

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Tuesday, February 18th, 2020, 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: With no-one from the public present at that time, there was no Public Participation and the Mayor continued with the agenda for that nights meeting.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood was absent from the meeting.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the request of the North Rockland Rotary Club to hold a carnival at the parking lot adjacent to the Knights of Columbus from Monday, April 30th after 2:00 PM thru Sunday, May 3rd, 2020.

RESOLUTION #28-2020

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

The Mayor reported that the Board has received a memo from Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC, Village Planners, with the SEQRA steps required to begin the adoption process for the Village Comprehensive Plan, LWRP and implementing code amendments. The Mayor proceeded with the following actions to move this plan forward:

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to declare the Village Board as Lead Agency for this project.

RESOLUTION #29-2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to adopt the FEAF Parts 1, 2 and 3.

RESOLUTION #30-2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign Page 13 of the EAF Part 1 and the Determination of Significance.

RESOLUTION #31-2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to adopt the Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance attached to memorandum.

RESOLUTION #32-2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to set a deadline for written comments from the public as of March 20, 2020.

RESOLUTION #33-2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to post the Draft Scope on the Village Website and mail it to the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Department of State, the County of Rockland, the Town of Haverstraw, the Town of Clarkstown and the Village of West Haverstraw.

RESOLUTION #34-2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to authorize the Village Clerk to post notice of the Positive Declaration and availability of the Draft Scope in the newspaper of record no later than Thursday, February 20, 2020.

RESOLUTION #35-2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to authorize Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC to post notice of the Positive Declaration in the Environmental Notice Bulletin.

RESOLUTION #36-2020

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

The Mayor read the following "Site Plan Amendment" from GDC for Admiral's Cove:

"This Site Plan Amendment is Phase II of the "Surcharge" Site Plan Amendment for Admirals Cove, Site B of the Haverstraw Waterfront Development Project. The areas of soil compaction will be relocated west of the original shoreline areas. As a result, Dr. Girling Drive will temporarily be unavailable. A new ferry bypass road will be located immediately north of the original Dr. Girling Drive where the public can access ferry parking and the shoreline. DPW access by the VOH will remain at Dr. Girling Drive until it is relocated to its new facility at 175 Bowline Plant Road.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to accept the application from GDC and forward it to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation.

RESOLUTION #37-2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign a Contract with the County of Rockland for the 2020 Celebrating Families Grant in the amount of \$34,950.00.

RESOLUTION #38-2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the "Renewal Agreement" with Harbors HOA for 2020 at a cost of \$15,000.00.

RESOLUTION #39-2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve/accept the Travelers Insurance Renewal Proposal at a cost of \$194,400.00.

RESOLUTION #40-2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to accept and approve the retirement of Joseph Miller from his position as DPW Foreman, effective March 28th, 2020, with regret and thanks.

RESOLUTION #41-2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to authorize the Village Clerk to request the list from Rockland County Personnel for a Clerk Typist Spanish Speaking position.

RESOLUTION #42-2020

Motion by: Joel I. A. Santana
 Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
 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
A5110.0420	State Maintenance Road	\$ 75,000.00		
A7110.0430	Utilities – Ball Park	\$ 4,000.00		
A0000.3089	State Aid			\$ 75,000.00
A1990.4	Contingent		\$ 4,000.00	
A3320.1	On Street Parking	\$ 12,713.00		
A3120.1	Police Services		\$ 2,000.00	
A1990.4	Contingent		\$ 10,713.00	
A9950.91	Contribution to Capital Fund	\$ 12,497.00		
A1990.4	Contingent		\$ 12,497.00	
A9950.91	Contribution to Capital Fund	\$ 25,000.00		
A5110.430	Sidewalks		\$ 25,000.00	
A9950.91	HHQP Contribution to Capital Fund	\$ 110.00		
A1990.4	Contingent		\$ 110.00	

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

RESOLUTION #43-2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Intermunicipal Procured Shared Services Agreement with the County of Rockland. Village Counsel has reviewed the document and approved it for signing.

RESOLUTION #44-2020

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

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno read the following application for membership into the Haverstraw Fire Department:

Henry Henriquez Lopez - General Warren Hose Company #2

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the application of Henry Henriquez Lopez to join the Haverstraw Fire Department and the company of his choice as stated above.

RESOLUTION #45-2020

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

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, Commissioner of Public Works, as of February 18th, 2020:

- 1) Repaired rotted out railing on staircase going down to Emeline Park.
- 2) Repaired damaged parking posts on New Main Street, Rockland Street and Broadway.
- 3) Installed fence in Emeline Park playground.
- 4) Installed “Do Not Block Driveway” signage at 38 Broadway.
- 5) Installed new signage “We Love Our Community, Please Help Keep It Clean” at all Village entrances.
- 6) Moved boxes from the Village Hall for the Court.
- 7) Built a new closet at the Community Center.
- 8) TAM and Joint Regional Sewerage Board were called in to assist sewer line cleanout at 18 Harrigan Lane.
- 9) Continue to perform MS-4 work throughout the Village.
- 10) Cleaned out fire training building near Community Center.
- 11) Attempting to correct the drainage problem on the Greenway Trail by putting down rip rock.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez: The Deputy Mayor reported that the Board has spoken with and interviewed candidates for the position of DPW Foreman to be vacated by Joseph Miller and will be promoting Hector Torres to that position with Gary Nash as back-up DPW Foreman effective February 20th, 2020. Also to be promoted at the DPW is Victor Pelaez to the position of MEO. Also, Randy Taveres was hired to fill the full-time position of Laborer.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the promotions and hiring for the Village of Haverstraw DPW as stated above.

RESOLUTION #46-2020

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

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 February 3rd thru February 18th, 2020:

At the request of Marion Breland, Director of the Haverstraw Center, Trustee Carlevaro requested the Board's approval to promote Tim Sanders from his current position as Recreation Leader/Counseling Aide to the position of **Project Coordinator** at a salary of \$52,580.00, effective immediately.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the promotion of Tim Sanders as stated above.

RESOLUTION #47-2020

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion Carries: All

Trustee Carlevaro then informed the public that in order to accommodate the youth of the Center during the NRSD winter recess, the Center would be open from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily and will be offering the children who attend a variety of programs and activities. He reported that a "drone workshop" was held that day which was a fun activity for the youth as well as giving them a teaching tool into some engineering and science tactics. A "Science Paper Workshop" would be held on Wednesday, as well as a movie to be shown for their enjoyment. On Thursday the children will be utilizing their creative side as they paint a mural on a wall at the Center with local artist Kevin Rodriguez who will be helping the children learn how to paint freehand. Lunch will be provided all week and the week's activities will end with a fun game day on Friday. This was a good week for the children where they learned as they enjoyed their time off from school at the Center.

All other programs are ongoing at the Center. For information on all programs offered please contact the Haverstraw Center or visit the Village of Haverstraw website.

Trustee Carlevaro then requested the Board have a "speed hump" installed at the front of the Center site for the safety of everyone, particularly the children. He has witnessed a lot in his short time as Trustee and would like to keep everyone safe from the reckless drivers, etc. that put the children in harm's way.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to have a "speed hump" installed in front of the Haverstraw Center for safety reasons as soon as asphalt is available.

RESOLUTION #48-2020

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

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 February 3rd thru February 14th, 2020:

Rental registrations	-	2
Miscellaneous inspections	-	118
Complaints	-	10
Municipal searches	-	13
Construction inspections	-	15
Violations/Tickets	-	14
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	8

Fines collected at court - \$.00

Trustee Santana requested the Board to accept the resignation of Stephanie Serrano whose last day would be Friday, February 28th.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to accept the resignation of Stephanie Serrano as stated above.

RESOLUTION #49-2020

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

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

With no members of the public in attendance at this meeting, there was no Public Participation.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Noe Hammer, the Funeral Director at McGowan's Funeral Home for many years.

RESOLUTION #50-2020

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk