

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Absent
	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.

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Post congratulated Gil Carlevaro and other current members of the Village Board of Trustees who were sworn into office at that night's meeting.

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

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 announced that the "Gran Fondo", a bicycle race from New York City to Bear Mountain, will take place on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. As has taken place in the past, the racers will be riding through the main streets of the Village. He wanted to be sure that everyone was aware that traffic may be held up or slowed down for an hour or so on that day.

The Mayor also reminded the public that the Village Board has been working on its "Comprehensive Plan" for several months and the Committee is now ready to hold a Public Hearing on the "Draft Comprehensive Plan" which has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Building Department Board Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Village Hall. Once this draft plan has been accepted, it will be forward to the Village Board of Trustees.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve a request for a "Handicapped Parking Permit" for Dilenia Vargas of 18 Rockland Street due to her and her husband's medical issues which makes it difficult for them to get around.

## RESOLUTION #1-2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then entertained a motion to change the date of the next Village Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday,

January 21<sup>st</sup> due to the Federal holiday on that Monday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

**RESOLUTION #2-2020**

Motion by: Joel I. A. Santana  
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro  
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the request from St. Peter's/St. Mary's Church for a procession on January 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:15 taking their normal route through the Village from Main & Third Streets to Broadway and then back to the Church.

**RESOLUTION #3-2020**

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve attendance by newly elected Trustee Gil Carlevaro to attend a "Newly Elected Officials Workshop" being offered by Nikon in their White Plains office. The cost of the seminar is \$50.00.

**RESOLUTION #4-2020**

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

The Mayor advised the public that Wednesday and Thursday of that week filming would be taking place within the Village for a new TV series, "FBI, Most Wanted". He mentioned that there would be some minor disruptions in the areas of the Village where the filming will take place, including New Main Street around the parking lot behind Village Hall as well as a "foot pursuit chase scene" on South Street and some filming by the Presbyterian Church on Hudson Avenue.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

**Mayor Kohut:**  
**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno:** In the absence of Trustee Bueno no report was given.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez:** Deputy Mayor Dominguez read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Commissioner of Public Works, as of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020:

- 1) Put down brine on roads after December 16<sup>th</sup> storm.
- 2) Called out for snow storm on December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Cleaned all trucks after storm.
- 4) Put down hot tar and filled in cracks in all village parking lots.
- 5) Cleaned up leaves in Tor Avenue & Clove Avenue alleyways.
- 6) Installed "No Parking-Community Center Only" signage at the Center.
- 7) Installed signage in Emeline Park "No Overnight Parking from Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>.

- 8) Repaired damaged shelf at the Community Center.
- 9) Had a new seat installed in Truck #7.
- 10) Repaired damaged fence at Emeline Park.
- 11) Installed new charging station for electric cars adjacent to the Village Hall.
- 12) Repaired damaged post on Broadway.
- 13) Picked up Christmas gifts in Nyack for the Community Center Christmas party.
- 14) Installed parking bollards at the Village Hall car charging station.
- 15) Cleaned out pump stations with the assistance of the Joint Regional Sewerage Board at the Harbors and Warren Avenue.
- 16) Sewerage blockage on Rockland Street – January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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 17<sup>th</sup> thru January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020:

- 1) HOLIDAY PARTY – The Annual Holiday Party was held at the Center on December 23<sup>rd</sup> for 150 participants of youth programs and their families. A full holiday dinner was served with a visit and presents from Santa. A fun time was had by all.
- 2) Haverstraw Collaborative – The 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 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 2:00 PM.
- 3) Programs Ongoing at the Center:  
Late Night Fridays, Spanish Speaking Parents Group, Jump Program, Homework Help Program, Celebrating Families Program, Positive Alternatives.
- 4) For information on these and all other programs at the Center 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 read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of December 14<sup>th</sup> thru December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019:

Rental registrations	-	1
Miscellaneous inspections	-	49
Complaints	-	7
Municipal searches	-	2
Construction inspections	-	6
Violations/Tickets	-	6
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	5

Fines collected at court - \$.00

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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

Keith Shikowitz, Rockland County Times: Mr. Shikowitz requested an explanation of the “rental registrations” from the Building Department Report.

Joel Santana: Trustee Santana informed Mr. Shikowitz that it is a yearly registration process for rental properties in the Village in order for the Building Department to have the property owner’s information on record.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor further explained that there are too many rental properties in the Village to register on an annual basis; therefore, registrations take place on a bi-annual basis. The Building Inspector actually goes out at this time to inspect rental properties to ascertain that they are up to code according to what he has in his records.

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that there was nothing new other than the fact that they are moving along with the DPW build on Bowline Road.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Drive: Mr. Levine inquired if there is a date or timeframe for the DPW move to its new location.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor responded that Mr. Ginsburg is hoping for an early summer move for the DPW.

Theodore Best, 6 Mountain Court: Mr. Best explained that his property is on a slope and with his leg disability he would like to do something there to get more use out of his property.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Best that he should speak with the Building Inspector to find out the process for what he would like to do and suggested he call for an appointment with Mr. Berrios.

Jay Hood, Esq.: Counselor Hood suggested that Mr. Best bring along a survey to the appointment to show the Building Inspector exactly what he has in mind at which time he will let Mr. Best know if he needs any variances, etc. to make any changes to his property.

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

**RESOLUTION #5-2020**

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk