

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Tuesday, September 4th, 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 floor to the public for the first Public Participation portion of the meeting inviting people to ask questions or make comments.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport mentioned to the Board that the roadway from Warren Avenue to Westside Avenue could use some resurfacing.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that the water company first has to come in to repair the holes they made in the road before any paving can be done in that area.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport informed the Board that there seems to be some activity going on in the Blue Beverage building.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that there is a tractor trailer that goes in and out of there a couple times a week. He believes it is a party rental service utilizing the warehouse portion of the building at this time.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport complimented the staff of the DPW for the great job they are doing throughout the Village.

Ann Quatrocchi, 20 Hillside Avenue: Ms. Quatrocchi requested the Village to install 2 speed bumps by the STOP signs in her area. She mentioned that one of the STOP signs is right next to her driveway and not may drivers stop at these signs. She feels her family is in danger whenever they try to leave their driveway due to the carelessness of the other drivers and even vehicles going to the carwash that go up the hill to turn around by her home.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Ms. Quatrocchi that the Board had discussed her letter earlier at workshop and they decided they would send someone to look at it and see what can be done. He explained that the Village plans on paving that roadway from the cemetery to Hillside Avenue, but that won't be done until the beginning of 2019. He also explained that if the Village was to install "speed bumps" in that area, they would have to be taken up during the winter for plowing purposes and "speed humps" are put in as part of a paving project, which her area is scheduled for next year.

John Quattrocchi, 20 Hillside Avenue: Mr. Quattrocchi feels there is a need for "speed humps" in this area, as well as a bona fide need for police presence.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor again responded that they will check out the area to see what needs to be done.

Casey Conlin, Ass't. Director, Haverstraw Kings Daughters Library: Mr. Conlin informed the Board that staffers at the Library will be going out to places of

business, schools, grocery stores, etc. to get more people to sign up for a library card and start taking advantage of the opportunities and programs the library offers, especially having access to the technology programs and computer use for young and old alike. He offered the public the opportunity to sign up at the meeting that night. He also mentioned that the Library will be starting a trial period of no fines on all children's materials so there would be no worry about fines adding up. The Library will also be erasing any fines that may currently be attached to any children's materials.

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 reported that the McKenzie property by the river and the baseball field would be voted on that night by the Rockland County Legislature. They would then transfer the property to the Village for \$30,000.00, which is less than the taxes due. He explained that the plan for that property is to have the new American Legion Hall built there at some point, which will be a great asset for everyone in the Community. He had all the necessary acquisition documents for the Mayor's signature that night.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Acquisition Agreement for the McKenzie property.

RESOLUTION #168-2018

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to make a budget adjustment to transfer the \$30,000.00 from the Contingency Account to the Land Purchase Account.

RESOLUTION #169-2018

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

Counselor Hood then reminded everyone about the Public Hearing to be held at the next meeting on September 17th at 7:05 PM to discuss the new "No Smoking Law" in all the Village parks, which will be followed by a Public Hearing related to Planning and Zoning issues.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that during their Workshop Meeting, the Board discussed the parking ticket process. He informed the public that bringing Complus Data Innovations, Inc, specialists in parking ticket processing and collection systems will provide the Justice Court

with hand held traffic ticketing devices and backup services including payment management, data processing systems for tracking information and report generation. The cost to the Village would be a 9% service fee taken from the funds brought in. The Board feels this will enable the Village to collect fines in an enhanced manner which will also increase the amount of money taken in for this purpose.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Complus, as stated above.

RESOLUTION #170-2018

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

The Mayor reported that the Board discussed raising the hourly employment rate for Parking Enforcers Larry Montroy and Andrew Waldron to \$16.00 per hour.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to raise the hourly rate of 2 Parking Enforcers as stated above.

RESOLUTION #171-2018

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to raise the hourly pay rate for part-time DPW employee Michael Bonavito to \$16.00 per hour as per Board discussion.

RESOLUTION #172-2018

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

The Mayor presented the Village of Haverstraw Sewer Use Preventive Maintenance Agreement for adoption by the Board. This policy was adapted from the West Haverstraw sewer maintenance agreement which addresses sanitary sewer overflows, maintenance, etc. and will meet DEC requirements.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to adopt the sewer maintenance agreement as stated above.

RESOLUTION #173-2018

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion for the Village Clerk/Treasurer to create the position of Payroll Clerk/Data Entry Operator.

RESOLUTION #174-2018

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the New York State Department of State (NYSDOS) grant in the amount of \$65,000.00 for the LWRP and for authorization to sign the Agreement.

RESOLUTION #175-2018

Motion by: Terence Watson
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to enter into a contract with Nelson, Pope & Voorhis at a cost of \$65,000.00 for amendments to the Village LWRP and to accept the recommendation of the Steering Committee to select Nelson Pope Voorhis as the consultant for the preparation of the Village Comprehensive Plan.

RESOLUTION #176-2018

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

The Mayor then announced the following events taking place in the Village:

- 1) Saturday, September 15th: Riverside Arts Festival at Emeline Park from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- 2) North Rockland School District Arts Program students will begin painting windows in the downtown business district for Halloween in mid October, as they have done in previous years.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – **Trustee Rafael Bueno:** Trustee Bueno read the following application for membership into the Haverstraw Fire Department:

Steve Sayed - Lady Warren Hose Co., #5

Mr. Sayed's application is fully completed and duly notarized.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept Mr. Sayed into the Haverstraw Fire Department assigned to Lady Warren Hose Co. #5.

RESOLUTION #177-2018

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

Trustee Buenos then read the following report of fire activity for the month of August, 2018, submitted by Fire Chief Thomas Price:

Total Alarms	-	24
General Alarms	-	16
Special Calls	-	8
Mutual Aid Calls	-	0
Structure Fires	-	0

Cooking Fires	-	1
Electrical Fires	-	1
Vehicle Fires	-	1
Brush Fires	-	1
Trash/Rubbish Fires	-	2
Gas Leaks	-	5
C.O. Alarms	-	1
Boat Calls	-	1
Pump Out	-	0
Assist Police Dept.	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	3
Storm Related	-	0
False Alarms	-	6

Total Manpower Responding - 373 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Trustee Terence Watson:

Trustee Watson read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Superintendent of Public Works, as of September 4th, 2018:

- 1) Replaced damaged wires at Harbors by the bridge.
- 2) Repaired damaged catch basin at Hudson & Westside Avenues.
- 3) Repaired damaged parking meters throughout the Village.
- 4) Continuing to paint crosswalks and stop bars throughout the Village.
- 5) Trimmed and cut 5 abandoned properties in the Village.
- 6) Maintained and cleaned all troubled sewer spots throughout the Village.
- 7) Cleaned up debris from around the Community Center.
- 8) Removed furniture from Community Center for installation of new flooring. Upon completion returned furniture to Center.
- 9) Installed shelving in the kitchen at Community Center.
- 10) Repaired window for winter months at the Community Center.
- 11) Boarded up abandoned property on McKenzie Avenue.
- 12) Did sewer maintenance to catch basins in troubled spots throughout the Village.
- 13) Crack sealing done on streets throughout the Village continues.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana read the following report of activities at the Community Center as of September 4th, 2018:

- 1) The Haverstraw Collaborative continues to meet the first Wednesday of every month at the Center.
- 2) Homework Help Program began that day with a total of 65 children from grades 3 to 12 enrolled.
- 3) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group meeting dates will be announced.
- 4) Late Night Fridays Program is run by staff member Tim Sanders and will begin on Friday October 5th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM for boys in grades 3 through 12.
- 5) Strengthening Families Program will begin on Thursday, October 4th with a total of 12 families signed up.

- 6) Celebrating Families: The Center staff, in conjunction with the Department of Social Services, will be starting this 16 week evidence based program.
- 7) Monthly Youth Celebration will be held September 5th, which is hosted in conjunction with “Caught Being Good”.
- 8) Jump Program will begin in October.

Trustee Santana then thanked the Center staff for a job well done with the summer program which ended on August 17th and was a huge success.

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 August 20th thru August 31st, 2018:

Miscellaneous inspections	-	91
Complaints	-	7
Municipal searches	-	4
Construction inspections	-	15
Violations/Tickets	-	24
Building Permits & C.O.’s	-	1

Deputy Mayor Dominguez then congratulated the Haverstraw Fire Department for winning the 2018 Baseball Championship this season at the Manny Lopez Ball Field.

The Mayor then mentioned that Deputy Mayor Dominguez, along with volunteers, hosted a Back to School Backpack event at Emeline Park, which was another huge success. More than 800 children received backpacks and were treated to food and a “Movie under the Stars”.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mel Post, 1422 Round Point Drive: Mr. Post requested an update on everything related to Mr. Ginsburg.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded the construction of the 40 units has begun on the waterfront and everything else is still under active negotiations.

Mel Post: Mr. Post requested information on the specific taxation assessments after GDC sells the new units and if they will affect the residents currently paying taxes.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the Board is still trying to figure out how to best go about this, because it came to their attention that they may need to make a change there. If so, it would come during the next tax season.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then requested an update on the Chair Factory property.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that the Board is meeting with their Special Counsel on that matter to start moving things forward in developing the legal and zoning framework to make that area the most conducive to development. He has spoken with proposed developers but no decisions have been made to date.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then asked about the grant mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that any municipality with a waterfront can apply for this grant, but they must have a waterfront revitalization plan. The Village had an old one that was done in conjunction with GDC years ago and applied for and received a grant from the State to update the local waterfront revitalization. They just received the grant so the Board is currently doing studies and preparing updates. The Village has approved consultants who will be guiding the Board with that and also a revision to the Village Comprehension Plan, which will be happening simultaneously over the coming 18 months.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Point Drive: Mr. Levine informed the Board that he has heard that a couple of the new wires installed by the bridge have been cut. He also heard that there are kids hanging around the new construction area at the Harbors and asked if it would be possible for the Village to put up some kind of fencing to prevent these things from happening.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Levine that the developer is responsible for the property, however, he wondered if these kids are just walking across the property or being mischievous. He will speak to the Building Inspector about it.

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

RESOLUTION #178-2018

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk