

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	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 people to ask questions or make comments.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport noticed that Suez Water has been digging up Broadway and inquired if Suez will be repaving the area when they are finished.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that Suez will contribute to the repaving, which has always worked out well in the past.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport then asked about the movie trucks he has noticed at the old Hornicks property.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that they are filming an NBC show called "Blindspot". He mentioned that they will also be filming at the Chair Factory property for a few days in the near future.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport questioned if something is happening at Blue Beverage.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that Blue Beverage is out of business and the Board is hoping a good quality business will come in soon to occupy the space.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine asked for information on an upcoming meeting regarding the Chair Factory.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Levine that a meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 14th, 7:00 PM at the Community Center. The meeting will be lead by the Village Consultants who will present a design plan for the Chair Factory property.

Larry Levine: Mr. Levine wanted the Board to know how bad the pothole situation is in and around the Village, especially on Route 9W.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Levine that Route 9W is a state highway, therefore the Village is not responsible for any repairs to that roadway. He also mentioned that the DPW has been out repairing potholes throughout the Village, so he should not be seeing many within the Village.

Larry Levine: The reasoning for Mr. Levine to bring this up is because he feels the matter would be taken care of much faster if a municipality were to report these conditions rather than a resident.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor believes resident complaints called in to the DOT on Ridge Road in New City would have quicker response time for repairs, however, even with their crews out and the amount of potholes that just keep appearing all over, repairs are just very slow.

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 it is renewal time for insurance coverage for the Village. Renewal for general liability and most other policies the Village has with Travelers Insurance will be \$167,688.00 plus \$547.00 in taxes and surcharges.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve insurance coverage for the Village as stated above.

RESOLUTION #30-2018

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor reminded everyone that there will be a public information meeting on the conceptual plans for the Chair Factory property, which will be led by the Village consultants, on Wednesday, March 14th, 7:00 PM at the Community Center.

The Mayor then reminded everyone about the public information meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th, 7:00 PM at the Community Center, which will be led by Transmission Developers, Inc., the proposed developers for the transmission line project. In attendance will be engineers and all professionals necessary to fully explain the process of laying the cables and the benefits that will be awarded to each of the municipalities. The cables will run underground on Route 9W from Stony Point to Clarkstown. Everyone interested is invited to attend this informative meeting.

The Mayor received a request from the Great American Clean-up Committee to once again partner with them and Keep Rockland Beautiful, by making a sponsorship donation of \$650.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve a donation to Keep Rockland Beautiful as stated above.

RESOLUTION #31-2018

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received a letter from Brooker Engineering informing the Board that the Rockland County Stormwater Consortium has been given a grant from NYSDEC to complete mapping of the stormwater systems in Rockland County. The funds allotted to the Village are \$16,928.00, which includes a required Village match of \$4,287.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the grant from NYSDEC with the required match as stated above.

RESOLUTION #32-2018

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the 2017 Annual LOSAP Reports for the Haverstraw Fire Department.

RESOLUTION #33-2018

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Terrance Watson
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion authorizing the him to sign a Music Contract with Butch Gerace and his band in the amount of \$2,500.00, with a 50% down payment due at signing. This is the band that will play for the June 15th "Dancing Under the Stars".

RESOLUTION #34-2018

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Terrance Watson
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor received a proposal from Robert Galvin, Principal of the Monarch Planning Group to retain his services in assisting the Village in the preparation and bid process to secure a qualified planner to do the work on the Village Comprehensive Redevelopment Plan and the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP). Mr. Galvin has done the same type of work for the Village of Nyack during the past few years. His proposed fee would be a maximum of \$37,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to retain the services of the Monarch Planning Group as stated above.

RESOLUTION #35-2018

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

The Mayor announced that there will be a Dominican flag raising ceremony on Tuesday, February 27th at 5:00 PM outside the Village Hall celebrating the anniversary of Dominican independence.

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 read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, as of February 19th, 2018:

- 1) Painted rooms at the Village Hall and the Community Center.
- 2) Painted rims on Trucks 3 & 4.
- 3) Removed all banners on light poles due to youth vandalizing.
- 4) Put millings on all alleyways to fix potholes and filled in potholes on various streets in the Village with cold patch.
- 5) Installed handicap sign on Liberty Street.
- 6) Repaired damaged signs on Highland & Gurnee Avenues as well as on Picariello Drive.
- 7) DPW staff called out for storm emergencies on January 17th & 30th, and February 2nd, 5th & 7th. All trucks were cleaned afterwards.
- 8) Cleaned catch basins on Third, Middle & Rockland Streets
- 9) Repaired damaged catch basin on Simenovsky Drive.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

At this time, the Mayor reported that work has started on Warren Avenue behind the little church where reinforcing of the shoreline is being done to keep it from eroding even more.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of February 5th thru February 20th:

- 1) The Haverstraw Collaborative continues to meet monthly at the Center.
- 2) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group will be meeting on Wednesday, February 28th at 6:00 PM.
- 3) Celebrating Families will start their program on Wed. February 21st.
- 4) Strenghtening Families program will begin on Wednesday, March 8th and end April 19th.
- 5) Unity in the Community will run from April 2nd thru April 6th.
- 6) Youth and families will attend activities for the “We Care Event” at the Union Restaurant from February 26th thru February 28th.
- 7) Other programs are available on ongoing at the Center are the Jump Program and Homework Help.

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 February 5th thru February 16th, 2018:

Miscellaneous inspections	-	96
Complaints	-	10
Municipal searches	-	2
Construction inspections	-	5
Violations/Tickets	-	32
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	7

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

The Mayor informed everyone that the Grand Opening for Terrace on the Hudson was held on February 5th. The restaurant will be open from Tuesday to Sunday and the catering hall is available for parties. Everyone who has eaten there has given both the food and the establishment high ratings and the Board encouraged everyone to give it a try. This restaurant is a welcome addition to our village.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Larry Levine: With regard to the Harbors Lagoon, Mr. Levine inquired how far out into the water the Village is responsible for because there is a series of 8 lights that are on 24 hours a day.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor will check with Bobby Drexler, DPW Superintendent; perhaps the sensors are off.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport wanted to express his thanks to the DPW staff for cleaning out all the catch basins by his store and up and down the street.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting, but the Board of Assessment Meeting will continue until 8:00 PM.

RESOLUTION #36-2018

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk