

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, March 18th, 2019, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor started that night's meeting with the Board of Assessment Review.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to re-open the Board of Assessment Review Meeting.

RESOLUTION #70-2019

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor acknowledged that each Trustee had received a copy of the Grievances that were submitted for the 2019 Assessment Review Proceedings and entertained a motion to accept the determinations of the Village Assessor as stated in the report.

RESOLUTION #71-2019

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to close the 2019 Board of Assessment Review Meeting.

RESOLUTION #72-2019

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then 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 informed the Board that he saw a sign that day stating that the Samsondale Avenue Bridge will once again be closed. He inquired if anyone on the Board knew the reason for this additional closure.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that it is probably closed to complete the project.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Since Mr. Post and others from Harbors were unable to attend the previous meetings regarding the "Comprehensive Plan" for the Village, he inquired if anything important was brought up at the meetings.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the last meeting was more of an information gathering with many more people in attendance at the 2nd meeting. He mentioned that the Board received some good information on transportation, which was the main focus of that meeting. The focal point for the upcoming meeting will be the downtown design.

With no further input from the public, the Mayor continued with the agenda for that night's meeting inviting Jorge Lopez to present an application for residential units over commercial space at 85 New Main Street.

Jorge Lopez, Architect, 226 No. Main Street, New City & Dan Freeman, owner of the property at 85 New Main Street, residing at 45 John F. Kennedy Drive, Stony Point: Mr. Lopez explained that Mr. Freeman would like to install 3 apartments on the 2nd floor and 3 apartments on the 1st floor, also keeping office space on the ground level. He had a preliminary traffic study done because the office space will require more parking than the apartments. Once it is finalized, he will deliver copies to the Board.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that Village Attorney Jay Hood has excused himself from this matter due to his relationship with the property owner; therefore, moving forward this application will be handled by Ass't. Village Attorney Dennis Michaels, who was not present at that night's meeting. The Mayor informed the public that because of environmental impacts that this application would involve a SEQRA review.

Jorge Lopez: Mr. Lopez informed the Board that they have submitted an application to the Building Department for the project and have paid all fees required by the Village. They have attended a TAC meeting and have met with the Engineer.

Jay Hood, Esq.: Counselor Hood informed both Mr. Lopez and Mr. Freeman that they need to present the Village Board with a formal application for this project.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor advised Mr. Freeman to contact Dennis Michaels, Esq. to find out exactly what the next step would be for this application, mentioning that there will have to be a formal hearing on the matter.

Judith Curcio, Village Clerk/Treasurer: Ms. Curcio will obtain a copy of the application from the Building Inspector.

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 entertained a motion to increase the salary of the Superintendent of Highways by \$7,500.00 as of March 4th, 2019.

RESOLUTION #73-2019

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to increase Counseling Aide salary to \$43,000.00 effective April 1, 2019.

RESOLUTION #74-2019

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to stipend in \$5,000.00 to the base salary of Peter Fata, Ass't Director of Youth & Family Services as of June 1, 2019, subject to further negotiation with employee.

RESOLUTION #75-2019

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor received a request from General Warren Hose Co. #2 to utilize the parking lot adjacent to Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #1 for the Chef's Convention on April 3rd and 4th at 8:00 PM.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above request by General Warren Hose Co. #2.

RESOLUTION #76-2019

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned that the Village had previously received a grant from Assemblyman Zebrowski to replace the playground equipment at Emeline Park and a 2nd grant for the solid surfacing material required for underneath the playground. To move this project forward, the Village needs to authorization to purchase of the playground equipment from Little Tykes Commercial under the Sourcewell Purchasing Consortium Contract.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to order playground equipment and the ground laying material required as stated above.

RESOLUTION #77-2019

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

Following a discussion with the Board, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to fulfill a sponsorship request for "Habitat for Humanity" in the amount of \$125.00.

RESOLUTION #78-2019

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize a flag raising event at the Village Hall on Sunday, June 3rd for “Rockland County Pride” and “Transgender Pride”.

RESOLUTION #79-2019

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the purchase of Cyber Insurance at a cost of \$3,260.00 for \$500,000.00 coverage.

RESOLUTION #80-2019

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the 2018-2019 CDBG Agreement.

RESOLUTION #81-2019

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to close the existing Park Account moving the balance of \$9,683.59 to the General Fund.

RESOLUTION #82-2019

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

The Mayor has received the annual proposal from Brooker Engineering to prepare the Annual MS4 Report at a cost of \$1,200.00

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

RESOLUTION #83-2019

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire our current Seasonal employee, Michael Bonavito, to the position of DPW Laborer at the union rate of \$25.46 per hour, effective immediately.

RESOLUTION #84-2019

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

The Mayor read the following adjustments to the 2018-2019 budget year submitted by Joseph Modafferi, Village Accountant:

**2018-2019 BUDGET
ADJUSTMENTS**

Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A1930.0400	Judgments & Claims	\$ 1,158,901.00		
A2555	Serial Bond			\$ 1,150,000.00
A8160.0400	Refuse Collection	\$ 6,000.00		
A1110.0400	Justice Contractual	\$ 5,000.00		
A1990.0400	Contingent		\$ 7,210.00	
A2501.01	Filming			\$ 12,691.00
A8120.0400	Sanitary Sewer	\$ 250,000.00		
A0000.599	Allocation Fund Balance			\$ 250,000.00

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

RESOLUTION #85-2019

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to enter into a contract with “Billy & the Showmen” in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the first “Dancing Under the Stars” event scheduled for Friday, June 14th.

