

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, April 1st, 2019, 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.

Maribeth McCormick, Project Manager for the Maple Avenue site: Ms. McCormick reminded the Board that there was a Public Hearing held in May of 2018 to inform the public of the remediation to be done at this site. She explained that a tent was erected over the area to reduce odors and noise and to prevent any discharge from the area. The remediation process began in June of 2018 to remove all contaminants from the area (i.e. coal, tar, soil, etc.) and informed everyone that the area is constantly monitored by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) with a monitor on site daily. A fact sheet in both English and Spanish was distributed to all present. Ms. McCormick stated that this is a 2 phase project and that the 1st Phase, excavation and off-site disposal, is expected to be completed by year end. She reported that there are no health issues because there are no exposure issues.

Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez: The Deputy Mayor wanted to know how often the residents in this neighborhood are informed of what is happening with the process.

Kate Wysokowski, Orange & Rockland Utilities: Ms. Wysokowski responded that the surrounding neighborhoods, including Clove, Hudson and Maple Avenues were informed by regular mail and that O&R had a separate meeting with Head Start.

Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana raised the question about where the contaminants are taken.

Maribeth McCormack: Ms. McCormack responded everything is taken to Fort Edward in New York, Kearney in New Jersey and Morrisville in Pennsylvania. The water is run through treatment facilities at Joint Regional.

Gil Carlevaro, 43 Leonard Street: Mr. Carlevaro inquired if any safeguard measures have been put into place to protect spillage from the trucks doing the transporting.

Maribeth McCormack: Ms. McCormack responded that some of the trucks are sealed with a plastic wrapping and others have a hard inside liner and 90% of the time there is no need to even clean the trucks.

Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez: The Deputy Mayor then inquired if anyone from the surrounding neighborhoods has complained of feeling sick or coming down with any unusual illnesses.

Maribeth McCormack: Ms. McCormack responded that to her knowledge no-one has complained, however DEC and DOH are available to provide answers to any questions and that there are signs posted at the site with their phone numbers. She will update the fact sheet and provide copies to the Village and neighboring residents.

Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez: The Deputy Mayor will post the Fact Sheet on the Website and provide each store with a copy.

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 had nothing to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio was represented by Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Isabel Gonzalez who had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor received a letter from the Haverstraw Little League inviting the Board to join them for their Opening Day Ceremony and parade on Saturday, April 13th. The parade will commence at 9:00 AM in the parking lot adjacent to the Knights of Columbus and continue on to the Little League Field.

The Mayor reported that the current telecommunications code which was created for 3G and 4G technology will not apply to the new 5G Code, plus there will be different fee structures imposed. He requested Mike Musso of Henningson, Durham & Richardson Architecture & Engineering Firm to rework the current code and develop proposed updates and edits to the Village of Haverstraw's 2019-01 Wireless Telecommunications Code Chapter 221, at a cost of \$3,800.00 for engineering fees.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Task Order – 2019-01 for VOH Wireless Telecommunications Code as stated above.

RESOLUTION #89-2019

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor received a proposal for engineering services from Brooker Engineering for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, effective June 1st, 2019 through May 31st, 2020. Their fixed fee services for this time period is \$15,600.00 payable monthly in the amount of \$1,300.00. The remainder of services

provided will be done on a time/cost basis or separate proposal basis in addition to the above fee.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the 2019 fee schedule and proposal for Brooker Engineering as stated above.

RESOLUTION #90-2019

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

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing with regard to the Village of Haverstraw's 2019/2020 Tentative Budget for Monday, April 15th at 7:05 PM.

RESOLUTION #91-2019

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing with regard to "Override of the Property Tax Cap Law", on Monday, April 15th at 7:10 PM.

RESOLUTION #92-2019

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

With regard to the Tax Cap override, the Mayor explained that although he believes the Village will come in under the Tax Cap, the NYS Conference of Mayors recommended the override be done at this time because the calculations of the Tax Cap can change over time and if the Village does not have this Tax Cap override in place they could be penalized in future years for any possible miscalculations.

The Mayor announced that this is the 25th Anniversary of the founding of "Historic Hudson River Towns". The Village of Haverstraw has been a continuous member of this organization, which needs the continued support of all the riverfront communities to carry on with its efforts to make sure the needs of all the riverfront communities are heard and that the riverfront is protected. The annual membership dues for this year are \$3,000.00.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing payment of dues to "Historic Hudson River Towns" as stated above.

RESOLUTION #93-2019

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the "2019 Storm Water II Education Program Agreement" with Cornell Cooperative Extension and to approve payment of the membership dues in the amount of

\$1,250.00, plus any additional cost including printing, magnets, posters, stickers, etc.

RESOLUTION #94-2019

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

The Mayor reported that the project at Admirals Cove in the Harbors requires the Village to declare a "Motion of Intent to Become Lead Agency" for this project, subject to the proper format of the "Environmental Assessment Form".

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign and file the above forms for the Admirals Cove Project.

RESOLUTION #95-2019

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve his attendance at the 2019 NYCOM Annual Meeting from May 5th through May 7th at a cost of \$925.00. The Conference will take place in Cooperstown, New York.

RESOLUTION #96-2019

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the "2019 Project SHIFT Agreement" with Rockland County, in the amount of \$20,680.00.

RESOLUTION #97-2019

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

The Mayor received a request from Haverstraw Fire Department Chief Thomas Price to acquire security systems for the firehouses located at 25 Fairmount Avenue, 11 Conklin Avenue, and Broadway. 3 bids were received, with the lowest bid in the amount of \$12,460.00 from "Advanced POS Solutions" in Corona, New York.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the project to Advanced POS Solutions as stated above.

RESOLUTION #98-2019

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

The Mayor then announced that there will be another "Comprehensive Plan Workshop" at the Community Center on May 1st, starting at 7:00 PM and all are invited to attend.

The Mayor mentioned that there are TV Scouts searching the Village for places in the Village to use in a new show called "Lost Girls". They are looking to do some filming on April 9th and 10th, however to date nothing has been finalized.

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 March, 2019, submitted by Fire Chief Thomas Price:

Total Alarms	-	20
General Alarms	-	10
Special Calls	-	6
Mutual Aid Calls	-	4
Structure Fires	-	0
Cooking Fires	-	6
Gas Leaks	-	1
Pump Out/Water Leaks	-	3
Good Intent/Miscellaneous	-	3
Assist Police/Other Agencies	-	1
False Alarms	-	2

Total Manpower Responding - 335 members

Trustee Bueno then mentioned that the Chiefs Convention will be held April 4th at Recue Hook & Ladder quarters.

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

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 April 1st, 2019:

- 1) Repaired damaged sidewalk 109 Clove Avenue
- 2) Removed stairs on Coyne Drive that were hazardous, replaced with a black top ramp.
- 3) Repaired damaged catch basin at 3 Park Street.
- 4) Repaired damaged tree grate in front of 6 Broadway.
- 5) Sewer problem at 11 Broadway. Contacted JRSB who took care of problem.
- 6) Major sewer problem at 6 Tor Avenue. Replaced 15 feet of sewer line to take care of problem.
- 7) TAM was brought in for quarterly cleaning of all troubled sewer lines in the Village.

- 8) Crew activated for snow storm on March 15th and cleaned up after storm.
- 9) Men were called out on March 15th due to flooding in the Village. Cleaned up all debris on roadways.
- 10) Cleaned out basement in Village Hall due to flooding situation.
- 11) Put up banner on Short Clove Road & New Main Street for the Revitalization Project.
- 12) Continue to fill potholes throughout the Village. Awaiting black top plant opening in order to complete.
- 13) Put up banner at the entrance way to the Village on New Main Street.
- 14) Continued working on the Greenway Trail.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report, except to remind everyone that winter parking regulations are finished for this year.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Terence Watson: Trustee Watson read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of March 18th thru April 1st, 2019:

- 1) Haverstraw Collaborative - continues to meet monthly at the Center to plan and promote activities for the betterment of the Community.
- 2) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group – This group will meet on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00 PM at the Haverstraw Elementary School.
- 3) The Jump Program – is in need of Spanish and English speaking mentors. Anyone willing to volunteer should speak with Pete Fata.
- 4) Homework Help Program – This program is geared toward students up to and including 8th grade.
- 5) Strengthening Families – This program began on March 7th and will run until April 11th. There are a total of 14 families and is offered in both English and Spanish.
- 6) Unity in the Community – This event will take place from April 22nd thru April 24th, North Rockland's Spring Recess. This is a **free** program is offered to children in the 3rd thru 8th grades, giving them the opportunity to attend educational workshops, recreational activities, and other programs presented by the Haverstraw Collaborative and various organizations throughout the County from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily. They also received lunch and snacks.

Call the Center for information on these and any other programs offered.

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 18th thru March 29th, 2019:

Rental registrations	-	14
Miscellaneous inspections	-	79
Complaints	-	8
Municipal searches	-	4
Construction inspections	-	7
Violations/Tickets	-	11

Building Permits & C.O.'s - 10

Fines collected at court - \$1,000.00

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired if there would be a Public Hearing before the Village would sign off on any new construction at the Harbors.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that there would have to be a Public Hearing on the Site Plan and everything attached to that so people would be notified. He also mentioned that a "Pre-Agreement" would have to be approved, but that would be done at a Regular Meeting under the Village Attorney's report.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport inquired if the Haverstraw Center would accept games, etc. that his children are no longer using. The response was "yes".

At this point, the Mayor reported that he and Deputy Mayor Dominguez attended "Rockland Plus" at St. Thomas Aquinas College, which was attended by many high school students (Juniors & Seniors) from around the County, for planning and land use experiments for a project in their own communities, after which they were given specifics on the Chair Factory property to see how they would develop that area. He mentioned that there are teachers, planners, local politicians, etc. involved in this project, allowing the students to gain knowledge firsthand about an area of opportunity they might like to pursue including the use of solar energy and environmental tactics.

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

RESOLUTION #99-2019

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk