

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, October 23rd, 2017, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Absent
	Trustee Watson	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- 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.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post complimented the Board on the beautiful work that was done by the DPW on the Promenade area. He did mention, however, that there are some broken wires in the first set of wires on the Lagoon. He then requested an update on the GDC Litigation.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that he sent an e-mail to Mr. Ginsburg that day stating the Village has not received any recent correspondence from him and, therefore, the Board feels the time has come for the involved parties to meet and come to resolution on the matter at hand.

With no further 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 had nothing to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that he had a discussion with former Mayor "Bud" Wassmer with regard to planning some sort of celebration for the completion of the Streetscape Project. They spoke about refurbishing the Pocket Park on Broadway & Lincoln Street and holding a Streetscape celebration on Friday, May 18th, which would also be the first "Dancing under the Stars" for the year. The Board has authorized Mr. Wassmer to proceed with forming a committee for that purpose.

The Mayor reported that there is a need for additional help in the Justice Department due to the additional workload. The Mayor, therefore, requested approval from the Board to authorize the Village Clerk to create the position of "Assistant Court Clerk", less than full time (LFT).

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing the Village Clerk to create a position for the Justice Court as stated above.

RESOLUTION #188-2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to establish the position of "Assistant Court Clerk" (LFT) upon approval of the Rockland County Personnel Department.

RESOLUTION # 189 - 2017

Motion by: Thomas Watson Jr.
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Ryan Bates for additional help in Justice Court with his title being determined after discussions with County Personnel and at a salary of \$14.00 per hour.

RESOLUTION # 190 - 2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the attendance of Deputy Mayor Dominguez at a Grant Writing workshop at a cost of \$10.

RESOLUTION # 191 - 2017

Motion by: Joel Santana
Seconded by: Thomas Watson Jr.
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the following budget adjustment:

Increase line A.1440.0410 Engineering Ferry by \$5,000
Decrease line A.1990.0400 Contingent Acct. by \$5,000

RESOLUTION # 192- 2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Thomas Watson Jr.
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut announced that there are several closings in the Village due to holidays in November. Village government will be closed on Tuesday November 7th for Election Day, Friday November 10th for observation of Veteran's Day which is on Saturday, Thursday Nov. 23rd and Friday Nov. 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday. Holiday's in Haverstraw will be coming up on Saturday December 2nd.

In addition, we will be closing the meeting tonight in memory of Ralph Rafferty who passed away today and was a former Sargeant with the Village Police Department and also in memory of Jose "Nacho" Alfonso who worked for many years with our DPW and who passed away last week.

Mayor Kohut reported that Thursday October 26th there would be a Job Fair at Village Hall run by RJ Staffing. There are many positions available throughout Rockland and Bergen counties. These are not just temp jobs but can be permanent and there are positions in office and warehousing and these are not minimum wage jobs. If anyone knows of anybody looking for work please let them know.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Watson filling in for Trustee Bueno:

We have a Fire Department application from resident Jose Grullon Vasquez for a Junior Firefighter position with Rescue Hook & Ladder #1. The application is in order and I make a motion that we accept him.

RESOLUTION # 193- 2017

Motion by: Thomas Watson Jr.

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Trustee Watson stated that there was nothing further to report for the Fire Department.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Thomas Watson:

Trustee Watson read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, as of October 19, 2017:

- Removed seasonal banners throughout the Village
- Began installing holiday decorations
- Painted all crosswalks and stop bars throughout the Village
- Installed 2 handicap signs at 26 and 34 Clinton Street
- Trimmed trees on Hillside Ave and alleyways
- Cut & trimmed abandoned properties in the Village
- Repaired and replaced floors in Brick Museum
- Repaired guard wires along Promenade
- Seal coated Harbors walkway & other cracks throughout Village

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut reported further that the Graziosi building had been sold and the new owners were recently cleaning up the property. If anyone had questions regarding the activity they saw on the property, that's what was happening.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of October 3rd to 23rd 2017:

- 1) The Halloween Parade is scheduled to be held on Tuesday October 31st. The staff & kids will be lining up at 4:30 pm with the parade starting at 5. All are welcome.

- 2) The Haverstraw Collaborative continues to meet monthly.
- 3) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group is scheduled to meet on November 1st at 6pm at Haverstraw Elementary School
- 4) JUMP program starts on November 7th
- 5) Strengthening Families began on Thursday the 28th of Sept.
- 6) Celebrating Families began Sept. 13th
- 7) Positive Alternatives - Staff member Tim Sanders along with 10 youths participated in a hands-on workshop called Meet Your Creek.

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report on Youth & Family Services.

He thanked DPW for the new garbage receptacle in Village on the Green, mentioning that they were much need and very much appreciated by the residents of VOG.

Trustee Santana requested that in addition to closing the meeting in memory of the 2 gentlemen already mentioned he would like to include Christian Gonzalez & Hevelin Naranjo who also passed away recently.

Mayor Kohut then added that the North Rockland art students painted the business windows downtown for Halloween, stating that he thinks this year's art work is the best yet and that the contest winners will be honored at the Halloween Parade.

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 Oct. 2nd through Oct. 20th

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	72
Complaints	-	16
Municipal searches	-	9
Construction inspections	-	15
Violations/Tickets	-	12
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	6

Fines collected at court - \$1,700

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of August 14th, Sept. 5th, Sept. 18th & Oct. 2nd for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 194 - 2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
 Seconded by: Thomas Watson Jr.
 Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS: Town of Haverstraw promoted 2 individuals into the position of Lieutenant: John Gould & Ian Kay
The Board congratulates them on their promotions.

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 with a moment of silence for Ralph Rafferty, Jose Alfonse, Christian Gonzalez & Hevelin Naranjo.

RESOLUTION # 195 - 2017

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Judith Curcio
Clerk/Treasurer