RESOLUTION #86-2019

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

The Mayor reminded everyone about the 3rd Public Meeting regarding the Village Comprehensive Plan Committee scheduled for March 27th, 7:00 PM at the Community Center.

The Mayor then informed everyone that a new restaurant “Caribe on the Hudson”, located at the former Bricktown Brewery, will be having its Grand Opening on Thursday, March 21st at 5:00 PM.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: No report was given in the absence of Trustee Bueno.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, as of March 18th, 2019:

- 1) Completed shed project at Village Hall.
- 2) Repaired damaged signs on Grant St., Coyne Dr., & Elks Drive.

- 3) Removed sanders & plows from trucks for the season.
- 4) Repaired damage road leading into Harbors with paver blocks.
- 5) Installed new sidewalk at 109 Clove Avenue due to damage.
- 6) Work was completed on the Grant Street sewer project.
- 7) The sewer job on Maple & Fairmount Avenues was the responsibility of JRSB (Joint Regional Sewer Board). There was a forced line going back to their sewer treatment plant in West Haverstraw. DPW assisted in resolving the problem.
- 8) Salted and cleaned all village streets following the snowstorms on March 3rd, 4th, and 10th and all trucks were cleaned after the storms.
- 9) Cleaned all church properties, Village on the Green, Dutch Town, & several side roads.
- 10) Removed snow from the Harbors.
- 11) Cleaned all catch basins due to the expectation of heavy rains following the snow storm.
- 12) Attended "Applicant Public Assistance Training" at the Rockland County Fire Training Center.
- 13) Continued filling and inspecting all village streets for potholes, filling them with cold patch when needed.
- 14) Checked and filled all potholes with millings in alleyways throughout the Village.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Terence Watson: Trustee Watson read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of March 4th thru March 18th, 2019:

Haverstraw Collaborative: The Collaborative continues to meet monthly at the Center.

Spanish Speaking Parents Group: The Spanish Speaking Parents Group will meet on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00PM at the Haverstraw Elementary School. The purpose of the group is for Spanish speaking parents to be involved in their children's education by participating in a group for their population that addresses specific needs they may encounter on their navigation of school bureaucracy.

Jump Program: This program is in need of English and Spanish speaking mentors. Anyone willing to volunteer some of their time should speak with Pete Fata, Assistant Director, at the Haverstraw Center.

Homework Help Program: This program is geared for students up to and including 8th grade and has become very successful over the years due to the great job the student workers are doing assisting the kids with hands-on individualized help that leaves them feeling better about themselves because of what they have learned.

Strengthening Families Program: This program began on Thursday, March 7th with a total of 14 families and will continue thru Thursday, April 11th. This evidence based program runs in two six week cycles, in the spring & fall and is offered in English and Spanish.

Positive Alternatives: A total of 25 youth attended "Late Night Fridays" on March 15th and 20 youth attended Sharp Shooters on March 16th. Frankie took 11 youth from the Center to watch Captain Marvel on March 15th.

Unity In The Community: This event will take place during North Rockland School District's Spring Recess (**April 22nd – April 24th**). This special program offers the children of the community from grades 3 thru 8 an opportunity to attend recreational activities, educational workshops and other programs presented by members of the Haverstraw Collaborative and various

organizations throughout the county for **free** from 11:00AM – 6:00PM daily. The children also receive lunch and snacks.

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT – Trustee Joel I. A. Santana: Trustee Santana read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of March 4th thru March 15th, 2019:

Rental registrations	-	21
Miscellaneous inspections	-	128
Complaints	-	4
Municipal searches	-	3
Construction inspections	-	6
Violations/Tickets	-	46
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	2

Fines collected at court - \$0

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22nd for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #87-2019

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

Mayor Kohut:
OLD BUSINESS
None.

Mayor Kohut:
NEW BUSINESS
None.

Mayor Kohut:
2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport inquired about how much money the Village will be getting from the Community Development Fund and where it will be spent.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that the last allotment was \$99,000.00 for sidewalk repairs on West Broad Street and some on Hudson Avenue.

Mel Post: Mr. Post requested an update on the GDC matter.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that no agreement has been reached yet, but they are significantly closer.

Stuart Suchotliff, 1413 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Suchotliff requested clarification of the \$1M budget amendment.

Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio explained that it was the bonding for the final payment of the \$6.5M due on the AAA settlement.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor further explained that there was a condemnation law for the winning side to obtain additional fees. The Mayor stated that the Village had to finance that amount for the payback and the Village did so by bonding for that amount, mentioning that at the same time the Village rolled the BAN that had been the original judgment.

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff then requested an update on the Chair Factory property.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that legally it's still on appeal.

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

RESOLUTION #88-2019

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk