

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, December 2nd, 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 informed the Board that coming into work on Saturday he noticed taxi cabs parked in spots not designated for their use. He also mentioned that an A&P Taxi ran a "STOP" sign almost hitting one of his employees who was driving the company truck. He feels everyone has had their fill of these taxi cabs and requested something be done about their recklessness.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that it is an issue of police enforcement and being at the scene to issue tickets when something inappropriate occurs, however, they are in the Village often enough to see the parking violations and should be issuing tickets in those instances. He informed the public that the Village does strongly enforce all the rules and regulations when the Village Parking Enforcement staff is on duty.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine brought up the same issue, mentioning that he was almost hit again when someone ran a "STOP" sign on New Main Street. He also mentioned that when the buses enter the Village they do not slow down coming down the hill, which he believes is a very dangerous situation.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired of Mr. Levine where he was in the Village when he was almost hit.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine responded he was going west on New Main. The other vehicle made a left turn without stopping or slowing down. He asked if there would be any way the Parking Enforcement staff could ticket these drivers. He still feels that an additional "STOP" sign is needed at the corner of New Main Street and Clove Avenue opposite the existing sign.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that the Parking Enforcement staff does not have any authority to issue tickets for moving violations. He then mentioned that the corner of Clove Avenue has existed with only one "STOP" sign for generations and has never been a problem.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport is aware that that corner has been that way for years, however, at the current time it is a matter of safety and not the ease of traffic flow. He feels that some drivers just have a disregard for safety and do not adhere to the laws. He suggested putting up a camera in areas where this is happening most often and that the Village is also losing a lot of money to be made from tickets issued.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post inquired of the Mayor how the fire department knows exactly what section or building to respond to when they go to the Harbors for a fire alarm or other instances.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor requested former Fire Chief Patrick McNamee to respond to that question.

Patrick McNamee: Mr. McNamee informed Mr. Post that the department has a binder for each building which lists building numbers, hydrant locations, sprinkler locations, unit numbers, etc.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired about how the information was obtained.

Patrick McNamee: Mr. McNamee responded through the plans.

Mel Post: Mr. Post asked this question because approximately one week prior the Volunteer Ambulance came to Harbors on a call and wasted a lot of time running around trying to find the right apartment to care for someone that had fallen. He spoke with a woman that was on the crew that night who informed him that they asked someone who lived at Harbors who finally directed them to the right building.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport responded, as a member of the Ambulance Corp., that the ambulance is dispatched by the Town Police, who usually gives them the required information, building numbers, apartment numbers, etc., however, at that time the exact information was evidently not given to the ambulance crew.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that sometimes the police may just give a street address and if the driver is unfamiliar with the area, it does take a while to find the correct location. He explained that the Fire Department does have their catalogue of books for the Harbors location and can get the trucks to the scene in a reasonable amount of time. Also, the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chiefs go directly to the scene so the incoming fire trucks can see their flashing lights.

Patrick McNamee: Mr. McNamee informed the public that the Fire Department issued copies of their information on the Harbors to both the Ambulance Corp. and the Police Department but it is up to them to use the information. He also mentioned that he is actually the person who distributed the binders, so there is no disputing whether or not they have the necessary information to respond to a call. The binders were prepared and designed approximately four years ago for firematic use. They were distributed shortly after that.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor also mentioned that as new buildings are constructed, the binders are updated with all that information.

Patrick McNamee: Mr. McNamee mentioned that the binders were prepared by Firefighter Jimmy Swift, who included every building in these binders, even the ones that are still being proposed.

Terence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson informed the public that Mr. Swift spent his own time compiling the information by actually walking through every building at the Harbors to provide the Fire Department very detailed information about each and every building.

Patrick McNamee: Mr. McNamee also mentioned that each Chief has a binder in their vehicle, as well as in each fire truck. It is up to the Ambulance Corps. to put a copy of the binders into each of their ambulances. He also mentioned that when Building D was first occupied many years ago, as Fire Inspector, he suggested to Mr. Ginsburg and then later to the Homeowners Association that directional signage be installed by the elevators for emergency situations, however, no-one wanted Harbors to look like a hotel, therefore it was never done. He also suggested at that time that signage be installed on the outside of the buildings.

Mel Post: Mr. Post responded that he will bring the signage issue up again at the next Homeowners meeting.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned that there was supposed to be a Public Hearing at this meeting with regard to the proposed change to the FEMA Flood Damage Protection Act, which he asked Counselor Hood to address.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood reported that the Public Hearing could not be held that night because there were still some reviews required that have to be addressed by the Village engineers.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to reschedule the Public Hearing for the proposed change to the FEMA Flood Damage Protection Act to Tuesday, January 21st, 2014 at 8:05 PM.

RESOLUTION #218-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to reschedule the second Regular Meeting of January to Tuesday, January 21st, 2014 due to the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday, January 20th.

RESOLUTION #219-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that Yolanda Lopez is resigning from the Architectural Review Board (ARB) because she is relocating to Garnerville. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the Village where she grew up and raised her family.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to regretfully accept the resignation of Yolanda Lopez from the Village ARB.

RESOLUTION #220-2013

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to close the Village at 3:00 PM on Christmas Eve.

RESOLUTION #221-2013

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

The Mayor then presented the following partial reorganization of Village held offices:

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to reappoint Jay Hood, Jr., Esq. to the position of Village Attorney for a term of 1 year.

RESOLUTION #222-2013

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to reappoint Dennis Michaels to the position of Deputy Village Attorney for a term of 1 year.

RESOLUTION #223-2013

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to reappoint Edye McCarthy to the position of Village Assessor for a term of 1 year.

RESOLUTION #224-2013

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to reappoint Brooker Engineering as the Village engineers for a term of 1 year.

RESOLUTION #225-2013

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to reappoint Steven Cobb to the position of Village Historian for a term of 1 year.

RESOLUTION #226-2013

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to appoint Luis Torres to the position of Acting Village Justice for a term of 1 year.

RESOLUTION #227-2013

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to reappoint Jessica Oms-Mendez to the position of Justice Court Clerk for a term of 1 year.

RESOLUTION #228-2013

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to reappoint Toni Jones to the position of Associate Justice Court Clerk for a term of 1 year.

RESOLUTION #229-2013

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor stated that the remainder of the reorganization will be done at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting, December 16th.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Total Alarms	-	20
General Alarms	-	15
Special Calls	-	1
Mutual Aid Calls	-	4
Structure Fires	-	0
Cooking Fires	-	6
C.O. Alarms	-	2
Gas Leaks	-	1
Boat Calls	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	3
False Alarms	-	4

Total Manpower Responding - 409 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson:

Trustee Watson had nothing to report, but did want to mention that the DPW did a great job with the Christmas lights and decorations throughout the Village.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez had nothing to report. Mayor Kohut mentioned that Thanksgiving Dinner was served on November 27th to the children of the center and their families.

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor announced that the upcoming Saturday, December 7th the Village would be celebrating "Holidays in Haverstraw" beginning with restaurant offerings throughout the day, the annual free Christmas concert at the Presbyterian Church 2:00 PM, the lighting of the Village Tree at 4:30 PM, followed by Supper With Santa at the Community Center sponsored by the 42 Club.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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 #230-2013

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

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