

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019, 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 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 Pointe Drive: Mr. Post informed the Board that the Promenade has many cracks that need to be repaired, as well as some of the wires and ropes that are down. He also mentioned that some of the Belgium Blocks need to be reset because they are a tripping hazard.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed the public that all signage with regard to people trespassing at the Promenade had been installed that day. The Mayor explained that the signage is posted for anyone loitering in the area and not for the residents, who can continue to utilize the Promenade as always.

Robert Drexler, Commissioner of Public Works: Mr. Drexler informed the public of the exact locations of the signage posted along the Promenade.

Stuart Suchotliff, 1413 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Suchotliff advised the Board that the fountain at the Harbors continues to run 24 hours a day, which is loud and a nuisance at night to the people living in that area. He mentioned that there was a timer on it when it was first installed, which shut down the fountain at 10:00 PM.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor will have someone look into adjusting the timer at the fountain.

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor mentioned at this time that the Village Board had not received any recommendations from the Planning Board with regard to a Special Permit for property located at 2-4 Main Street, therefore, the Public Hearing for this application remains open.

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 received a bid for the "Curbing/Sidewalk Project" from MFD Quality Construction, Inc. in the

amount of \$165,460.50 for Clove & Maple Avenues, \$122,330.50 for Broad Street and \$53,341.00 for Partition Street.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the “Curbing/Sidewalk Project” to MFD Quality Construction, Inc. as stated above, utilizing funding from Community Development Grants.

RESOLUTION #189-2019

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

The Mayor mentioned that he and the Board discussed applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway Community for matching grant funding for “Wayfinding” for the Greenway Trail in the Village. He explained that this will provide the Village with uniform signage for the trail, including informational signage directing people to parking lots, places of interest, etc., throughout the Village. With this in mind, the Mayor offered the following resolution for approval by the Village Board:

WHEREAS, the Village of Haverstraw is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program for a project entitled “Wayfinding” to be located in the Village of Haverstraw.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the governing board of the Village of Haverstraw hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program for a project known as Village of Haverstraw Wayfinding and located within this community.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above resolution and authorize the Mayor to endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Wayfinding Greenway Grant for the Village of Haverstraw.

RESOLUTION #190-2019

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

The Mayor then made the following announcements of ongoing and upcoming events:

- 1) Farmer’s Market – Continues every Sunday through the end of October.
- 2) Saturday, September 14 – Riverside Arts Festival at Emeline Park from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- 3) Friday, September 13th – Dancing Under the Stars in West Haverstraw at the Garner Arts Terminal.
- 4) 9-11, Wednesday – Ashley Badenchini Patriot’s Day Candle Lighting Ceremony, 7:15 PM at Peck’s Pond, in West Haverstraw.
- 5) Thursday, September 12 at 12:00 PM, GDC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Harbors.
- 6) Saturday, September 21st – Youth Rally from 2:30 to 4:30 PM
- 7) Sunday, September 15th – Habitat for Humanity is running a Pocketbook Bingo at Raymour & Flannagan.

- 8) Saturday, September 14th & Sunday, September 15th – Ferry-Go-Round from Haverstraw to Peekskill or Ossining from 12:00 to 5:00 PM.

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 – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works, as of September 3rd, 2019:

- 1) Repaired damaged catch basin at 40 Conklin Avenue & Simenovsky Drive.
- 2) Repaired drainage problem and 3 handicap signs at the Knights of Columbus Parking Lot.
- 3) Repaired sinkhole at Fairmount and Clove Avenues.
- 4) Damaged sewer lines at Broadway & Grant Street repaired by TAM Enterprises.
- 5) Repaired damaged street sign at Dowd Street & Westside Avenue.
- 6) Installed “No Trespassing or Swimming” signage at Harbors.
- 7) Cut & trimmed abandoned properties throughout the Village, including Community Center.
- 8) Blacktopping done throughout the Village.
- 9) Removed handicap sign at 70 Hudson Avenue.
- 10) Installed “No Parking” signage at Round Point Drive, Harbors.
- 11) Took tables & chairs to Community Center for August 18th seminar.
- 12) Replaced damaged parking posts in the downtown area.
- 13) Picked up TV’s and tires throughout the Village.
- 14) Passed the Lopez Baseball Field annual inspection.
- 15) Began painting crosswalks and stop bars for school season.
- 16) Put up banner for the River Arts Festival.
- 17) Set up & cleaned up for the Back Pack Event at Emeline.
- 18) Completed work at the Emeline Park playground.
- 19) Boarded up house at 13 VanHouten Street.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez then requested approval of the Board to order a new “Line Striper Machine” for the DPW from Sealmaster at a cost of \$3,950.00.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to order a new “Line Striper Machine” for the DPW as stated above.

RESOLUTION #191-2019

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

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Terence Watson: In the absence of Trustee Watson, Deputy Mayor Dominguez read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of August 19th thru September 3rd, 2019:

- 1) Haverstraw Collaborative - continues to meet monthly at the Center to plan and promote activities for the betterment of the Community. The next meeting will be held on September 4th.
- 2) Late Night Fridays – This program is run by staff member Tim Sanders and will begin on Friday, September 6th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM for children in grades 3 through 12. The youth attending will be able to play basketball, use the computer room, play games, etc. in the safety of the Haverstraw Center.
- 3) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group – This group will meet on Wednesday, October 2nd, at 6:00 PM 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.
- 4) The Jump Program – This mentoring program for Village youth is in need of Spanish and English speaking mentors. Anyone willing to volunteer should speak with Pete Fada. This program will begin in October, 2019.
- 5) Homework Help Program – This program was scheduled to begin that day, the first day of school. There are currently 65 students from grade 3 up to and including 8th grade enrolled in this program. Anyone interested in assisting with this program should contact Nikki Merriman at the Center.
- 6) Celebrating Families – Staffed in conjunction with the Department of Social Services this program will begin on September 5th.
- 7) Strengthening Families Program – This program will begin on Wednesday, October 9th and continue every Wednesday through November 20th, 2019. This program runs for 6 weeks in the Spring and the Fall and is offered in English and Spanish.
- 8) Positive Alternatives – Tim Sanders held football and basketball drills for the youth and also took them to participate in basketball tournaments held in Spring Valley.
- 9) For information on all other programs ongoing at the Center please contact the Haverstraw Center or visit the Village of Haverstraw website.

There was 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 August 19th thru August 30th, 2019:

Rental registrations	-	23
Miscellaneous inspections	-	72
Complaints	-	3
Municipal searches	-	8
Construction inspections	-	7
Violations/Tickets	-	27
Building Permits & C.O.’s	-	9

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 the Village or GDC did the cleanup of driftwood at the Harbors.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that it was not the Village so it must have been the GDC landscapers.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then requested an update on the GDC matter and also a Chair Factory update.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Post that there is nothing new with the GDC issue. With regard to the Chair Factory, the Mayor reported that the Village is continuing to meet with people who have an interest in developing the property. In the meantime, however, the Village's consultants are developing a Comprehensive Plan for the Board's review and from that the rezoning of that property will reflect the wishes of the Board for the future development of the property. The goal is to give the developer a completed package as to what the Village would like to see and allow them to build. An Environmental Review would then have to be done.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired if it is still the school district that is holding everything up with GDC.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded "No". He explained that the issue is the requirement to use prevailing wage, whereas, any time a pilot is done there has to be a prevailing wage or get a "Project Labor Agreement", which is an agreement with the Unions that may allow the Village to not use 100% prevailing wage. He mentioned that there was something that would have been mandated, however, the Governor did not get it passed during the last budget session. The Mayor stated that with the creation of the "Rockland County Industrial Development Agency" it is the Rockland County law to use Union wages or prevailing wages and Mr. Ginsburg is unwilling to travel that road.

Mel Post: Mr. Post then inquired if there is anything from Assemblyman Zebrowski or Senator Skoufis with regard to a grant from New York State.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that it all got sidetracked due to information that the North Rockland School District provided. They had more money in

their fund balance that had been reported, which the Governor's office was not happy about, therefore, nobody knows what the final outcome will be. Both officials are still working on it.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine requested an update on when the Department of Public Works will be moving from their current location and where they will be relocating.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Levine that the DPW will be moving to Bowline Road, where there is a parcel of land that is being leveled and prepared for the move. GDC would like to have the DPW out of their present location by the winter, however, the Mayor feels it will be more like late spring, because building designs, etc. have not yet been completed.

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

RESOLUTION #192-2019

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk