

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, October 15th, 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.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Point Drive: Mr. Post mentioned that he attended a meeting at the West Haverstraw Community Center regarding school taxes and the Mirant situation. He was wondering if the Village, the Town or the County was invited to attend this meeting. He could not understand how a meeting of such importance was not attended by the municipalities that were so impacted by this issue.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that as far as he knew, it was a social media created event, which he did not find out about until 11:00 AM the day of the meeting.

Mel Post: Mr. Post found out about it one day when he was walking out of Shoprite and was handed a brochure by a gentleman who inquired where he lived. It seemed to him like they did not want residents of the Village or the Town to be there, which he really did not understand. He could not believe it was not publicized for everyone in the Village and Town to see and attend.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor does not believe that had anything to do with it, but feels it was more for families of the North Rockland School District.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez mentioned that before going to the Village Hall, the gentleman dropped off a brochure at her office.

Joel Santana: Trustee Santana found out 40 minutes prior to the event.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that the unfortunate thing is that it was on a Tuesday night when he was at a workshop, the Town had a Board Meeting and Counselor Hood was at a meeting of the County Legislature, so it was hard for any members of the Village or Town Boards to attend that meeting.

With no further input from the public, the Mayor continued with the agenda for that nights meeting.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood requested the Board's approval to declare the Planning Board as SEQRA Lead Agency for the 45 Hillside Avenue (Hudson Senior Day Care) proposed application.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to declare the Planning Board as Lead Agency as stated above.

RESOLUTION #199-2018

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 had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that in the coming weeks, the Village will be milling and paving Riverside Avenue, Van Houten Street, Fairmount Avenue between Hudson Avenue and West Street, Piciarello Drive, Rhoda Avenue, Victor Court, Harrigan Lane and Robbins Court. The Mayor reported that Tilcon will be raising the catch basins and manholes shortly after the milling and paving has been completed. Following that, 3 or 4 curb cuts will have to be made to sidewalk corners in the Village for handicapped accessibility. The milling and paving will begin sometime during the first week in November.

The Mayor then mentioned that the Village needs to purchase and have installed a 500 gallon grease tank with 3 bi-folds, which will be underground behind the restaurant at Emeline Park. This will prevent sewer blockages and pump station malfunctions due to any leakage of grease. The cost of the purchase and installation will be \$6,840.00 which will be split with the current restaurant owner.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a 500 gallon grease tank as stated above.

RESOLUTION #200-2018

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

Jay Hood, Esq.: Counselor Hood reported that he will be preparing an Agreement to share the expense of the purchase and installation of the grease tank to be located at Emeline Park.

The Mayor then entertained a motion to appoint Building Department Clerk Michelle Ventura to permanent Clerk Typist Spanish Speaking from provisional.

RESOLUTION #201-2018

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

The Mayor then mentioned that there is a vacancy in the Court Attendant, part-time position which the Judge is requesting to be filled by Neftali Medina at a salary of \$20.00 per hour.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to appoint Neftali Medina to the position of Court Attendant, part-time, as stated above.

RESOLUTION #202-2018

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2018-2019 Penflex Service Fee Agreement for LOSAP administration, including the preparation of the GASB 73 reporting package at an estimated cost of \$7,200.00 plus \$650.00 for the GASB reporting.

RESOLUTION #203-2018

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

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- 1) Friday, October 19th – art students from North Rockland High School and Middle School will be painting Halloween scenes on the windows in the downtown business district.
- 2) The Village Farmer’s Market will continue on Sundays thru the 3rd week in November, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.
- 3) The Community Center Halloween Parade will be held on October 31st.

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, Superintendent of Public Works, as of October 15th, 2018:

- 1) Replace damaged fencing at Jefferson Street Park.
- 2) Repaired 2 damaged parking meters on Main Street in the Village.
- 3) Repaired damaged catch basin at 123 Hudson Avenue.
- 4) Replaced and installed new curbing on the catch basin at Harrigan and Victor Avenues.
- 5) Repaired 2 damaged parking sticks on Main Street.
- 6) Repainted all Village sanders for the upcoming winter season.
- 7) Took 2 loads of white metal to Teplitz Salvage Yard.
- 8) Installed a “No Parking Here to Corner” sign on corner of Clove Avenue and New Main Street.

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 for the period of October 2nd thru October 15th, 2018:

- 1) The Village Halloween Parade will take place on Wednesday, October 31st. Participants will line up at the Community Center at 4:30 PM with the parade to start at 5:00 PM. All village residents are welcome to join in the festivities.
- 2) The Haverstraw Collaborative continues to meet monthly at the Center on the first Wednesday of each month.
- 3) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group will meet on Wednesday, November 7th at 6:00 PM at the Haverstraw Elementary School.
- 4) The Jump Program is scheduled to begin on October 16th.
- 5) Strengthening Families Program began on October 4th with a total of 8 families involved.
- 6) Homework Help Program currently in progress is a program geared to students up to and including 8th grade. Anyone interested in attending this program should contact Nikki Merriman at the Center.
- 7) Celebrating Families including the Center Staff in conjunction with Social Services, will be starting this program at a date to be determined in the near future.
- 8) Positive Alternatives on October 14, 2018 approximately 200 members of the community attended the "Healthy Haverstraw" event. Vendors were able to engage and educate the Community on the services that they provide on a "1 to 1 basis" in the County. People also received health screenings and prizes were awarded in the form of gift cards, bicycles and tablets. They thanked United Way for all their work with this event as well as all the other organizations involved. Staff member Tim Sanders was thanked for his work done for this event as well as the other staff members involved.

Anyone who would like information on any of the programs offered can visit the Village Website or contact staff at the Haverstraw Center.

Trustee Santana then mentioned that there has been an offer to replace the basketball scoreboard, which is malfunctioning and in dire need of replacement, however, he is still in the process of working things out. Details will follow.

Trustee Santana then reported that there are no diaper changing stations at the Center, which he feels are needed for those times when families with babies will be at the Center attending programs or celebratory functions. He reported that he believes that these types of facilities are now required by law to be in both women's and men's bathrooms. He is hopeful that these diaper changing facilities will be something that can be installed immediately to fulfill these needs and meet regulations.

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez remembers there being a diaper changing station there when she was the Center's Commissioner, but it was damaged or destroyed and never replaced.

Trustee Santana just wants to be sure that everything at the Haverstraw Center is in complete compliance with today's laws and regulations.

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 October 1st thru October 12th, 2018:

Rental registrations	-	15
Miscellaneous inspections	-	85
Complaints	-	12
Municipal searches	-	7
Construction inspections	-	7
Violations/Tickets	-	20
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	9

Fines collected at court - \$700.00

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

None.

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2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mel Post: Mr. Post requested an update of the GDC situation.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that they have met with GDC representatives several times during the past month, however, it is still an ongoing issue with nothing new to report.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired if the \$6.5M is a part of those negotiations, to which the Mayor responded "Yes".

Ascensio Specca, 1 Major Andre Drive, Stony Point: Mr. Specca inquired if there was any follow-up on the article he gave the Mayor with regard to James Smith, who lost his life in 1951 while fighting for America's freedom.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Specca that he followed up on that information with Ginny Norfleet who was trying to get additional information on Mr. Smith. The Mayor then mentioned that the Village will try to look further into Mr. Smith's service to our country and would get back to Mr. Specca if they are able to locate any information.

Joel I. A. Santana: Trustee Santana stated that he would try to find information relating to James Smith, asking Mr. Specca if he had any other information on this gentleman that would help to locate his records. All Mr. Specca knew is that his mother lived on Clinton Street in the Village.

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

RESOLUTION #204-2018

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk