

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, March 20th, 2017, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Santana	- 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.

With no input from the public, the Mayor continued with the agenda for that night's meeting.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood requested the Board reschedule a Public Hearing on Local Law §169 – 18 fine amounts, which, was originally scheduled to be heard at this meeting.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to reschedule the Public Hearing stated above to Monday, April 3rd at 7:05 PM.

RESOLUTION #55-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana
Motion Carries: All

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

Board of Assessment Review

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to continue the Board of Assessment Review meeting.

RESOLUTION #56-2017

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

The Mayor reminded everyone that the Board of Assessment Grievance Night was held in February, where residents were able to approach the Board to appeal their tax assessments. The Mayor reported that the Board has reviewed the documentation of all those who filed a grievance and the Board either agreed to a reduced amount, denied their application, or granted a senior or Veterans exemption.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve 4 assessment reductions, 1 senior exemption and 1 Veteran's exemption as listed on the Final Assessment Roll.

RESOLUTION #57-2017

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana
Abstain: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries with a 3 to 1 vote in favor of the assessment results. Deputy Mayor Dominguez abstained.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the Assessment Review Hearing.

RESOLUTION #58-2017

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the 2017 Final Assessment Roll.

RESOLUTION #59-2017

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that he has received 2 requests for carnivals to be held this summer. The first from Cosgriff Hose Co. #4 to be held from July 5th through July 9th in the parking lot adjacent to the Knights of Columbus. The second, from the Haverstraw Hispanic Lions Club to be held August 23rd through August 27th, also at the parking lot adjacent to the Knights of Columbus.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve both requests to hold carnivals as stated above.

RESOLUTION #60-2017

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

The Mayor reported that the Board has received a complaint from the Clinton Street Neighborhood Watch Association. The residents are having a tremendous problem with taxis parking in spots all over the street, loud noise and music, dumping garbage, etc. The Board will meet to try to resolve these issues in this neighborhood.

The Mayor received a proposal from a drone filming company, Flying Films NY, to film the Village of Haverstraw, on its behalf. The Village will use the footage for the Village Website and for other publicity purposes. The cost for the aerial videography and photography is \$1,400.00.

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

RESOLUTION #61-2017

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

The Mayor informed the public that the Streetscape Project will resume the first week in April.

The Mayor reported that there will be also be filming taking place in the Village during that same week. There will be 1 movie "I Think We're Alone Now" filming on April 5th and April 7th, and 1 TV Pilot called "Rise" being filmed on April 3rd and April 4th.

The Mayor then requested approval of the Board to sign contracts for the 2 bands that will be performing at "Dancing Under the Stars". The first band "Spectrum" at the June event at a cost of \$1,500.00 and the second band "Heated Exchange" at the August event at a cost of \$1,000.00.

Kohut entertained a motion to approve hiring both bands for "Dancing Under the Stars" as stated above.

RESOLUTION #62-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received a proposal from Barton & Loguidice, an engineering planning firm, in the amount of \$20,000.00, for site planning for the Riverside Development Concept Plan located at the Chair Factory location.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract from Barton & Loguidice as stated above.

RESOLUTION #63-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor then requested the Board's approval to award the bid to "Environmental Construction" for the Riverside Drainage Project in the amount of \$173,215.40.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the Riverside Drainage Project to Environmental Construction as stated above.

RESOLUTION #64-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana
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:

In the absence of Trustee Watson the DPW report was read by Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez. The following report was submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, as of March 20th, 2017:

- 1) Filled potholes with cold patch on several streets throughout the Village.
- 2) Worked on Pocket Park at the corner of Division and Rockland Streets.
- 3) Truck #18 is back in service.
- 4) Received an order for recycling bins.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez reported that the department did an exceptional job once again with removal of the snow from the latest storm. There was nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut: As a point of information, the Mayor informed the public that the Village is creating a Pocket Park in the dead-end area of Division Street. He explained that this area has been used for dumping snow, etc. and now that the Village owns this property they are trying to make the area more attractive, by putting up some wood fencing and installing some benches and trees.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of March 6th thru March 20th, 2017:

- 1) The Haverstraw Collaborative: continues to meet monthly at the Center.
- 2) Celebrating Families: is currently in its 16th week of the program.
- 3) Jump Program/Big Brothers, Big Sisters: Approximately 16 to 20 youth ages 9 through 16 are being seen weekly in mentoring groups.
- 4) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group: Will meet on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00 PM.
- 5) Strengthening Families Program: This program began on Thursday, March 16th with a total of 13 families.
- 6) Unity in the Community: Every year the Haverstraw Collaborative runs this event at the Haverstraw Center during the North Rockland School District's spring vacation recess, which this year is April 10th through April 14th.

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez:

The Deputy Mayor read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of March 7th through March 17th, 2017:

Rental registrations	-	0
Municipal searches	-	2
Miscellaneous inspections	-	55
Complaints	-	4

Construction inspections	-	2
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	2
Violations/Tickets	-	11

Fines collected at court: \$2,250.00

Deputy Mayor Dominguez announced that the Farmer's Market will be opening on June 11th and there are openings for vendors. She had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Barbara Curti, Dowd Street: Ms. Curti inquired when the Village Website will be up and running for the public to access information.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Ms. Curti that the Village is in the process of developing a new Website, but for now she can still access the present site at vohny.com.

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

RESOLUTION #65-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk