

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, July 16, 2018, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Watson	- Absent
	Trustee Dominguez	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- Present
	Mayor Kohut	- Present

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting with the 1st Public Participation inviting people to ask questions or make comments.

Casey Conlin, Ass't. Director, Haverstraw Kings Daughters Library: Mr. Conlin wanted to let everyone know about the some of the new programs currently being offered at the Library. People can now check out E-books, obtain museum E-passes, attend one of the Library programs, check out board games and there are new Nintendo Game consoles available for use.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired about the use of the E-pass.

Casey Conlin: Mr. Conlin explained that the library has passes available that can be used at different museums, including the Museum of Natural History, the Intrepid Museum which also includes parking, just to mention a few. He read a list of sponsors for the prizes the kids can win for utilizing different programs at the Library, some of which are from the Village and others from the entire North Rockland area. He is interested in any suggestions the Board has to make the Library more appealing, especially to the children in the Community. Mr. Conlin also mentioned that he is working with the Haverstraw Center to help the children keep up with their reading skills, a Science Program, a Stay Healthy Program, plus many more programs that offer the kids the opportunity to win the prizes he spoke of.

Judith Curcio, Village Clerk/Treasurer: Ms. Curcio suggested a "Book Club" that might attract some of the people in the Village. She also mentioned that the Village has been putting the Library Calendar on its Website. Ms. Curcio also mentioned that the programs the Library offers for the kids are phenomenal.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez also mentioned that the Library Mentor at the Farmers Market has attracted countless numbers of kids.

Annette Martinez, 19 Lafayette Street, West Haverstraw: Ms. Martinez, along with Floriana Peguero of Lions Club inquired about the status of their request to hold a carnival.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed the ladies that the Board had received 2 requests, including theirs, and had to deny both organizations request for that date due to the Latino Festival taking place that weekend, which was already scheduled. He also told them that the Board would have no problem allowing the Club to hold a carnival on a different weekend, preferably after Labor Day.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post requested an update of the GDC matter and the \$6.5M.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the status of the Agreement remains the same and GDC is good to go with starting construction at Site A, with Site B remaining at a standstill. They are a little further than the last time Mr. Post requested an update, but are still in negotiation stages.

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 received 2 memorandums from Max Stach which he requested Counselor Hood to forward to the Building Department for an unofficial review; the first is a draft of proposed changes to Chapter 195 of the Village Code and the second is a draft for proposed legislation to amend administrative provisions to Article VIII, §245-33, which will eventually be referred to the proper boards for an official review.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to forward the above stated memos to the Building Department and Boards involved for an unofficial review.

RESOLUTION #119-2018

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to move the first September meeting to Tuesday, September 4th due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 3rd.

RESOLUTION #120-2018

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, September 17th to discuss Board amendments for the Building Department.

RESOLUTION #121-2018

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

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio gave the following Treasurers Report for the months of March, April and May:

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 2,618,716.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 860,122.00

Ms. Curcio had nothing further to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor received a request from On-Site Auto Mechanic Services to utilize the former auto services property at Dr. Girling Drive. The Mayor received their business plan, including hours of operation, and copy of their Lease with GDC.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the request of "On-Site Auto Mechanic Services" as stated above.

RESOLUTION #122-2018

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

The Mayor and Board has met with Pastor Elias of Bricktown Gospel Fellowship who requested Rockland Street be closed on Sunday's throughout July and August from 12:00 PM thru 2:00 PM for services and outreach to the Community utilizing music and dance. It was the decision of the Board to authorize 3 events during their requested time frame.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion allowing the Fellowship to hold 3 events and to be held at the park.

RESOLUTION #123-2018

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

The Mayor requested approval of the Board to schedule a Public Hearing for August 20th to amend Chapter 195 of the Village Codes (storefront window law). Along with himself and the efforts of Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez, Max Stach and Building Inspector Ruben Berrios they have been able to come up with a revised Central Business District ground story appearance law.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for August 20th as stated above.

RESOLUTION #124-2018

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

The Mayor received a request from the Haverstraw Neighborhood Committee to host their Annual Back-to-School Backpack Program at Emeline Park on Sunday, August 26th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. They are also requesting use of barricades for crowd control and 200 chairs.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the use of Emeline Park, barricades and chairs for a backpack event on August 26th as stated above.

