

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 first Public Participation inviting people to ask questions or make comments.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport informed the Board that there are several potholes on Broadway where the milling of the roads has taken place.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that most of the soft spots were filled in that day and the rest will be taken care of Wednesday or Thursday of that week, weather permitting. Other roadways to be repaved are Broadway from Warren to Samsondale Avenues, as well as a portion of Fairmount Avenue, Riverside Avenue through Dutchtown, Rhoda & Victor Avenues, Piciarello Drive and Harrigan & Robbins Courts.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post reported that the front area of Harbors along the river where GDC has stopped construction is not safe and should have some kind of fencing around it.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor and the Board are hopeful that GDC will continue with the construction in that area within the next few weeks. He also stated that if the start-up of construction does not happen then the Board will have to make a decision about what to do in that area.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then requested an update on the GDC matter, also asking if any deal made would be separate contracts for each entity, the school, the County, etc., or if it will be one negotiated deal.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that the other entities would be dealing with PILOT & tax issues along with the Village, however all other matters relevant to the continuance of construction would be handled strictly by the Village.

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 requested an amendment be made to the American Legion/McKenzie Avenue property due to a mistake of facts between the Rockland County Tax Assessors Office and the Village. Because of that, the numbers that the County believed were being charged were wrong; instead of being \$30,000.00 it should be \$36,000.00 for both properties.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to increase the amount the Village is paying the County for the American Legion/McKenzie Avenue property as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #207-2018**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to lock in the date on the Village calendar for next year's "Food Crawl" in the Village to be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

**RESOLUTION #208-2018**

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to include the Rockland County Pride Event, which was previously discussed by the Board, on the Village calendar to take place on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, in the Village Parking Lot adjacent to the Village Hall.

**RESOLUTION #209-2018**

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

The Mayor then reported that repairs need to be made to the rooftop heating unit which serves the Courtroom and its office area. The Village has received a proposal from AAA Cooleration Service, Inc. in the amount of \$1,295.00, which includes labor and materials.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve repairs to the rooftop unit at the Village Hall as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #210-2018**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to appoint Rolanda Sand provisionally to the position of "Payroll Clerk & Data Entry Operator".

**RESOLUTION #211-2018**

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the OASAS Contract amendment, increasing the annual amount to \$221,623.00

**RESOLUTION #212-2018**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept with regret, the resignation of William Santiago from his position as "Court Attendant", effective October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**RESOLUTION #213-2018**

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

The Mayor read the following adjustments to the 2018-2019 budget year submitted by Joseph Modafferi, Village Accountant as of October 15<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

2017-2018 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS – October 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2018				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A1620.0420	Building Repairs	\$ 15,913.00		
A000.1589	Other Public Safety Grant			\$15,913.00
A8120.0400	Sanitary Sewers	\$ 15,000.00		
A1990.0400	Contingent		\$ 15,000.00	

2017-2018 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS – November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2018				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A1620.0420	Building Repairs	\$ 15,000.00		
A1990.0400	Contingent		\$ 15,000.00	
A8120.0400	Sanitary Sewer	\$ 19,000.00		
A1990.0400	Contingent		\$ 19,000.00	
A8120.0200	Sanitary Sewer Equipment	\$ 6,700.00		
A1990.0400	Contingent		\$ 6,700.00	

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2017-2018 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A1940.0200	Land Purchase	\$ 6,000.00		
A1990.0400	Contingent Account		\$ 6,000.00	

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

**RESOLUTION #214-2018**

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

The Mayor then made the following announcements:

- 1) The Village would be closed on the following days; Election Day, November 19<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day Observance, November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate Thanksgiving Day.
- 2) The Farmer’s Market will continue to be open for 2 more Sundays.
- 3) Holidays in Haverstraw will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> with events starting at 2:00 PM with the annual holiday concert at the Central Presbyterian Church, making chocolate at Lucas’s Candy Shop, restaurant offerings throughout the day, tree lighting followed by Supper w/Santa at the Community Center.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to authorize him to enter into a “10 Year Pilot Agreement” with “217 Route 9W Storage LLC”, agreed to by the Assessors as follows:

- 1) 2019-2020 - Assessment to remain the same as the present Assessment.
- 2) 2020-2021 - Full Market Value Assessment increases to \$5.3M multiplied by the latest final equalization rate for the Village of Haverstraw for that tax year, with the Project Sponsor to pay taxes based upon 25% of assessed value.
- 3) 2021-2022 – Full Market Value Assessment remains at \$5.3M with the Project Sponsor to pay taxes based upon 50% of Assessed Value.
- 4) 2022-2023 – Full Market Value Assessment remains at \$5.3M with the Project Sponsor to pay taxes based upon 75% of Assessed Value.
- 5) 2023-2024 – Full Market Value Assessment remains at \$5.3M with the Project Sponsor to pay taxes based upon 100% of Assess Value.
- 6) 2024-2030 – Full Market Value increases to \$6.2M, multiplied by the latest final equalization rate for the Village of Haverstraw for that tax year, with the Project Sponsor to pay taxes based upon 100% of Assessed Value.

7) At the conclusion of the Pilot Agreement, they will return to the regular tax rolls accordingly.

**RESOLUTION #215-2018**

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve a donation of \$400.00 to the Leo Ladders American Legion Post to help offset the cost of winter gear for their guard unit.

**RESOLUTION #216-2018**

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

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 October, 2018, submitted by Fire Chief Thomas Price:

Total Alarms	-	22
General Alarms	-	18
Special Calls	-	3
Mutual Aid Calls	-	1
Structure Fires	-	0
Cooking Fires	-	4
Electrical Fires	-	4
Car Accidents	-	2
Pump Outs	-	2
Good Intent/Misc.	-	2
False Alarms	-	6

Total Manpower Responding - 503 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, Superintendent of Public Works, as of November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

- 1) Repaired 4 “No Parking Here to Corner” signs at Harbors.

- 2) Installed new sign on the corner of Clove Avenue and New Main Street "No Parking Here to Corner".
- 3) Repaired damaged fence at Lady Warren Hose Co. Fire House.
- 4) Repaired damaged pipe on Hillside Avenue.
- 5) Replaced damaged grate on the sidewalk at 11 Main Street.
- 6) Repaired damaged meters at lot behind Lucas's Candy.
- 7) Repaired 2 catch basins on Rhoda Avenue, 1 on Fairmount Avenue and 1 on Broadway.
- 8) Finished cutting grass for the season.
- 9) Painted Diesel/Gas Pumps and added new stencils.
- 10) Placed hot tar patches throughout the Village.
- 11) Distributed notices to residents regarding milling and blacktopping of streets.
- 12) Removed the fire boat from the docks for the season.
- 13) Cleaned DPW yard.
- 14) Put 4 new garbage cans at the Village on the Green Park.
- 15) Replaced traffic light at corner of Gurnee and Westside Avenues.

There was nothing further to report.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES** - Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana read the following report of activities at the Haverstraw Center for the period of ending November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018:

- 1) The Halloween Parade took place on October 31<sup>st</sup> followed by costume judging and refreshments at the Center.
- 2) The Center will host its Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Don Coqui. Donations are welcome and can be dropped off at the Center no later than Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) The Annual Holiday Party at the Center will be announced soon.
- 4) The Haverstraw Collaborative is scheduled to meet Wed. 11/7.
- 5) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group will meet on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Haverstraw Elementary School at 6:00 PM.
- 6) The Jump Program started on November 16<sup>th</sup> with an average of 23 youth attending the sessions.
- 7) The Homework Help Program is for students up to and including 8<sup>th</sup> grade and has become very successful throughout the years due to the great job done by the student workers and staff assistant, with hands on and individualized help when needed. Anyone wishing to be a part of this program should contact Nikki Merriman at 845-429-5731, Ext. 20.
- 8) Celebrating Families is currently on hold until enough families are enrolled to facilitate the program.
- 9) Positive Alternatives Staff Meeting – The mission of the Center is to make the Community aware of the Section 8 Lottery and provide assistance with enrollment and filling out applications.
- 10) Youth Connections will be at the Haverstraw Center on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM for an orientation for youth between the ages of 17 and 24 who are currently not in school. This will assist them in obtaining a higher level of education and a work readiness program.

11) Other programs ongoing at the Center include, Individual Family Counseling, Managing Emotions, Smokers Aftercare, Project Shift, Girls & Boys Life Skills, In the Bag, Late Night Fridays, etc. Anyone interested in obtaining information for any programs at the Center can check out the Village Website or call the Haverstraw Center.

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 October 15<sup>th</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018:

Rental registrations	-	59
Miscellaneous inspections	-	73
Complaints	-	7
Municipal searches	-	11
Construction inspections	-	8
Violations/Tickets	-	10
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	5

Fines collected at court - \$250.00

Deputy Mayor Dominguez reported that the baseball season has ended and the DPW has been informed. She also thanked the DPW staff for all their work readying and maintaining the field throughout this season. She then reported that “overnight parking regulations” go into effect on November 15<sup>th</sup> and Parking Permits are currently on sale at the Village Hall.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport inquired if Orange & Rockland (O&R) ever removed the old streetlights from the downtown area.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that the Village is in the process of working with O&R to have them replace the existing lights with LED lighting and during that process the old lights will be removed.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport then informed the Board that the telephone pole behind his property is currently being held up by the wires connecting it to the other poles. It is no longer connected to the ground at all. He has called O&R but they still have not taken care of it and he is concerned about it falling. It is on the Village's "right-of-way". He requested the Mayor to call O&R to see if he can get them to take care of this before something damaging happens with that pole. He mentioned that the Town Police have also informed O&R of this dangerous situation.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor will look into the situation and contact O&R.

Mel Post: Mr. Post mentioned that he was recently in Piermont for dinner and the restaurant scene in both Piermont and Nyack is booming. He mentioned he previously brought up to the Board about speaking to the President of the Culinary Institute to try enticing some of their Chefs to come to the Village to either work at existing restaurants or opening up their own restaurants.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that there is a different demographic and clientele in those areas.

Mel Post: Mr. Post feels if someone with the reputation held by the Chef's at the Culinary Institute was to open a restaurant in the Village that it would attract people from different parts of the County and possibly make the Village an eating destination for everyone.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor will look into it and see if there is a way to touch base with them.

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

RESOLUTION #217-2018

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk