

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Wednesday, September 4th, 2013, beginning at 8:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

Sherry Coplon, 58 Main Street: Ms. Coplon inquired if the Board passed a chicken law, to which the Mayor responded "No". She then inquired if the Board would be passing such a law in the near future.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired if there was a particular reason Ms. Coplon was making this inquiry.

Sherry Coplon: Ms. Coplon thought it would be nice to have some chickens in the Village and some people do want to raise chickens, as well as the fact that this has been brought up at previous meetings.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that the law was proposed but other things came up and the Board never followed through with it. The law is still pending on the agenda if the Board decides it wants to pursue it further, explaining that the law would allow for chickens (hens), but **not roosters**.

Sherry Coplon: Ms. Coplon, being aware of all the cuts to the Head Start Program throughout the Country, inquired if the cuts affect the program in the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that he was not aware of Head Start having any funding problems.

Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista informed Ms. Coplon that there were no major cuts to the Head Start Program in the Village and they are conducting business as usual.

Terence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson also mentioned that they recently purchased the building on Route 9W across from the Exxon Gas Station, which they are using for their offices, with the schooling still being conducted at their facility on Maple Avenue and also Division Street.

Sherry Coplon: Ms. Coplon then inquired how many cell phone towers are currently in the Village and the location of each. She also inquired if there were any new request coming in.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that there are currently 2 locations where cell towers exist, the first being located at 21 Broadway with 1 provider and the second being located at the Central Presbyterian Church at 89 Hudson Avenue, where there are 2 or 3 providers. He also informed Ms. Coplon that there are no other cell tower applications pending at the current time.

Sherry Coplon: Ms. Coplon then referred back to the chicken law, stating that she realizes it is not a top priority but she feels that people should be able to keep a few hens, as some people already do in the Village and thinks it should be made legal to do so.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that the Board will take another look at the proposed law and when time allows move forward with it.

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 mentioned that approximately 2 years ago United Water did a presentation at a meeting with regard to a Desalination Plant in the Village. He believed that at that time the Board made a motion in support of the plant. It subsequently came to the attention of the Board that they had actually not passed a positive motion in support of the plant.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to support the Desalination Plant being proposed by United Water.

RESOLUTION #161-2013

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor mentioned that the documents are ready to go out to bid for the Greenway Trail repairs, with all bids to be returned to the Village Clerk no later than Friday, September 20th.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Village Clerk to go out to bid for the repairs to the Greenway Trail as stated above and also to hold a Special Meeting on, Monday, September 23rd to award the bids.

RESOLUTION #162-2013

Motion by: Francisco Batista

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor reported that he received a proposed renewal contract from Big Brothers/Big Sisters for the 2013/2014 contract year at a sum of \$5,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to renew the contract with Big Brothers/Big Sisters as stated above.

RESOLUTION #163-2013

Motion by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno had nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson: Trustee Watson had nothing to report, however, the Mayor did mention that the DPW is out of the trailer and everything is back in the building.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez: In the absence of Trustee Dominguez, the Mayor presented a prior motion which has been reworked to hire 4 part-time workers instead of 3 and to also rework their schedules in the existing budgeting amount.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire part-time workers for the Community Center, as stated above.

RESOLUTION #164-2013

Motion by: Terence Watson, Jr.
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion Carries: All

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 reminded everyone that the Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual street fair on Sunday, September 22nd. He also mentioned that this Sunday, September 8th, there would be a Community Shred Day at the Farmer's Market, inviting everyone to bring any documents that need shredding to the market. A shredding truck will be available which is being provided by the Village with no charge to the public.

Mayor Kohut:
2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Israel Peralta, a Village resident and father and father-in-law of 2 employees, who recently passed away at the age of 97. The Mayor requested everyone to stand for a moment of silence in his memory.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #165-2013

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift
Senior Steno Clerk
September 16th, 2013