RESOLUTION #125-2018

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

Motion Carries: All

To correspond with this event, the Mayor mentioned that in the past the Village has held a "Movies in the Park" night for the community. He is requesting approval of the Board therefore to hire Superior Audio of Nanuet who will provide the entire system, including setup and breakdown at a cost of \$1,000.00. The movie will be selected prior to the event.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve hiring Superior Audio of Nanuet for "Movies in the Park" as stated above.

RESOLUTION #126-2018

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received a request from Michael Brophy, President of the Haverstraw Brick Museum, for a donation to help with the repairs and renovations being done at the Museum. Since the Village owns the building, it would be advantageous to contribute to any repairs and renovations they are willing to do.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize expenditure of up to \$7,000.00 for repair and renovations to the Brick Museum.

RESOLUTION #127-2018

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received a request from the Village Justice Court to replace the flooring in the Court Room. An estimate of \$6,500.00 has been received from Carpets Plus. Deputy Mayor Dominguez would like to see a sample of the flooring being considered and Judy Curcio will contact the flooring company working on the Brick Museum for a second estimate. A decision was made to get a sample and a 2nd estimate.

The Mayor received a proposal from "Two-Eleven Communications", a marketing consulting and communications firm, to assist the Village in creating a scouting packet for movie and television companies wanting to utilize the Village in their programs. The packet will include contact information, local vendor information and any other information that will help those companies looking to film in the Village. Their proposal is between \$900.00 and \$1,200.00 and the contact person is Danielle Young, a North Rockland resident.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above proposal from Two Eleven Communications as stated above.

RESOLUTION #128-2018

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor reported that there has been a partial storm water collapse on the dead end of Hudson Avenue, therefore an emergency situation was declared to get the work done that was needed before it collapsed further.

The Village employed King Construction who started the work last week, however, with the heavy rains over the weekend the storm water drain started to collapse even more and they will be returning to complete the job.

The Mayor received a request to dock a “Shanty” boat at the Emeline docks adjacent to the new restaurant for 2 days. The Shanty boat is a recreated mid-century boat, which has been on exhibition nationwide, re-examining the issues currently and historically faced by people living and working on American rivers. Their intention for stopping in Haverstraw is to get some stories from people who lived along the banks of the Hudson River, particularly the people who worked in the brickyards, etc. They will be docked at Emeline Park July 20th and 21st. The event is free and is sponsored by the Haverstraw Riverwide Arts, the Haverstraw Brick Museum and the Center for Historic Preservation.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to allow the Shanty boat to dock at Emeline Park.

RESOLUTION #129-2018

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

The Mayor received a resignation letter from Theresa Alderson, effective August 14th.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Alderson, with regret, and wish her the best.

RESOLUTION #130-2018

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

Due to Ms. Alderson’s retirement/resignation, the Mayor entertained a motion to request the Account Clerk List from Rockland County Personnel.

RESOLUTION #131-2018

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the attendance at the NYSBOC Conference in October for Ruben Berrios at no cost to the Village.

RESOLUTION #132-2018

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the annual engagement contract with Shannon Modafferi for accounting services in the amount of \$7,956.00.

RESOLUTION #133-2018

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

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Barton & Loguidice Proposal for preparation of a grant application for Round 8 Consolidated Funding for the Chair Factory site resiliency improvements for redevelopment purposes, at a cost of \$5,000.00.

RESOLUTION #134-2018

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing the Village to request a Street Light at the closest pole to 49 Hillside Avenue.

RESOLUTION #135-2018

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing the use of 3 students to restore the mural on the building adjacent to the Lincoln Street Park at a cost of not more than \$650 per student.

RESOLUTION #136-2018

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the band "Damaged Radio" for the August Dancing Under the Stars event, at a cost of \$1,500.00.

RESOLUTION #137-2018

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

The Mayor then made the following announcements:

- 1) Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting for the new restaurant at Emeline Park (**Don Coqui**) the following day at 4:00 PM. Everyone is invited.
- 2) Farmers' Market – continues through October every Sunday in the parking lot adjacent to the Village Hall and every Wednesday in the parking lot adjacent to the Village Court.
- 3) Dancing Under the Stars – Friday, August 17th.
- 4) Regular Board Meeting – August 20th.

