

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, May 16, 2016, beginning at 7:00 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 a presentation to the family of Angelo Cintron, informing the public that Mr. Cintron and he became Trustees of the Village together in 1992. He stated that Mr. Cintron served the Village well for many years and was a true advocate for the Village of Haverstraw. Mr. Cintron showed his love for the Community in many ways, including starting a business and raising his family here in the Village. He had a lot of wonderful visions for the Village, especially seeing the waterfront for what it could be, long before anyone else gave it a thought. After his time serving on the Board, Mr. Cintron continued his efforts on behalf of the Village and its residents and was especially pleased to hear about and see the progress, development and enhancements being made to the Village, praising the Board for their efforts to change the Village for the betterment of its residents. He also mentioned that Mr. Cintron happily sponsored many softball teams for the Quisqueya Club and did a lot in his lifetime to make the Village a better place for everyone to live. The Mayor then mentioned that he and then Trustee Cintron may not have always agreed on the particulars of how to get something accomplished, but they never disagreed on the end result, which was always what was best for the Village. On behalf of the Board, the Mayor wanted to acknowledge that the Village and its residents truly appreciated the service, dedication and efforts that Mr. Cintron put forth throughout his lifetime here. The Mayor then invited the family of Angelo Cintron to come forward and requested the Board to step down from the podium to greet them and present them with a plaque from the Village of Haverstraw.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor continued with the agenda for that night's meeting with the first Public Participation inviting the public to ask questions or make comments.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport wanted the Board to be aware that people are throwing garbage all over the streets & sidewalks in the downtown, which does not present the best image of the Village to outsiders or our residents. He also saw a garbage truck picking up garbage at Anderson Gardens that morning, leaving behind about ¼ of what they were trying to empty into the truck, which he feels is a good part of the reason that the complex always looks so appalling. He also wanted the Board to know that patrons of the Hookah Shop spend a lot of time smoking outside in front of the Hookah Shop. Mr. Rappaport's customers are always complaining to him about the garbage, the smoke, the riff-raff hanging out on the streets, etc. He feels more police presence is needed in the Village especially during the evening hours when people come in to the Village to dine at the restaurants. He again mentioned that when the Police do a ride through the Village they never stop or issue tickets when they see something that warrants a ticket being issued; they just continue to drive on as if nothing is happening. He feels something has to be done now or the Village is never going to be able to attract any new business prospects except for more barber shops, bodegas, etc., especially now with the Streetscape moving forward, everyone wants things to fall into place for a better Haverstraw for its residents and visitors.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that there are going to be a couple of new restaurants opening soon, which hopefully will attract more people into the Village.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport was happy to hear that, but still is hearing that people are afraid to come into the Village at night, so again, something has to be done to make the Village safer and more welcoming to outsiders.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor agreed with Mr. Rappaport and asked that he continue to make complaints to the Police Chief and the Town Board about the situation in the Village and especially about the Police Officers not performing their duties to the fullest.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Point Drive: Mr. Post mentioned that he could not be at the meeting with Suez Water the previous week and inquired if anyone was able to make that meeting. He wanted to make the Board aware that he still has concerns about the water problem because upon returning from vacation and finding he had brown water coming out of his faucets again. He feels this company is unresponsive and carefree about the citizenry that is drinking their product. He again mentioned that the first time this happened he called and they sent someone right away who took samples of his water, but then never got back to him with the test results; he had to continue contacting Suez Water to get any information. This time when he called they again came right away and again they took a sample of the water, but again, have not gotten back to him with any results or reasoning for the condition of the water.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired of Mr. Post if Suez Water gave him a “job order number” or anything for feedback.

Mel Post: Mr. Post responded that the only time they give a customer a “job order number” is when they turn it over to their insurance company, who are just as bad. He mentioned that the worst quality of water deciphered by New York State standards is 15 and his water levels, when tested, were at 45. He feels everyone is at risk drinking this water and people may not visibly be able to see it if they have anything other than a pure white porcelain sink. Everyone is drinking this water and he feels it is criminal of this company not to take immediate action to rectify the situation.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that the reason he asked about a “job order number” is so that he could try to track it, but that is impossible without some sort of certification.

Mel Post: Mr. Post feels this company is insubstantial and the community is vulnerable to their actions, or more so, their inactions. They come and take samples and then they simply disappear. He’s been lied to by Suez Water who led him to believe that results never came back from the first testing sample, which he then found out came back from the lab the day after the sample was taken at his home.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that he would gladly follow-up with Suez Water if this happens again and for Mr. Post to get some kind of information that would help with a follow-up, such as a date, name of the person taking the sample, anything that would allow for a more efficient follow-up.

Mel Post: Mr. Post responded that he has the first analysis of the water sample and would get the Mayor a copy of it if that would be of any help. Mr. Post then inquired if there has been any change with the Ginsburg situation to which the Mayor responded “no change” except that the Interim Agreement has been

extended for another 30 days, which is the 2nd extension the Village has granted.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine inquired if any progress has been made with painting lines on the streets in the Village, also mentioning that the lines need to be repainted on Route 9W as well.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor was happy to inform Mr. Levine that this project has been scheduled.

Terence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson informed Mr. Levine that the County has made arrangements to do line painting on the streets of the Village, the Town and the Village of West Haverstraw all at the same time.

With no further input from the public, the Mayor announced the next item on the agenda to be a Public Hearing with regard to Refuse Removal inviting Village Attorney, Jay Hood, Jr., Esq. to present the proposed law.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION #112-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood reported that this law came about as a result of Meile Sanitation no longer being the garbage refuse pickup for the Village and the Village wanting to have a more structured law for refuse removal. The Board reviewed the Refuse Removal Laws used by other communities and have developed a law they feel will assure prompt, efficient, clean and courteous service by the refuse collection industry at a reasonable cost. This law also creates a uniform day of pickup according to the Village's contract with Rockland County Solid Waste. He also mentioned that Friday's will continue to be the pickup day for recyclables, which must be complied with by every refuse company picking up in the Village.

Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez had a question about the hours of operation for refuse removal in the Downtown Business District which she believes should be picked up before the stores open for business instead of having the trucks maneuvering through the streets during business hours.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor replied that the new hours stated in the proposed law are 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM and the collections are to begin in the downtown area so no garbage trucks will be driving through the downtown during business hours and no garbage will be picked up anywhere in the Village after 8:00 PM on any given day. He mentioned, however, that the Refuse Removal Company requested permission to pick up garbage on Route 9W before coming into the Village in order to avoid the morning commuter traffic in that area, after which they will pick up in the business district and then residential areas.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood then spoke about the penalties for offenses for both businesses and individuals which would be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$20,000.00, to be enforced by the Building Inspector.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned that the County also has regulations that all Refuse Companies doing business in the County must abide by, therefore, they also send out inspectors on occasion to ensure that all provisions set forth by the County are being adhered to.

Terence Watson, Jr.: Trustee Watson inquired if this law will be sent out to all refuse carriers providing garbage pickup in the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that there is a requirement in the law that stipulates that all garbage collecting companies shall not engage in the business of collecting, removing or transporting refuse, wastes, etc., without first obtaining a license to conduct such business from the Village of Haverstraw. He mentioned that shop owners in the business district did hire their own refuse collectors after Meile left the Village, whose garbage is picked up on many different days of the week. This law will mandate the days that refuse pickup will be allowed in the Village, including recyclables.

Jay Hood, Jr., Esq.: Counselor Hood mentioned also that now if anyone has a problem with their carter this will make it easier for the problem to be addressed.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then opened the floor to the public for questions or comments.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport spoke about having all the merchants keeping the property in front of their stores cleaned of litter and debris, which he wanted to bring up again while discussing the garbage issue.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor agreed wholeheartedly with Mr. Rappaport that there is an issue there, but this problem was not a part of the Public Hearing. He did mention that the Building Inspector has been speaking with the merchants over the past couple of weeks addressing this issue with them.

Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista thought that the wording regarding containers was a little confusing and people might think they have to also buy recycling containers. He requested Counselor Hood add the word "refuse" to that section of the law.

With no further input from the public, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing with regard to the Refuse Removal Law.

RESOLUTION #113-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to approve the Refuse Removal Law with the addition of the word "refuse" to §170-9A Obligations of Customer (The customer must purchase his/her own **refuse** containers).

RESOLUTION #114-2016

Motion by: Francisco Batista

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

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 entertained a motion to have attorney's Zarin & Steinmetz retain the engineering firm of JMC for the purposes of the Chair Factory litigation.

RESOLUTION #115-2016

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

The Mayor reported the necessity at this time to create an additional part time Crossing Guard position to revise the current staff.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #116-2016

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

The Mayor requested approval by the Board to move to a summer schedule of one regular Board Meeting per month to be set for June 20th, July 18th and August 15th, all starting at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to set the summer Board Meeting schedule as stated above.

RESOLUTION #117-2016

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

The Mayor received a Letter of Resignation from Parking Enforcer Todd Green, effective May 15th, 2016.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the resignation of Todd Green as stated above.

RESOLUTION #118-2016

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

The Mayor also received a Letter of Resignation from Jessica Oms, Justice Court Chief Clerk, effective May 20th, 2016.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Jessica Oms as stated above.

RESOLUTION #119-2016

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

The Mayor requested authorization from the Board to sign the 2016 OASAS Contract in the amount of \$216,592.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #120-2016

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

The Mayor received a proposal from Gentech Ltd. for a Preventive Maintenance Agreement for Generator Model 60kW Kohler 60RZG at a cost of \$545.00 per year.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Contract with Gentech Ltd. as stated above.

RESOLUTION #121-2016

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

The Mayor requested approval of the Board for himself to attend the World of Infrastructure Workshop on Friday, May 20th from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, at a cost of \$35.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion for the Board to approve his attendance at a conference as stated above.

RESOLUTION #122-2016

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

The Mayor received a request from Village Clerk/Treasurer, Judy Curcio to attend a Revenue Sources & Cash Management Seminar on Wednesday, May 25th from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at a cost of \$95.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve attendance at a seminar for Judy Curcio as stated above.

RESOLUTION #123-2016

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

The Mayor presented the following budget adjustments submitted by Joseph Modafferi, Village Accountant:

2015-2016 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A3410.0200	Fire Equipment	\$ 20,000.00		
A3410.0400	Fire Contractual		\$ 20,000.00	
A1440.0410	Engineering Ferry	\$ 4,000.00		
A1650.0450	Central Communication Alarms	\$ 1,500.00		

A3620.0400	Safety Inspection Contractual	\$ 1,500.00		
A7110.0420	Ball Park	\$ 8,000.00		
A9045.0800	Life Insurance	\$ 150.00		
A1210.0100	Mayor Personnel	\$ 5,000.00		
A1680.0400	Data Processing	\$ 3,500.00		
A1990.0410	Contingent Overtime		\$ 5,000.00	
A1990.4	Contingent		\$ 18,650.00	
		\$ 43,650.00	\$ 43,650.00	

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

RESOLUTION #124-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor made the following announcements of upcoming events in the Village:

- 1) Garner Arts Festival - May 21st & May 22nd at the Garnerville Arts Center.
- 2) Habitat for Humanity Walk-A-Thon - June 4th in Congers. Habitat is currently building a house in the Village on Partition and Ridge Streets.
- 3) North Rockland Fun Run Charity Event – June 5th, at Bowline Park beginning at 8:00 AM which will benefit 3 local families dealing with exorbitant medical expenses.
- 4) Flavors of Haverstraw Food Crawl – June 5th beginning at 2:00 PM at the Village Hall, which will include the dedication of the Mural Tile project that was started at last year’s River Fest. The Mural will be installed on the Village Hall at 2:00 PM.
- 5) Dancing Under the Stars – June 17th with The Lady Spectrum Band performing.
- 6) Juneteenth Event – June 18th starting at 1:00 PM with the dedication of the African American Park on Clinton Street.
- 7) Haverstraw Fire Department Inspection of Quarters & Apparatus – May 21st beginning at 8:00 AM.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – **Trustee Rafael Bueno:** Trustee Bueno submitted the following application for admittance to the Haverstraw Fire Department:

Julio Salva - Relief Hose Company #3

The application is complete and duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept Mr. Salva into the Haverstraw Fire Department assigned to Relief Hose Co. #3 as a non-resident.

RESOLUTION #125-2016

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson:

Trustee Watson read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Maintenance Supervisor of the Department of Public Works, as of May 13th, 2016:

- 1) Paved, installed flower beds, benches and bulletin board at the African American Park.
- 2) Installed “No Parking” signs on Lincoln Street adjacent to the Haverstraw Elementary School.
- 3) Put up guard rail on Jefferson Street.
- 4) Continue to cut and trim all village property.
- 5) Took down slide at Village on the Green park.
- 6) Replaced signage on the right side of Coolidge Street adjacent to the Little League Field with signage stating “No Parking on this side of the street”.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Francisco Batista: Trustee Batista read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of April 29th thru May 13th, 2016:

- 1) Tim Sanders, along with 11 youth volunteers participated in the 2016 Riverkeeper Sweep, which is their 5th annual thus far, where volunteers come together and help clean up shorelines, plant trees and maintain wildlife in more than 90 locations.
- 2) The Haverstraw Collaborative is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 1st from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.
- 3) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group is scheduled to meet on June 1st at 6:00 PM at the Haverstraw Elementary School.
- 4) The End of the Year Celebration will be held on Friday, June 10th starting at 5:00 PM.
- 5) The Village of Haverstraw Summer Camp Program begins on Wednesday, July 6th and ends on Friday, August 19th. Registration is underway and applications are available at Village Hall or on the Village Website. The camp day begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM. An “after camp” program is available this year with an additional cost of \$180.00 for the 6 week program. Camp is open to youth ages 6 through 14 for the first 175 children who apply.
- 6) Individual Family Counseling had a total of 32 participants.
- 7) Managing Emotions had a total of 15 participants.
- 8) Butts Out/Smokers Aftercare had a total of 13 participants.
- 9) Project Shift (A Call to Action) had a total of 5 participants.
- 10) Girls Life Skills ages 11 thru 14 had a total of 14 participants.

- 11) Girls Life Skills ages 8 thru 10 had a total of 12 participants.
- 12) Homework Help Program has a total of 65 participants daily.
- 13) Sharpshooters had a total of 27 participants in 2 sessions.
- 14) Late Night Friday had a total of 45 participants.

Trustee Batista had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT - Trustee Emily Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of May 2nd thru May 13th, 2016:

Rental registrations	-	5
Municipal searches	-	4
Miscellaneous inspections	-	158
Complaints	-	6
Construction inspections	-	13
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	7
Violations/Tickets	-	23
Fines collected at Court	-	\$3,075.00

Trustee Dominguez had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of February 1st and February 16th, 2016 and the Board of Assessment Review Minutes of February 16th, 2016 for approval by the Board.

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

RESOLUTION #126-2016

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport reminded the Mayor about the Rockland County Historical Society Tours of old churches/synagogues in the County scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 4th. He was proud to mention that his synagogue is on the tour list. The Mayor mentioned the other churches that are on the tour list including several from the Village.

Mel Post: Mr. Post requested an update on the Streetscape Project especially when it will aggressively start moving forward.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor is hopeful for a June start to the project. He mentioned that the Village has gotten all the documentation into the State for the Construction Management Plan and Construction Management Team which has to be approved by the State. Once that has been done, there is 1 other item required by DOT and then the Contractor should be able to begin the Project.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired where the Project is actually going to begin.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that the Project will start at the river and work its way forward. He mentioned that the street poles are still being worked on, but should be completed shortly.

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired about the new restaurants the Mayor mentioned would be coming to the Village.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that 2 new restaurants will be moving into the previously vacated Bricktown Brewery and Antoine McQuires.

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

RESOLUTION #127-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Terence Watson, Jr.

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk