it and oversaw it. The adult home is overseen by NYSOPWDD, stating that the rules for this agency are much stricter. She explained that with the children they can be moved from place to place, but for the adults, this basically becomes their home for the rest of their lives unless their health becomes an issue and they can no longer be maintained in the home and have to be moved to a nursing home. Their families are committed to the residents being close to home, stating that there have been people in the same location for 20 or 30 years. Unlike child services where decision making is done by the State or City, the families have a huge role in the decision making about placement of their adult relatives.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired how often the agencies visit the group homes.

Patricia Hackler: Ms. Hackler responded that the homes are generally visited once a year unless there is a problem. Also, if the agency feels it necessary, the home can be visited on a monthly basis or however often the agency feels is necessary. The families can also contact the agency if they have any concerns.

Peter Gonzalez: Mr. Gonzalez inquired how the state makes the decision as to where these homes would be located.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood explained that most times it comes down to cost effectiveness, especially with certain areas having lower priced properties, which he believes is what has been happening lately. He mentioned when he was on the Town Board that he and Bill Stein, the town attorney, looked into the saturation point of these homes and he does not believe the village has reached the saturation point yet. He stated that there are state laws that have to be complied with and if this is not done, it could lead to a very expensive lawsuit. It is in the hands of the village, however, there are certain laws that the village has to abide by.

Lynne Teger: Ms. Teger requested a copy of the other laws that the group homes are subject to. She believes that with the current state of the real estate market and all the empty homes that have gone into foreclosure that they should look into those properties for use as a group home.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor replied that he will send her a copy once the Village Attorney gets the laws together.

Hector Torres: Mr. Torres stated that when he had his house appraised, he was told by the real estate agent that the property value went down because the group home was there and wanted to know who they could turn to for help.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor once again mentioned that sometimes the municipality's hands are tied by state regulations. They have to abide by the state laws and guidelines.

Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista felt everyone was forgetting that these people also have rights and everyone needs to understand they are human beings. He believes if the agency says that the residents are able to live in a community that the village will have to accept their decisions.

Olga Torres: She asked what they would do if something happens to one of her daughters, stating that the public has rights too and she is afraid that this is already a done deal.

Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista understands how she feels, but explained that this house is a rental and the landlord is the person who the public should be having this discussion with. He then stated that this was a Public Hearing to allow the public to express their concerns and that it is not a done deal. He feels the next step is to have another meeting, with the owner present, so the public can voice all their concerns.

Olga Torres: She has been working with clients for six years and stated they are not as quiet as what Ms. Hackler has been describing.

Cheryl Reeves, 17 Simenovsky Drive: She inquired if the public really does have a say in this matter.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor again stated that the board understands their concerns, but they have to weigh those concerns along with what the law states they can and cannot do. He explained that the state law was designed to place residents in community housing, meaning it was designed to overcome obstacles such as neighborhood and general community opposition. Unless the state feels the community has valid concerns such as parking, traffic, etc. they have the power to place people in these homes.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez made a motion to table the subject until a meeting can be scheduled with the property owner.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #21-2011

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to continue the Public Hearing regarding a group home on Simenovsky Drive.

RESOLUTION #22-2011

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed the public that as soon as the property owner has been contacted and a meeting scheduled that they will be notified, however, in order to save money on postage, one or two people will be notified by mail and asked to inform everyone else involved.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:

The Mayor received a request from the Quisqueya Sports Club to hold a Dominican Independence Day celebration on Friday, February 25th and would like to hold the opening ceremony at the Village Hall starting at 4:30 PM with a flag raising followed by a procession to the club for the festivities.

Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista suggested that three people be selected from the village, possibly students from the district, to attend the celebration. He will contact the High School Guidance Counselors for suggestions and get back to the board with his recommendations.

The Mayor then read the following Rockland County Disaster Mitigation Plan for approval by the board:

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) (P.L. 106-390) provides an opportunity for States, Tribes and local governments to take a new and revitalized approach to mitigation planning; and

WHEREAS, DMA 2000 amended the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (the Act) by repealing the previous Mitigation Planning section and emphasizes the need for State, Tribal, and local entities to closely coordinate mitigation planning and implementation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Haverstraw, in partnership with the County of Rockland and with the assistance of U.R.S. Corporation, has gathered information and prepared the Rockland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Rockland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Haverstraw has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Haverstraw has reviewed the Plan and affirms that sections pertaining to the Town will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Haverstraw adopts the Rockland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

The Mayor entertained a motion to adopt the disaster plan as written.

RESOLUTION #23-2011

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carries: All

Continuing with the reorganization of the village, the Mayor entertained a motion to appoint J. Nelson Hood, Jr. to the position of Village Attorney for the village's official year, at a rate of \$55,000.00 per annum, plus the existing hourly rate of \$200.00 for work done outside of the scope of the regular village issues.

RESOLUTION #24-2011

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Abstain: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carries: All

Trustee Bueno abstained from voting because he is currently using Counselor Hood's services for personal reasons.

The Mayor announced that the motion passes with 3 Yes votes and 1 abstention.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to appoint Edye McCarthy as Village Assessor for the official village year.

RESOLUTION #25-2011

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to appoint Stephen Cobb as Village Historian.

RESOLUTION #26-2011

Motion by: Francisco Batista
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to appoint the 1st Assistant Chief of the Haverstraw Fire Department as Deputy Director of Disaster Preparedness.

RESOLUTION #27-2011

Motion by: Francisco Batista
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor introduced the following resolutions:

- 1) Designate the bank or trust company to be in charge of village funds received by the Village Treasurer for village taxes and that they be a bank or trust company within the Town of Haverstraw.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #28-2011

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

- 2) Mileage allowance for any expenditure for personal vehicles be increased to \$.51 per mile.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #29-2011

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

- 3) Board approval be required for attendance at conferences or schools whether or not there is any cost to the village.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #30-2011

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carries: All

- 4) Payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility bills, insurance premiums, postage, freight and express charges and preapproved contracted services and that all such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for review by the Village Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #31-2011

Motion by: Francisco Batista
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion Carries: All

- 5) For purposes of the NYS Retirement System, the village has to establish official work days and hours per day. For elected officials including the Mayor, Village Trustee and Village Justice that would be a five day work week at 6 hours per day. For other officials, including Acting Village Justice, members of the Planning, Zoning and Architectural Review Boards it would be a 5 day work week, 6 hours per day.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #32-2011

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor informed the board that the village is required to submit the applications for the Community Development Block Grant by the end of January. He advised everyone that the Community Development Citizens

Advisory Committee has met twice and reviewed the applications, recommending the following applications be submitted:

- 1) Haverstraw Farmers Market \$ 3,500.00
- 2) Haverstraw Arts Alliance \$ 18,000.00
- 3) Living Image Arts \$ 4,575.00
(A New York City not-for-profit to produce an off Broadway play for two performances in the village)
- 4) Village of Haverstraw \$150,000.00
Continuation of sidewalk program
Continued funding of the GET program @ \$50,000.00

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve submitting the recommended applications to the Rockland County Community Development Board.

RESOLUTION #17-2011

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno announced that the new fire truck for Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1 is now in service. He had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson: In the absence of Trustee Watson, the entire board commented on the great job that the DPW is doing handling the snow situation.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez requested approval from the board for Nikki Merriman-Samuels and Jean Marie Zubko to attend a conference on bullying to be held on February 2nd from 8:30 to 3:00 PM at the Tappan Hill facility in Tarrytown. The cost of the conference is \$40.00 per person.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion for both employees to attend the bullying conference.

RESOLUTION #33-2011

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion Carries: All

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista read the following report submitted by Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios for the period of January 3rd through January 14th, 2011:

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| Rental property inspections | - | 30 |
| Municipal searches | - | 5 |
| Miscellaneous inspections | - | 175 |
| Construction inspections | - | 6 |

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| Complaints | - | 6 |
| Violations & tickets | - | 17 |
| Permits | - | 11 |

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No comments or questions from the floor.

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

RESOLUTION #34-2011

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift
Senior Steno Clerk
February 1, 2011