

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, April 1st, 2013, beginning at 8:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport requested the Board to contact the State about filling in the potholes on Route 202 from Gurnee Avenue on up, which are extremely bad.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that United Water is currently marking that stretch of roadway for replacement of a water main. There are several other streets in the Village where they will also be replacing water mains, after which they will resurface the roadways curb to curb, provided there is enough money in the budget. He will have George White, Superintendent of Public Works contact the State about doing some patchwork on the potholes on Route 202 in the meantime.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport requested the Board to have the DPW do some cleanup behind the fence at Anderson Gardens, which is ridden with debris. He asked for an update on the signage at the entrance to the Village.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez informed Mr. Rappaport that the signs should be going back up some time this week.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport then requested an update on the Streetscape Project.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that it is progressing, but nothing major to report.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport then inquired whether or not the property along the river belonged to the Village and what the new Tappan Zee Bridge might have to do with it.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the bridge will still be in Nyack. He mentioned, however, that the Tappan Zee Constructors have made inquiries about utilizing some property that the Village owns on the waterfront. If negotiations do occur, they will pay rent to the Village.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine wanted to know if anything is planned for the walkway to the lagoon at Harbors because it still looks terrible.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Village Engineers are working on the bid documents to repair the area, which he believes will take place over the summer.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine once again brought up the issue of installing a "STOP" sign on Maple Avenue, because people are still speeding and driving

recklessly through that area. He felt the "STOP" sign would help slow down traffic.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that it is a thru street and does not feel it is the proper spot for a "STOP" sign. He mentioned, according to George White, that the Village has the capability, in house, to put down "speed humps", the first to be installed on Maple and West Streets. Tilcon previously installed the speed bumps in the Village, but Mr. White now feels that the DPW has the capability needed to install the bumps and humps.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine was happy to see that the chimney by the old pump building was finally taken down. He then inquired how the Village plans to utilize the empty space.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the whole site would be cleaned up and possibly used for DPW equipment and employee parking.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post informed the Board that there are still 3 Porta-potty trailers parked at the former site of Executive Touch Landscaping.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that it is still a commercial property. He has not spoken to the gentleman about it, however, the company did expend some money getting ready for this project, which they thought would be approved, therefore, Mr. Ginsburg may be letting them leave their trucks in that location temporarily.

Mel Post: Mr. Post advised the Board that there are 2 full units and a trailer with individual units still parked there.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor believes they are the more refined portable bathrooms similar to those used by Costco when they were renovating their bathrooms. He will look into it.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then mentioned that he and Mr. Levine have been discussing having some police presence in the area at the end of the overpass to give out tickets. He stated that most people do not stop there. He then mentioned that his wife, who was stopped, was rear ended because the person behind her evidently was not going to stop. Since that happened he has been paying more attention to people and their response to the "STOP" sign, whether they stop or just keep going. For the most part they just keep going. Now he is worried someone is going to run into him, so he is always checking his rear view mirror.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq., Village Attorney: Counselor Hood suggested building out the curb to make it a sharper turn, which may at least slow people down a little.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Village still does not own that overpass so they cannot make any changes to it.

Mel Post: Mr. Post still feels there has to be something the Village can do, before a major accident happens in that area.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor suggested that they bring up this subject the next time they attend the Town Board Meeting, because the Town controls the police enforcing unit for the Village. The Mayor will also contact the Town.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport suggested the police start giving out more tickets in the Village downtown as well, mentioning people double and triple parking, going through "STOP" signs, etc. instead of just driving by and ignoring these situations.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Board has been willing to talk to the Town about sharing the revenue that would come from these tickets, to no avail.

The Mayor then mentioned that there are three Public Hearings scheduled for the next meeting on April 15th. The first regarding the budget, the second on the possibility of exceeding the 2% cap and the third the Short Clove supplemental DEIS to take that area out of the Village's Mountain Protection Zone.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood requested the Board allow the Mayor to sign the Lease Extension letter for the Brick Museum.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize him to sign and forward the above mentioned letter to the Brick Museum.

RESOLUTION #70-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion Carries: All

Mr. Hood then presented the extensive draft of the RFP to go out to find an operator for the property known as Civile's. He and the Mayor have reviewed the draft line by line and have made a few changes since the Board last reviewed the original RFP. He will e-mail the draft with the changes to the Board for their final review, however, he suggested voting on the RFP at this meeting in order to be able to establish dates for inspections, return bids, etc.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the draft RFP with pending amendments and to authorize the Village Clerk to publish the document.

RESOLUTION #71-2013

Motion by: Francisco Batista

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 received a request from George Crowley to have a handicapped parking space installed in front of his mother's home at 14 Sharp Street. She had hip replacement surgery recently and needs this handicapped spot to help with her recovery.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to install a handicapped parking space at stated above.

RESOLUTION #72-2013

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

The Mayor received a request from a young man wanting to make a music video at the corner of Third and Middle Streets. He is requesting the corner be blocked off during the making of the video, however, the Board does not feel this is acceptable for many reasons, especially the inconvenience to the people of the neighborhood. In order to accommodate his request, however, the Mayor suggested he make his video on Middle Street itself between Third Street and the parking lot, which would not block the intersection. He will have to submit the necessary insurance forms to the Village Clerk before this event on May 4th.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to have further discussions with the young man with regard to this event.

RESOLUTION #73-2013

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

The Mayor received a request from Cosgriff Hose Co., #4 to approve their hosting the Rockland County Volunteer Fire Departments Parade and festivities in 2014. For this event, they are requesting the use of the parking lot adjacent to the Knights of Columbus on the evening of Friday, September 5th and Saturday, September 6th, 2014.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the request of Cosgriff Hose Co. #4 as stated above.

RESOLUTION #74-2013

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received a request from the United Latin Festival of Haverstraw to hold their 3rd Annual Parade and Festival on Sunday, August 4th from 12:00 noon until 8:00 PM. The parade would begin on Main Street and proceed to Broadway and then Partition Street, ending at the Haverstraw Elementary School field where the festival will be held. They also requested assistance from the Village DPW, as has been provided in the past.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve their request as stated above.

RESOLUTION #75-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor then read the following budget adjustments for approval by the Board:

OVERTIME 3RD QUARTER

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>
A.1110.0110	Personnel Justice Court	\$ 2,140.24	
A.1325.0100	Personnel Treasurer	2,748.49	
A.1325.11	Treasurer/Clerk	633.85	
A.3620.0100	Personnel Building Dept.	3,395.38	
A.5110.0100	Personnel Labor DPW	33,930.97	
A.5010.0100	Personnel DPW Admin.	10,009.88	
A.9961.9	Transfer to Reachout	1,287.26	
A.7140.1	Community Center	1,762.76	
A.1990.0410	Contingent Overtime		55,908.83

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

RESOLUTION #76-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor then mentioned that one of the reasons for the overtime is that a Village employee, Damaris Torres, had a massive stroke in February and is now recuperating at Helen Hayes Hospital. This has put a strain on the Village Hall, but everyone is doing their part to help with this situation. The Mayor then wished Damaris well as she continues to progress with her therapy.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – **Trustee Rafael Bueno:** Trustee Bueno read the following report for the month of March, 2013, submitted by Fire Chief Patrick McNamee:

Total Alarms	-	21
General Alarms	-	18
Special Calls	-	2
Mutual Aid Calls	-	1
Structure Fires	-	0
Cooking Fires	-	5
Rubbish Fires	-	2
Electrical	-	1
Gas leaks/CO Calls	-	5
Boat Calls	-	1
Good Intent/Miscellaneous		4
False Alarms	-	2

Total Manpower Responding - 436 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – **Trustee Terence Watson:** No report was submitted by George White, Superintendent of Public Works. Trustee Watson mentioned that the staff has been cleaning up the DPW area to make better access for equipment, parking, etc. With the arrival of spring, the DPW staff will start their normal cleanup around the Village.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez gave the following report of activities at the Community Center:

The Village has applied for Drug Free Community Funding for the next five years and previously received this grant for the years 2006 to 2011 and is hoping to once again secure this funding.

Due to the district's spring vacation last week, the Center hosted Unity in the Community from March 25th through March 27th. Approximately 100 children per day attended and activities were provided.

Trustee Dominguez requested the Board approve sending two staff members from the Youth & Family Services, Nikki Merriman and Tanya Soto, to the Stony Point Center on May 9th from 8:00 to 3:00 PM to attend a conference on Raising Healthy Children in Challenging Times. The fee for their attendance is \$40.00 per person.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the attendance of staff members at the conference as stated above.

RESOLUTION #77-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

FARMER'S MARKET REPORT

Trustee Dominguez reported that the Village Farmer's Market will begin on June 9th and run through the end of October, 21 weeks total. She is requesting a budget of \$7,500.00 to run the market, which will cover entertainment, advertising and contractual personnel to run the market.

Mel Post: Mr. Post suggested that the amount paid the manager be compensated accordingly. He feels it is a lot of money to pay if there are only 2 or 3 vendors brought in compared to Farmer's Market budgets of the past, unless the person is going to bring in a good number of vendors to sell at the market. He mentioned this last year and still feels there should be some kind of stipulation or performance clause in the contract because it is a lot of money coming out of Village funds.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that the \$7,500.00 is not just to pay someone to run the market, but he did agree with Mr. Post. A decision was made to handle this through the budget.

Trustee Dominguez mentioned that one of the reasons they have been meeting with someone is to see if it would be worthwhile for the Village to continue running the market after this year.

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista had nothing to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor made the following announcements of events for the upcoming weeks:

- 1) Rotary Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, April 7th beginning at 8:00 AM at the West Haverstraw Village Hall.
- 2) Haverstraw Little League Parade: Saturday, April 13th at 9:00 AM from the Knights of Columbus parking lot.
- 3) Great American Cleanup: Sunday, April 14th starting at 10:00 AM at the Village Clock Square.
- 4) Community Garden opening day, Sunday, April 14th at 1:00 PM.

MINUTES

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor presented the minutes of the February 19th, Regular Board Meeting for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above stated minutes.

RESOLUTION #78-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion Carries: All

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood congratulated the Board on the position they took against cigarette smoking for minors even though the Village was not successful in keeping the law. The effort by the Village seems to have brought light to the issue as now Mayor Bloomberg is taking up the same issue, which was described in an article in the New York Times including a picture of Haverstraw Mayor Michael Kohut. He thought it was nice to see that something Haverstraw was the first to attempt is now being brought forward by the City of New York.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mel Post: Mr. Post again spoke with regard to the Farmer's Market, suggesting that it be held in combination with a Flea Market and Antique Market, stating that the more vendors there, the more people it will draw.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez mentioned that she and Judy have been in discussions with their Farmer's Market person about having a combined market, which would probably take place about once a month.

Mel Post: Mr. Post would appreciate the Board's consideration of family, friends and residents of the Village who are feeling the financial crunch at this time, when conducting budget meetings. He feels that the three taxes paid by Village residents are quite considerable and a hardship for many residents of the Village. He requested the Board consider all the residents and try their best to keep within the 2% cap or under vs. going over the 2%. He feels people are being forced out of their homes in the Village because of the high taxes they are obligated to pay.

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #79-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift
Senior Steno Clerk