

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, December 16th, 2019, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- Present
	Trustee Carlevaro	- 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.

Keith Shikowitz, Rockland County Times: Mr. Shikowitz informed the Board that he and another gentleman put together a petition for a moratorium on the implementation of the "Criminal Justice Reform Act", which they presented to Supervisor Howard Philips at a previous Town of Haverstraw Board Meeting. He is requesting that the Village make this petition available to Village residents as well.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post feels that the petition would have been more effective if they had put the names and phone numbers of all our representatives at the top of the petition so people could call in as well as sign the petition, which he also feels needs to be done at the Village level. He believes this is a terrible law and something needs to be done to move this along as quickly as possible.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed both gentlemen that Assemblyman Zebrowski and Senator Skoufis would have no problem with that, however, it is the leadership of the Senate and Assembly who would have to agree to go back into session, pass a moratorium and then present that to the Governor who would then have to act on the matter. The Mayor felt that if the representatives names were on the petition their offices might be inundated with phone calls.

Mel Post: Mr. Post informed the Mayor that he did make phone calls to the County Representatives and spoke about this law, as well as other issues involving North Rockland and they were very receptive to hearing from him, therefore, he believes they are approachable.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine informed the Board that a cable is down on the right side of the walkway by the lagoon in the Harbors.

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 presented the Board with a draft contract with "Jual Energy" for their services with the "Community Choice Aggregation" (CCA) for the Board's review and

approval in order for the Village to move forward with a more sustainable and “green” energy supplier.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with “Jual Energy”.

RESOLUTION #276-2019

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

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio reported the following revenue and expenses from June 2019 thru November 2019:

Total Disbursements	-	\$4.9M
Total Revenue	-	\$8.6M

Ms. Curcio had nothing further to report.

MAYOR’S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor continued with the Village Reorganization from the previous meeting as follows:

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to set the Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees for the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.

RESOLUTION #277-2019

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the following meeting dates:

- 1) The Planning Board for the 2nd Monday of each month.
- 2) The Zoning Board for the 2nd Thursday of each month.
- 3) The Architectural Review Board for the last Thursday of each month.

RESOLUTION #278-2019

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to designate banks and trust companies located within the greater North Rockland area to be used as depositories of all monies received by the Village Treasurer/Clerk and Receiver of Taxes.

RESOLUTION #279-2019

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to adopt the Procurement Policy as described in Section 54, requiring competitive bidding, with an award to the lowest bidder or the best value, after public advertisement, for purchases in excess of \$20,000.00 and contracts for service in excess of \$35,000.00, and that the following municipal officers are the persons responsible for purchasing decisions:

- 1) Village Mayor
- 2) Village Trustees
- 3) Village Clerk/Treasurer
- 4) Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

RESOLUTION #280-2019

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion for the Board of Trustees to authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, insurance premiums, postage, freight/express charges and preapproved contracted services.

RESOLUTION #281-2019

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve reimbursement to officers and employees of the Village who utilize their personal vehicles while performing their official duties on behalf of the Village at the rate of \$.545 per mile.

RESOLUTION #282-2019

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion for attendance at schools and conferences for municipal officials and employees must be approved by the Board of Trustees prior to attendance.

RESOLUTION #283-2019

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to establish a Petty Cash Fund for the Youth & Family Services Department in the amount of \$75.00.

RESOLUTION #284-2019

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to establish the standard 5 day work week with 6 hours per day for the following elected and appointed officials:

ELECTED OFFICIALS - Mayor, Trustees and Village Justice

APPOINTED OFFICIALS – Acting Village Justice, Zoning Board Members, Planning Board Members and Architectural Review Board Members.

RESOLUTION #285-2019

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to establish the standard 5 day work week with 7 hours per day for the following Appointed Officials and others:

Accountant
Assessor
Assistant Village Attorney
Camp Director
Court Attendants
Crossing Guards
Custodians
Fire Alarm Mechanic
Parking Enforcement Aides
Village Attorney

RESOLUTION #286-2019

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to establish the following policies relating to the Medical, Dental & Vision and Life Insurance benefit coverage for employees who qualify:

- 1) Employee benefits will be activated upon the successful completion of 1 full month of employment.
- 2) Employees that are terminated for cause: all benefits will end upon termination.
- 3) Employees who resign: benefits will continue through the end of the month of resignation and/or 30 days, whichever comes first.

RESOLUTION #287-2019

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to reappoint Robert Drexler as the Commissioner of Public Works for a term of 1 year.

RESOLUTION #288-2019

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve an Alternate Member for the Planning Board for a term of 1 year.

RESOLUTION #289-2019

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to appoint Anthony Accomondo as the Alternate member of the Planning Board for a term of 1 year.

RESOLUTION #290-2019

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to appoint Tom Price as the Alternate member of the Zoning Board for a term of 1 year.

RESOLUTION #291-2019

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to appoint Louisa Henriquez to the Architectural Review Board to complete the term Anthony Accomondo in 2020.

RESOLUTION #292-2019

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

With the reorganization of the Village completed, the Mayor continued with that night's agenda.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to close the Village at 3:00 PM on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

RESOLUTION #293-2019

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

The Mayor reminded everyone that at the previous meeting the Board voted to move forward with the "National Fitness Campaign" (NFC) for the Village by building an outdoor sports court in conjunction with the North Rockland School District, at their property located adjacent to the Community Center. It will be a \$130,000.00 project for which the Village received a \$30,000.00 Grant Award from the NFC leaving the Village & the school district to raise the remainder. The Mayor reported that he has heard from Senator Skoufis and Assemblyman Zebrowski's offices that they would provide a grant of \$50,000.00 each towards this project. After the new year, the Village will meet with the school district to establish fundraising for the remainder of the funds, with the goal of a Fall 2020 opening.

The Mayor then mentioned that 2 proposals were received for the replacement of the fire siren at the Conklin Avenue Firehouse. The Board decided to award the project to the low bidder L.W. Bills Co. in the amount of \$13,585.00.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to award the fire siren project to L.W. Bills Co. as stated above.

RESOLUTION #294-2019

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

The Mayor read the following adjustments to the 2019-2020 budget year submitted by Joseph Modafferi, Village Accountant:

2019-2020 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A1410.0400	Clerk Contractual	\$ 2,000.00		
A3620.0400	Safety Contractual	\$ 2,500.00		
A3620.0200	Safety Equipment	\$ 1,600.00		
A1990.0400	Contingent		\$ 6,100.00	

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

RESOLUTION #295-2019

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
 Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
 Motion Carries: All

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 December 16th, 2019:

- 1) Called out for snow storm on December 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
- 2) Following these storms all DPW trucks were cleaned.
- 3) Called out to salt all village roadways on December 11th, after which all trucks were again cleaned.
- 4) Repaired damaged flags at the Broadway Bus Stop.
- 5) Cleaned and boarded up 5 Broad Street.

- 6) Removed a dead tree from Anness Drive.
- 7) Set up for Christmas Tree Lighting and for the Santa Dinner at the Community Center. Also, helped clean up after dinner.
- 8) Cleared out a room in the Village Hall for the Court to move in.
- 9) Numbered the poles on Route 9W by Short Clove.
- 10) Replaced faded signs throughout the Village.
- 11) Replaced the old charging station adjacent to the Village Hall.
- 12) Put down millings in all the alleyways and filled potholes throughout the Village.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Gil Carlevaro: Trustee Carlevaro read the following report of activities at the Community Center for the period of December 2nd thru December 16th, 2019:

- 1) HOLIDAY PARTY – The Annual Holiday Party was held on December 23rd from 3:30 to 6:00 PM at the Center for participants of youth programs and their families. A full holiday dinner was served with a visit and presents from Santa.
- 2) 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 January 8th.
- 3) Late Night Fridays - This program is run by staff member Tim Sanders for children grades 3 through 12 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM every Friday.
- 4) The Spanish Speaking Parents Group – This group will meet at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, January 8th at the Haverstraw Elementary School.
- 5) The Jump Program – This program is in need of Spanish and English speaking mentors. Anyone willing to volunteer should speak with Pete Fada.
- 6) Homework Help Program – This program is held on all school days and is geared toward students up to and including 8th grade.
- 7) Celebrating Families – The Center's staff, in conjunction with the Department of Social Services, started this program in September of this year with its final session being held on December 12th, 2019.
- 8) Other programs available and ongoing at the Center are as follows:
 - a) Individual/Family Counseling & Assessments
 - b) Managing emotions
 - c) Butts out/Smokers aftercare
 - d) Project Shift (A call to action)
 - e) Girls & Boys Life Skills
 - f) In the bag
 - g) Late Night Friday's

For further information, please contact the Haverstraw Center or visit the Village of Haverstraw website.

Trustee Carlevaro had nothing further to report.

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

MINUTES – The Mayor presented the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 16th, October 7th & 21st and November 4th & 18th of 2019 for approval by the Board.

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

RESOLUTION #296-2019

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Abstain: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Michael DiGrigorio and wished everyone a Happy Chanukah, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, informing everyone that January 6th would be the 1st meeting of 2020.

RESOLUTION #297-2019

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk