

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, May 6th, 2013, beginning at 8:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Batista	- Present
	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Watson	- Absent
	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 inquired about the fire truck and heavy duty trucks parked in the area of Samsondale Avenue and Picarello Drive.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded Stellosky Heavy Duty Towers owns and operates out of the building at that location and the trucks do not belong to the Village, therefore, the Mayor knows nothing about them.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine wanted to know why the new sign coming off the overpass now has ELKS signage attached to it.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the ELKS Lodge attracts many people to the area who may not know how to get to their Lodge. They asked and received permission from the Board to put up a directional sign.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine then inquired if other people can do the same thing.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that no other entity brings as many people into the Village as the ELKS Lodge however other entities are free to request permission.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine reported that 2 of the 3 port-a-pottie trucks have been removed from the area adjacent to the DPW and wanted to know if the 3rd truck would also be removed from that site.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that it is still an operable yard and assured Mr. Levine that there is no business conducted at that site.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine then inquired about the status of the promenade.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that he is awaiting receipt of the electrical inspection report before the Village can move forward with the preparation of documents, which he is hoping to have for the June meeting.

Arti Taub, 3304 Leeward Drive: Mr. Taub wanted to know why the Village has not come out in support or not of "desal". He requested the Village consider this because all the County towns and villages, except the Village and Town of Haverstraw, West Haverstraw and Hillburn have made comments.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Taub that United Water did a presentation at the Village Hall and the Board had taken an official stand supporting the project.

Arti Taub: Mr. Taub inquired if there was a Public Hearing.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that a Public Hearing for the Village was not required because the Village has nothing to do with the process. He mentioned again that the Board voted to support the process, but since the Village has no control over the outcome, there is no need for a Public Hearing for just the Village.

Arti Taub: Mr. Taub reiterated Mr. Levine's concerns about the promenade, mentioning that people usually watch the July 4th fireworks from that area.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that people could still watch the fireworks from the promenade. He reported that the Village intends to repair the area with a new retaining wall, however, there are still mandatory approvals (i.e. FEMA), the bid process, etc. that are required before any work can be done.

Quintino Pena, 4 Union Street: Mr. Pena reported there is a large hole at the corner of Routes 9W and 202.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Pena that those are State roads and the Village has no authority over them and so we cannot simply go in and make repairs. He also mentioned that the Village has notified the State and asked that they repair it.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post informed the Board that there are many people that come to the promenade to watch the fireworks on July 4th bringing many children to that area. He stated that all the ropes and wood bearings are down and feels there would be a large liability to allow people into that area and that something should be done to improve it, or cordon off certain areas so that the children and adults alike would not be in danger of falling down the rock area.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor thanked Mr. Post for his comments.

Rita Louie, Village of Pomona: Ms. Louie reiterated the feelings expressed by Mr. Taub for the Board to join the rest of the Towns and Villages by signing on in support of the project in order for an "Issues Conference" to be scheduled to clarify all issues before anything else is approved. She appealed to the Board to request an Issues Conference with DEC and Governor Cuomo to clarify the costs associated with the plant and also to clarify the alternatives that were not clearly defined by the DEIS or FEIS.

Mayor Kohut: With no further comments from the public, the Mayor continued with the agenda for the meeting.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor received a proposal from Emily Peterson to redesign and simplify the Village's Website at a cost of \$1,000.00 and if any additional work is required thereafter there would be an additional fee of \$75.00 per month.

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

RESOLUTION #97-2013

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Abstention: Emily Dominguez
Motion Carries by majority.

The Mayor reminded everyone that Regular Board Meetings are normally held once a month during the summer and he is therefore requesting the Boards approval to set the following meeting dates:

June 17 th	-	8:00 PM
July 15 th	-	8:00 PM
August 19 th	-	8:00 PM

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above stated Board Meeting dates.

RESOLUTION #98-2013

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

The Mayor received a request from the Rhoda Avenue neighbors to install a speed bump in their area.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve installation of a speed bump as stated above.

RESOLUTION #99-2013

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

The Mayor received a request for a "Handicap" parking spot at 27 Main Street. The owner has a disabled child and this would make it easier for the family to maneuver the child around.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to allow the Mayor and the Superintendent of Public Works to choose the most effective spot for the installation of "Handicap" signage as stated above.

RESOLUTION #100-2013

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

The Mayor stated that the Executive Touch condemnation case is continuing. An appraisal is now required on the property. The Village is considering appointing Paul Ritz Coven to appraise the property as office space comparable to the other side. The cost will be paid by GDC.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Paul Ritz Coven to prepare an appraisal on the property known as Executive Touch as stated above.

RESOLUTION #101-2013

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

The Mayor received a request from the Lions Club to hold a carnival at the parking lot adjacent to the Knights of Columbus from July 18th to July 21st.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve holding a carnival as stated above, pending information from the Village Attorney.

RESOLUTION #102-2013

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

The Mayor received notice of a 2013 Rockland County Health Department "Creating Healthy Places" grant for the Village as per the goals and objectives of the statement.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the grant of \$20,000.

RESOLUTION #103-2013

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

The Mayor received a request from Cornell Cooperative Extension for their continuing educational opportunities for Storm Water Regulations, which is an opportunity where they provide education required by the Storm Water Management Program given by the DEC. The cost of the program is \$800.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to renew the program as stated above.

RESOLUTION #104-2013

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

The Mayor reported that it is time for the Village to go out to bid for the summer transportation program for the Village Camp.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Treasurer to prepare the bid documents, which would be returnable by June 14th.

RESOLUTION #105-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received a renewal of a Brokerage Agreement for the Chair Factory property with Rand Professional Services for another six month period.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to renew the Brokerage Agreement as stated above.

RESOLUTION #106-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor announced there will be an informational meeting concerning the development of the promenade on Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00 PM, in the Building Department Board Room.

The Mayor announced there will be a Business Expo sponsored by GET, on Friday, May 17th, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Stone Building adjacent to the Village Hall. GET is a business organization for people interested in starting up a new business or expanding their business with programs and counseling available.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – **Trustee Rafael Bueno:** Trustee Bueno then read the following report for the month of April, 2013, submitted by Fire Chief Al Lynch:

Total Alarms	-	18
General Alarms	-	10
Special Calls	-	3
Mutual Aid Calls	-	5
Structure Fires	-	0
Cooking Fires	-	1
Brush Fires	-	2
Gas Leaks	-	2
Water Leaks	-	1
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	-	1
Electrical	-	0
Elevator Removal	-	1
Good Intent/Miscellaneous	-	4
False Alarms	-	1

Total Manpower Responding - 403 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

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

In the absence of Trustee Watson, Mayor Kohut reported that the DPW is

continuing with their spring cleanup around the Village. They are also actively working to prepare and cleanup the ball field for the season. He also reported that speed bumps are being installed throughout the Village. There was nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez gave the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of April 11th through May 1st, 2013:

Reachout Counseling Services – The staff held counseling sessions for 52 individuals and their family members for group and/or family canceling.

Homework Program – The Center continues with its Homework Program with over 70 children in attendance per day. She also mentioned there is a waiting list for this program and they are looking for volunteers to assist with the program.

JUMP Program - There are currently over 45 participants in this program.

Late Night Program - There have been approximately 50 participants involved in this program over the past two Fridays.

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of April 15th through May 3rd, 2013:

Rental property inspections	-	1
Municipal searches	-	5
Miscellaneous inspections	-	140
Construction inspections	-	7
Complaints	-	8
Violations & tickets	-	12
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	12

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Board Meetings of March 4th and March 18th and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 25th, 2013 for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above minutes as written.

RESOLUTION #107-2013

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez thanked the DPW for the great job they are doing at the ball field.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport inquired which Lion's Club was going to be running a carnival in the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that it is the Haverstraw Hispanic Lion's Club.

Gil Musinger, 1416 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Musinger spoke about the road bumps being installed, stating that there is a difference between a bump and a hump of which the Mayor was already aware. He wanted to know why then, the bumps were being installed.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that the bumps are taken up every fall.

Gil Musinger: Mr. Musinger thought the Mayor was talking about permanent structures.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned that the Village also installs humps in certain areas.

Arti Taub: Mr. Taub wanted the Board to reconsider the "desal" proposition, stating that every town and the County Legislature has endorsed the proposition.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that the Board thoroughly discussed the proposition and made a decision.

Mel Post: Mr. Post brought up the request from Tilcon for a land use area, discussed at the previous board meeting and if the Board has found out their intended use for that land.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded it was never a land use request from Tilcon, explaining that it was a zoning change request that came about because of the Short Clove Road interchange. The Board has received comments which the Village Consultant is reviewing before he prepares his final report for the Board.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired if there would be an opportunity for the public to hear their intended use for the property, which they refused to reveal at the previous meeting.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that the person who spoke at that meeting was not aware of anything specific intended for that area.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired if the public will be made aware when this will come to fruition or if there might be another Public Hearing on the matter.

Mayor Kohut: The mayor explained that all the public input has been received and there will not be another Public Hearing. He stated that the Board will review all the findings and then make a decision.

Mel Post: Mr. Post feels that the public may have a different point of view or additional comments on the matter depending on Tilcon's intent for that land.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that nothing is going to happen with that land because it is still owned by the Village and the Village has not made any agreement with Tilcon. Nothing can happen in that area until the Village agrees to abandon the road. He stated that when they start negotiating the public will be made aware of the intent for that property.

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 #108-2013

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift
Senior Steno Clerk