The Mayor read the following adjustments to the 2017-2018 budget year 4TH quarter (March, April, May) overtime record:

2017-2018 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A1110.11	Justice Court	\$ 4,511.10		
A9961.9	Reach Out	\$ 3,636.33		

A7140.1	Recreation	\$ 3,636.33		
A3620.1	Building Department	\$ 3,139.77		
A5110.1	DPW: Laborers, etc.	\$ 16,725.08		
A5010.1	DPW: Admin	\$ 6,175.23		
A1990.41	OT Contingency		\$ 37,823.84	

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

RESOLUTION #138-2018

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

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno read the following report of fire activity for the month of June, 2018, submitted by Fire Chief Thomas Price:

Total Alarms	-	21
General Alarms	-	15
Special Calls	-	4
Mutual Aid Calls	-	2
Structure Fire	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	8
Electrical Fires	-	2
Brush Fires	-	1
Gas Leaks	-	1
C.O. Alarms	-	1
Pump Out/Water Leaks	-	2
Stuck Occupied Elevator	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	1
False Alarms	-	2

Total Manpower Responding - 367 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson:

In the absence of Trustee Watson, Mayor Kohut read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, as of July 16th, 2018:

- 1) Repaired Catch Basins at 27 Coolidge Street, 79 West Street, Fairmount Avenue adjacent to Green Hills and 10 Santiago Avenue.
- 2) Repaired sprinkler system at the Manny Lopez Ball Field.

- 3) Currently replacing pipe and working on a drainage system at 164 Hudson Avenue.
- 4) Painted sidewalk at the Community Center, as well as stop bars and speed humps throughout the Village.
- 5) Worked on Greenway Trail.
- 6) Redid bus stop on Broadway & Lincoln adding mulch, flowers, etc.
- 7) Installed new signage in all village parks with regard to “drinking, hookah use & smoking”.
- 8) Set up and cleaned up for the “Dancing under the Stars” event, as well as set up and cleanup for the “Juneteenth Celebration”.
- 9) Installed a “No Parking from Here to Corner” sign at the corner of Main Street & Allison Avenue.

There was nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the month of July, 2018:

- 1) The Haverstraw Collaborative continues to meet monthly.
- 2) Summer Camp started on Monday, July 9th and will end Friday, August 17th with a total of 150 children attending.
- 3) Summer Youth Program: started on July 9th and is a positive alternative program for youth who attend summer school or cannot find employment. The program runs from Monday thru Friday 12:00 to 5:00 PM.
- 4) Homework Help Program: This program will start on September 5th.
- 5) Positive Alternatives: Staff member Tim Sanders will be holding basketball games on Tuesday nights for approximately 20 youth.

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 June 18th thru June 29th, 2018:

Rental registrations	-	2
Miscellaneous inspections	-	49
Complaints	-	10
Municipal searches	-	11
Construction inspections	-	7
Violations/Tickets	-	11
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	2

Fines collected at court - \$750.00

The Deputy Mayor then read the report from July 2nd thru July 13th as follows:

Rental registrations	-	1
Miscellaneous inspections	-	62
Complaints	-	16
Municipal searches	-	7
Construction inspections	-	4
Violations/Tickets	-	15

Fines collected at court - \$750.00

Deputy Mayor Dominguez thanked the DPW staff for the great job they have done so far this summer maintaining the Ball Park, which is being utilized by many teams, 7 days a week. She had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21st for approval by the Board.

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

RESOLUTION #139-2018

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stuart Suchotliff, 1413 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Suchotliff requested the Mayor to elaborate on the auto shop going into the GDC site.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Suchotliff that they are a truck repair service with light automotive repairs run by 2 brothers who are looking to do a good job for the community. Their current location is on the Keahon property in West Haverstraw. As GDC is not sure at this time about the "Site B" Project moving forward, this will be a short term lease that will run for 1 year and then month to month afterwards. The Mayor feels this is a trustworthy, reliable company that will also be beneficial to the Village for its truck repairs.

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff then inquired about the noise abatement if they will be utilizing large equipment which normally makes a lot of noise.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Suchotliff that they will only be working during normal business hours from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday thru Friday. He also commented that this company has a good track record operating in the Community.

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff then requested information of their signage.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that if they are going to use signage it would have to be approved by the Architectural Review Board (ARB).

Mel Post: Mr. Post informed the Board that some of the safety wires on the straightaway of the Promenade going towards the river are still in need of repair. He then showed the Board a picture of the synthetic rope he previously spoke to the Board about, which he feels will be very cost effective for the Village.

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

RESOLUTION #140-2018

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk