

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, May 18, 2020 beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Watson	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- Present
	Mayor Kohut	- Present

The Mayor opened the meeting with the following statement:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, on March 12, 2020 and in response to the current COVID-19 virus emergency, Governor Andrew Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.1 that suspended the Open Meetings Law requirement to hold in public in-person meetings and allowed official meetings to be held via telephone conference or similar technologies.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the public may access the teleconference public meeting on May 18, 2020 at 7:00 PM by Public Dial-In at 1-800-245-9874 and entering PIN #9917845.

Additionally, questions can be posed via email and sent to Emily.dominguez@vohny.com or at the Village of Haverstraw Facebook page, the Haverstraw Happenings page.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that public questions and comments can be emailed to the Village Clerk at Judith.Curcio@vohny.com and be read into the record during the audience participation portion of the Agenda.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting with the first Public Hearing of the night asking if there was anyone from the public who wished to make a comment or ask a question.

With no response from the public the Mayor continued with the Agenda.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood asked Mr. Andrew Maniglia to explain the agreement in front of the Board for the exchange of land for the DPW building.

Andrew Maniglia: Mr. Maniglia explained that back in 2003 when the Land Acquisition and Disposition Agreement was executed between Ginsburg Development LLC and the Village of Haverstraw, Section 9.1 C-2-B addressed a swap of the existing DPW facility at 17 Dr. Girling Dr. for a new DPW facility that was as yet to be built. In 2006 Ginsburg Development LLC purchased a 2.5 acre piece of land that is now being used to develop the new DPW facility. Working in good faith with the Village construction has been underway and agreements have been made as to design and color of the building. What the Board has in front of them now is a resolution that will authorize the Mayor to enter into an exchange contract with Ginsburg Development which will effectuate the exchange of the existing DPW facility in consideration for the new DPW facility located at 175 Bowline Plant Road, Haverstraw. The resolution only authorizes the Mayor to execute the exchange agreement.

Mayor Kohut: Mayor Kohut asked Mr. Hood if he was satisfied with the explanation and resolution. Mr. Hood responded that he was.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize him to execute the Exchange contract.

RESOLUTION # 101 - 2020

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

Jay Hood, Village Attorney: Mr. Hood further explained to the Board that in order to verify that the properties involved in the exchange were of equal value, or that the newer property was of greater value than the old, he was asking that the Board authorize the hiring of Valuation Plus to provide appraisals on both properties at a cost of \$5,500, which will be paid from GDC Escrow.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 102 - 2020

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the Village has, through the assistance of Ms. Rodriquez, an accommodation with an antibody testing company which will take place this week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Village Community Center. No appointments are necessary.

We also continue to have the testing site for COVID-19 disease in the Knights of Columbus parking lot and you no longer need an appointment to be tested there. Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm.

Due to the coronavirus circumstances Dancing under the Stars, which was scheduled for June 19th, will be rescheduled for some time in the future.

Mayor Kohut went on to entertain a motion to authorize the Village Clerk to establish the position of Senior Account Clerk Part-time.

RESOLUTION # 103 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then requested that the Board appoint Shannon Modafferi to the position of Sr. Account Clerk PT once it had been properly established with Rockland County Personnel with an effective date of June 1, 2020.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 104 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: We also have an appointment to be made to put Ryan Bates permanently in the position of Assistant Court Clerk.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 105 - 2020

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor requested the authorization for him to sign the 2020 OASAS Agreement with Rockland County. This provides a grant to our Reach Out program in the amount of \$225,261.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 106 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that we had received 1 bid for the 2020 Road Improvement Program and the bidder was Tilcon NY. He requested that the Board award the bid, based on the recommendations of Village Engineer Eve Mancuso, to Tilcon NY for the base bid covering improvements to Rela Ave., Spring St & Fairmount Ave below Clove to West St., in the amount of \$241,490.00 to mill & pave.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the bid to Tilcon NY as stated above.

RESOLUTION # 107 - 2020

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

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A.1310.4	Accounting	320.00		
A.1930.4	Judgements	320.00		
A.1980.4	MCT Tax	100.00		
A.5110.41	DPW Clothing	250.00		
A.8120.4	Sanitary Sewers	35,000.00		
A.1990.4	Contingent		21,463.00	
A.5110.4	Street Maintenance	24,000.00		

A.5182.4	Street Lighting		38,527.00	
	<i>Correction of Prior Adj.</i>			
A.9950.9	Credit Capital Account	25,000		
A.9950.91	Debit Community Develop	25,000		
A.9950.9	Credit Capital Account	12,497		
A.9950.91	Debit Comm.Development	12,497		
A.9950.90	Debit Capital Account	19,532		
A.9950.9	Credit Comm. Developmnt	19,532		

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

RESOLUTION # 108 - 2020

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 read the following report of fire activity for the month of April 2020, submitted by Fire Chief J. Bart Gordon Jr.:

Total Alarms	-	12
General Alarms	-	9
Special Calls	-	2
Mutual Aid Calls	-	1
Structure Fires	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	1
Vehicle Fires	-	1
CO Alarms	-	1
Extrication/Accident Call	-	1
Assist Police/Other Agency		1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	2
False Alarms	-	3

Total Manpower Responding - 236 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Deputy Mayor Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez read the following task list as submitted by Commissioner Robert Drexler:

Landscaping:

- Cut and trimmed all Village Properties.
- Took down two large trees- 130 West Street due to rotting.
- Took a tree down on Feeney Place.
- Mulched all the playgrounds.
- Mulched all Village properties.

Other:

- Put wire tires on the chairs in Village Hall Court- secure them all together.
- Filled all doggy bag dispensers throughout the village with- doggy bags.
- Switched damaged drainage hole on New Main Street- coming into the Village.
- Put up signs in the park- Stating "Wear Masks and remain 6 feet distance from each other- during COVID-19."
- Took 2 loads of Paint to The Fire Training Center in Pomona
- Set up Lot #3 for COVID-19 Testing, Set up 3 Tents at the site.
- Started painting for the season.
- Began painting Stop Bars.
- Graffiti Removal at the Tunnel on Gurnee Ave.
- Set up fountains for the summer season

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:

- Staff is onsite at the Center to try and help as much as they can Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The building is closed to the public, but help is available by telephone or email in both Spanish and English during those hours. Call 845-429-5731 with questions.
- Staff continues to reach out to our children and families to tell them that we are still here, that they are not alone, to find out what their needs are and how we can help. Staff members have contacted hundreds of individuals and families to determine how to best meet their current needs, and have been referring the community to different places to get help (for food, transportation, testing, etc.),
- A total of 60 Chrome books and 40 homework packets have been distributed thus far to our youth. Staff is also continuing to help families get hot spots for those who had limited internet access.
- Every week on Fridays from 1:30-4 staff has been distributing bags of food to our community members, including dry goods and fresh produce. Donations have been received from People to People's In the Bag program, Myra from TOUCH, Get Fresh, Digital Media Solutions, and from caring community members and Village staff. Since the Center's feeding program began at the end of April, a total of 341 family-sized dinners have been provided to families in need in Haverstraw.
- In addition to the weekly Friday Get Fresh distribution, beginning this week and for the next six weeks every Thursday, Fredo Sanchez from Garden of Eden will be distributing boxes of produce to our community at the Haverstraw Center from 1:30 to 4:00. We at the Center would like to express our deepest thanks to all of the community organizations and individuals who are working together with us to keep our families fed during this difficult time!

Positive Activities for Youth Done Virtually: In addition to continuing our counseling programs for youth and families by working remotely, either by telephone or video conferencing, we continue to look for positive ways to engage youth during this time. Some examples include:

- We are continuing to work with groups of youth to engage other youth in COVID-19 prevention- have organized a contest with United Way during the month of May to encourage youth to develop social media posts and videos to raise awareness through the hashtag #YouthCanGetIt2"- encouraging the use of masks, social distancing, hand washing and other preventive activities,
- We are working with BOCES and the Department of Social Services on a text line for youth who may be in difficult or dangerous home situations and unable to safely talk from home. Haverstraw Center youth and other youth organizations such as Bravehearts are developing positive social media posts to spread the word to other youth. The number of the text line is 845-642-4943. Please spread the word. The text line is safe, confidential and managed by professional staff that is able to help.
- We are planning to engage youth in a virtual "Caught Being Good" ceremony in order to connect with all of our young participants and to encourage them during this time. If it is successful, we will continue to do this on a monthly basis through Zoom,
- Summer Camp- We are looking at all possible options to connect with youth over the summer months, including the possibility of a virtual "camp" experience, utilizing some of the Haverstraw Collaborative organizations, if a face-to-face camp is not permissible. We will continue to update the public as this develops!

Other:

- Masks were handed out to the community at The Haverstraw Center as well as Village Hall
- Staff is helping out on a weekly basis with unloading trailers and distributing food to local food pantries

Trustee Carlevaro had nothing further to report.

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

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of March 2nd, March 16th & April 6th, the Minutes of the Feb 18, 2020 Board of Assessment Review Meeting and the Public Hearing on Admiral's Cove of Feb. 25, 2020 for approval.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 109 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor stated that in memory of Paul Piperato the meeting would be closed with a moment of silence.

RESOLUTION # 110 - 2020

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro

Motion Carries: All

Reminder: The next Village Board meeting will be on June 15th at 7:00 PM and will be a regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,
Judith R. Curcio