

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 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	- Absent – Conference

Deputy Mayor Dominguez: The Deputy 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 informed the Board that the fan in the men's room at the Village Hall is not working properly and should be looked at.

With no further input from the public, the Deputy 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 Renewal Lease for Sterling Bank will be ready for the next meeting.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT, Deputy Mayor Dominguez: The Deputy Mayor reported that the reason for the Mayor's absence is because he is attending the NYCOM Conference.

The Deputy Mayor informed everyone that during the months of June, July and August the Village Board Meetings are on a summer schedule, being held once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The scheduled meetings of the Board will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>. All meetings will begin at 7:00 PM.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez entertained a motion to approve the above Summer Schedule for Regular Board Meetings.

#### RESOLUTION #115-2019

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

Mel Post: Mr. Post inquired if those dates will conflict with the Town of Haverstraw meetings. He was informed they will not conflict.

The Deputy Mayor informed the public that everyone is invited to attend the "Habitat for Humanity" open house at 28 Westside Avenue on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 5:00 & 8:00 PM. This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> house they have built in Haverstraw and they are excited to showcase this house.

The Deputy Mayor mentioned that recently there were some emergencies in the downtown area between Broadway and Grant Street due to the old pipes decaying. The Village went out to bid for repaving those roadways that were affected with the low bid being \$34,800.00 to repair the trench and pave.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez entertained a motion to approve the award for the Grant Street paving to the lowest bidder as stated above.

**RESOLUTION #115-2019**

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

The Deputy Mayor then entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2019 Rockland County Project SNUG Contract (a violence prevention program), for services provided by the Village of Haverstraw Youth & Family Services in the amount of \$10,340.00.

**RESOLUTION #116-2019**

Motion by: Joel I. A. Santana  
 Seconded by: Terrance Watson  
 Motion Carries: All

The Deputy 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
A1110.0400	Justice Contractual	\$ 10,000.00		
A1210.0400	Mayor Contractual	\$ 700.00		
A1620.0440	Building Lights	\$ 14,000.00		
A1920.0400	Municipal Dues	\$ 3,000.00		
A6360.0400	Special Events	\$ 1,500.00		
A8140.0400	Storm Sewer	\$ 5,000.00		
A8160.0400	Refuse	\$ 5,000.00		
A9730.0600	BAN Principle		\$ 44,200.00	
A5110.0420	Street Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00		

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Deputy Mayor Dominguez entertained a motion to approve the above budget adjustments.

**RESOLUTION #117-2019**

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

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

- 1) Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Annual Food Crawl with 15 restaurants participating.
- 2) Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Village Farmer’s Market will be open for the season.
- 3) Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – PRIDE flag raising ceremony at 5:00 PM.
- 4) Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Dancing Under the Stars, 7:00 PM at the Village Hall.
- 5) Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Juneteenth Celebration, 3:00 PM between Clinton & Jefferson Streets.
- 6) Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – PRIDE Festival from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
- 7) Saturday, May 11 & Sunday, May 12 - LAB Fest at the Garner Arts Terminal.

The Deputy 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 April, 2019, submitted by Fire Chief J. Bart Gordon:

Total Alarms	-	17
General Alarms	-	11
Special Calls	-	2
Mutual Aid Calls	-	4
Structure Fires	-	0
Cooking Fires	-	1
Electrical Fires	-	1
Gas Leaks	-	4
CO Alarms	-	1
Pump Out/Water Leaks	-	1
Extrication/Accidents	-	2
Good Intent/Misc.	-	1
False Alarms	-	3

Total Manpower Responding - 325 members

Trustee Bueno mentioned that the Department held a wonderful dinner/dance the previous week, which was a huge success to welcome the newly appointed department chief and new assistant chiefs.

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez:** Trustee Watson read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, as of May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019:

- 1) Repaired damaged catch basins at 37 & 48 Hillside Avenue, 15 Dowd Street and 64 Maple Avenue.
- 2) Replaced damaged and rotted pipe at the Greenway Trail.
- 3) Replaced sewer lid and bottom piece in front of 43 West Broad Street.
- 4) Once again repaired damaged rope in the Harbors.
- 5) Repaired drainage problem at Coolidge Street & Gurnee Avenue.
- 6) Repaired alleyway with millings at 85 New Main Street.
- 7) Replace damaged catch basin grates at Lot #1, New Main Street.
- 8) Mulched all playgrounds throughout the Village.
- 9) Mulched the Restaurant side of Emeline Park.
- 10) Mulched the Village Hall, 9/11 Park and all flower beds throughout the Village.
- 11) Blacktopped sewer trouble spots at Tor Avenue, Fairmount Avenue, Collidge Street alleyway and West Broad Street.
- 12) Painted signs at Village Hall.
- 13) Put more millings on Grant Street due to sewer problem.
- 14) Boarded up the front of 28 Main Street.

Trustee Watson also reported that the DPW Supervisor is requesting the Village to hire Randy Taveras as a part-time seasonal laborer at a salary of \$13.00 per hour.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez entertained a motion to that effect.

**RESOLUTION #118-2019**

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Motion Carries: All

Trustee Watson had nothing further to report.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Terence Watson:** Trustee Watson had nothing to report.

**BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT – Trustee Joel I. A. Santana:** Trustee Santana had nothing to report.

**MINUTES:** The Deputy Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for approval by the Board.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez entertained a motion to that effect.

**RESOLUTION #119-2019**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno brought up the dangerous situation with the alleyway on West Street, which he would rather be a 1-way. It was decided to discuss this with the Mayor upon his return from the NYCOM Conference.

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

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

Mel Post: Mr. Post mentioned that at their recent Community Meeting with regard to environmental warming, the Harbors residents at his table discussed a law relative to elevation of all properties to be built after Hurricane Sandy. His feeling is that the Village chose either to do nothing about it or not accept it. He believes it was a State Law and he asked that the Board elaborate on that law.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez: The Deputy Mayor replied that it is something that the Board has to comply with once the Chair Factory site is completed.

Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio informed Mr. Post that the Village does not have to adopt that law; it just has to comply with it. Ms. Curcio also informed Mr. Post that the Village cannot keep its flood insurance if it does not comply with the law.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired if the Village is using the synthetic rope at the Promenade.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez: The Deputy Mayor did not know, but would find out from Robert Drexler.

Jay Hood, Esq.: Counselor Hood informed Mr. Post that it is a law set down by the State that all municipalities have to *comply* with, not *adopt*. And, the Village would not allow anyone to build on a property that could be flooded out.

Noel Rappaport: Mr. Rappaport requested having the Building Inspector do an inspection of the downtown area. He mentioned that there are so

many stores with debris on their sidewalks, which they never clean up. He believes that some of the storeowners just don't care.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez: The Deputy Mayor informed Mr. Rappaport that Ruben Berrios and Rafael Bueno, Jr., were driving around all morning giving out violations and tickets. She also spent a half hour with them. She would have Trustee Santana follow up with the Building Inspector.

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

Deputy Mayor Dominguez: The Deputy Mayor informed Mr. Post that everything is still in the talking stage.

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff spoke about the River Road properties being built on stilts due the flooding. He believes that it is a State Law that every municipality has to follow building on stilts in flood zones.

Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio mentioned again that the Village could not maintain insurance coverage if they did not follow the State Law with regard to flooding.

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff then wanted to know what "SNUG" is.

Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio responded that the County calls it SNUG-VIOLANCE PREVENTION PROGRAM.

Stuart Suchotliff: Mr. Suchotliff then inquired about the budget money being discussed wanting to know if that is more money going into the budget or a transfer of money from one place to another to balance things out.

Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio responded that it is budget adjustments in the current year to balance out General Ledger Accounts for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

Joel I. A. Santana: Trustee Santana informed the public that "SNUG" spelled backwards is "GUNS" and that is the reasoning for the program. He then mentioned that Randy Taveras has been a firefighter in the Village and he believes Randy would be great at this job with the DPW.

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

RESOLUTION #120-2019

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Joel I. A. Santana

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk