

The minutes of the Board of Assessment Review Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, beginning at 4:00 PM.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- Present
	Trustee Carlevaro	- Present
	Mayor Kohut	- Present
	Edye McCarthy, Vil. Assessor	- Present

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the floor to the public announcing that anyone wishing to challenge their property assessment could do so at that time. He then informed the public that no decisions would be made with regard to their grievance issue that night and that the Board would review each resident's request and get back to them with the results of their review. The Mayor then introduced the Village Assessor, Edye McCarthy.

Ralph Travallini, 152 Coolidge Street: Mr. Travallini felt that the assessment on his property was too high, and mentioned that he is a veteran and therefore should be receiving that exemption as well. He informed the Board that according to his insurance the property is not worth any more than \$180,000.00.

Edye McCarthy: Ms. McCarthy informed Mr. Travallini that when an insurance company insures a property, they are only insuring the structures on the property and not the land which would be the reason for that amount. She then inquired about his status as a veteran.

Ralph Travallini: Mr. Travallini informed the Board that he was a member of the National Guard.

Edye McCarthy: Ms. McCarthy asked if Mr. Travallini had ever applied for the Veterans exemption in the Village or the Town to which he responded "no". She informed Mr. Travallini that she would review his assessment again adding in his veteran status and get back to him with her findings.

Gary & Evelyn Fiore, 17 Edgewater Lane: Mr. Fiore and his family moved into the Harbors in November and were late filing for the veteran's exemption. He requested the Board to recalculate his assessment based on his military service.

Edye McCarthy: Ms. McCarthy informed the Fiore's that she would take another look at their assessment and make any necessary adjustments to reflect Mr. Fiore's veteran status.

Gary Martino, 150 New Main Street: Mr. Martino mentioned that he has spoken with the Board previously on this matter and was there to again grieve his assessment since there is still a car wash adjacent to his property which was supposed to be a single story building but ended up being a 2 story building, and now they have moved a motorcycle shop into the building which has created numerous problems. He fears if he decides to sell that this facility will drastically impact the sale of his property. He inquired if "like properties" are used as comparisons when calculating property assessments, to which the response was "yes". He feels that using other properties like his without the adjacent commercial area leaves him at

a disadvantage with an unwarranted assessment. He is having major problems with the body shop who continues to park cars in front of his home without license plates or registrations that would be there for days at a time, the noise factor from the motorcycles, the body shop across the street and garbage from both places that is strewn all over his yard which will all impact the overall value of his property.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor inquired if Mr. Martino has looked into any other comparables.

Gary Martino: Mr. Martino mentioned that when he went to the Town they compared his property to properties in Thiells, which he felt was unfair.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor advised Mr. Martino that Ms. McCarthy will look into the comparables in the Village to be sure the current assessment is correct.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Assessment Review Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

RESOLUTION #51-2020

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk