

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, June 15, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Carlevaro	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- 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, specifically asking if anyone on the conference call would like to make a comment.

With no input from the public, the Mayor continued with the agenda for that night's meeting with the first item on the Agenda being the scheduling of a Public Hearing on a proposed new local law regarding an ID Law that was submitted to the Board several months ago. The Public Hearing is to be scheduled for the next Board meeting of July 20, 2020 at 7:05 PM.

RESOLUTION #111 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: Continued with the Agenda moving to reports of Village Officials.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood reported that the contract with Integritas for consulting services regarding the development of the Chair Factory property was nearly complete and needed a few minor amendments. Mr. Hood asked for a motion for approval to have the Mayor sign the contract when the final document has been produced.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize him to sign the contract with Integritas.

RESOLUTION # 112 - 2020

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the next item on the Agenda was the Village Summer Camp and the problems that have arisen due to COVID-19. The decision has been made to NOT have summer camp this year because of the complications of providing a safe environment for 175 children. However, there may be a small summer program that we can provide for kids that already go to the youth center,

with limited numbers and only if Stage 4 of COVID recovery goes into effect. Details will follow on that.

Mayor Kohut stated that the Board had a request from a Dominican Republic political group to use the community center on Sunday July 5th from 6am through 9pm to hold Dominican Republic elections. After discussions with them and further discussions regarding social distancing and sanitizing the Board has agreed to allow them to use the gym at the community center.

RESOLUTION # 113 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: Statement regarding a proposal from HDR Engineering who is our engineer for wireless telecommunications issues. The proposal is for the development of an RFP or RFI to solicit interest from telecommunications companies to put cell facilities on Village-owned property.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the contract with HDR at a cost of \$7,000.

RESOLUTION # 114 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: We need to establish the position of Senior Account Clerk – PT as specified by Rockland County Dept. of Personnel.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to establish the position

RESOLUTION # 115 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: Requested authorization to sign the 2020 Project SHIFT agreement with Rockland County for a grant amount of \$21,000.

RESOLUTION # 116 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: Requested authorization to sign the 2020 Project SNUG agreement with Rockland County for a grant amount of \$10,500.

RESOLUTION # 117 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: Requested authorization to sign the contract with Berard & Associates for the year end 5/31/2020 audits for the Justice Court at \$2,500 and the Village at a cost of \$17,700.

RESOLUTION # 118 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize him to negotiate an Emergency Access/Easement from the property owner of 152 Broadway which will provide emergency ingress and egress from the new DPW site.

RESOLUTION # 119 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to appoint Elaine Fernandez permanently to the position of Receptionist Typist Spanish Speaking.

RESOLUTION # 120 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the following budget amendments:

2019-2020 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
Acct. #	Description	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A.1110.11	Justice Court	1420.60		
A.1410.11	Treasurer's office	328.46		
A.9961.9	Reach Out	1794.67		
A.7140.1	Recreation	1794.67		
A.3620.1	Building Dept	3018.70		
A.5110.1	DPW – Laborers	6799.34		
A.5010.1	DPW – Admin	8518.60		
A.5010.1	DPW – Retirement	48792.07		
A.1420.1	Legal	3700.00		
A.1010.1	Trustees	500.00		
A.1990.41	Overtime Contingent		76167.10	
A.5110.42	Street Maintenance	200.00		
A.3620.4	Safety Inspector	1200.00		
A.1980.4	MCT Tax	300.00		
A.5110.41	DPW Clothing	700.00		
A.8120.4	Sanitary Sewers	10400.00		
A.1990.4	Contingency	40		
A.5110.4	Street Maintenance	11000		
A.5182.4	Street Lighting		\$ 20000.00	

2019-2020 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
Acct. #	Description	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A.000.1289	Other General Govt			33695.25
A.1440.42	Engineer	20471.25		
A.1420.42	Law Escrow Contractual	13224.00		
A.1110.4	Justice Contractual	2790.00		
A.1620.42	Building Repair-Bldg Dept	8300.00		
A.1620.422	Building Repair-DPW		8300.00	
A.3410.4	Fire Contractual	170969.35		
A.000.2680	Insurance Recovery			170969.35
A.5142.4	Snow Removal		6630.00	

RESOLUTION # 121 - 2020

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

The Mayor reported that on the coming Friday evening June 19th there would be a Jueteenth flag raising and serive in front of Village Hall. All appropriate mask wearing and social distancing will be adhered to. Also, on Friday June 26th the Village wwill be hosting our first ever Drive In Concert. It will be held at the ferry parking lot with vehicles parked in such a way as to keep social distancing when people get out of their cars. The band Showtime will be playing. June 27th is the rain date.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – **Trustee Rafael Bueno:** Trustee Bueno presented an application from Enrique Ramos, age 19, who was applying to Rescue Hook & Ladder. The application is in order. Trustee Bueno recommends accepting him.

RESOLUTION # 122 - 2020

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

Trustee Bueno read the following report of fire activity for the month of May 2020 submitted by Fire Chief Bart Gordon:

Total Alarms	-	21
General Alarms	-	16
Special Calls	-	2
Mutual Aid Calls	-	2
Cooking Fires	-	3
Construction Fire	-	1
Electrical Fire	-	1
Trash Fires	-	1
CO Alarm	-	1

Good Intent/Misc.	-	1
False Alarms	-	6

Total Manpower Responding - 403 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Deputy Mayor

Dominguez: Trustee Dominguez read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Superintendent of Public Works, as of June 12, 2020:

- Cut the Jefferson Street Hill
- We cut and trimmed and cleared out - abandoned property on Maple Ave.
- Picked up Yard Waste @ – The Clarkstown Transfer Station.
- We had a sewer job on -63 South Route 9W- we were assisted by the Joint Regional Sewage Board- who helped clear the blockage.
- Began blacktopping troubled spots throughout the Village
- The Lopez Field- had their annual inspection-currently awaiting to hear the results.
- Took down a Bricktown Inn Sign coming into The Village of Haverstraw.
- Unloaded Fruits and Vegetables at The Community Center- For The St. Peter’s Church Food Pantry- for The Village of Haverstraw Residents- we have been doing this for the last couple of weeks.
- Issued a speed hump in the area of 20 Hillside Ave.
- Due to an accident one of our street light poles were damaged on the corner of Broadway and Jefferson, that since has been replaced and is now back in service.
- We got Called Out Gates were down @ The Railroad Crossing on Westside Avenue.
- Went out and hot tarred all the blacktopping we are doing around the cracks and filling them in.
- Installed “No Parking” Signs- 2AM-6AM in the Downtown area, signs are up on New Main St., Main Street and Broadway, the police were also alerted in regards to this- so they can begin giving out tickets. The biggest problem has been in the area between Main St., Third St., and Second Street.
- Brought men in to clean up The Peaceful Protest that was held on June 7th.
- We had an order of yard leaf bags delivered to the garage.
- Department Employees (6) were tested for The COVID-19 Antibody Test- @ Village Hall on June 9th.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Gil Carlevaro: Trustee Carlevaro spoke about the activities at the Community Center for the current period.

In addition to continuing our usual counseling program by working remotely we have been working on developing ways of engaging our youth during this time. Some examples are a phone conference with 14 youths on June 12th to discuss racial and social justice, every Thursday a Zoom meeting takes place in which the staff engage the youths and they have the ability to connect with their friends. We’re developing the details for the summer program which will replace the summer camp. Our staff handed out masks at the center which were donated by Fidelis and our staff continues to help out with unloading the trailer of donated food and helping to distribute it to various food pantries and the public.

Trustee Carlevaro had nothing further to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT – Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of May 18th through June 12th:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	179
Complaints	-	35
Municipal searches	-	6
Construction inspections	-	24
Violations/Tickets	-	55
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	25

Fines collected at court - \$0

Joel Santana continued with presenting a motion to hire Alyssa Findley-Rivera to the position of Clerk-Typist Spanish Speaking in the Building Department at a salary of \$41,547 per year.

RESOLUTION # 123 - 2020

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

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut: One item missed earlier was a request from a group of residents to hold a block party on Robbins Court on July 4th from 5 to 7 pm.

The mayor entertained the motion to allow the block party.

RESOLUTION # 124 - 2020

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

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 20th and May 18th for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 125 - 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

Sandra Bullock (via conference call): Where is the Village Board Agenda posted for the regular meetings?

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

RESOLUTION # 126 - 2020

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Judith R. Curcio