

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, October 5, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Absent
	Trustee Carlevaro	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- Present
	Mayor Kohut	- Present

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting with the first Public Hearing of the night.

Maryann Riccaldo, Four Legs Good: The organization would like to honor Mayor Kohut because he has been a big help in providing space to them for the TNR Program, providing coupons to residents for the program. The effort to spay/neuter feral cats has helped prevent thousands of births of more cats in the community.

Mayor Kohut was presented with an award from the organization and from Assemblyman Zebrowski.

Noel Rappaport, New Main St.; Does anyone have information on the burned out building on Conklin Ave?

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that there has been an insurance dispute between the owner and the insurance company and that's what the hold-up has been.

Keith Schiklowitz, Rockland County Times: Mr. Schiklowitz complimented the Mayor, Board & Ginny Norfleet on the event held at Clinton Ave over the weekend. He thought it was very well done and very inclusive.

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 reported that he has drafted a law, similar to one recently drafted in Clarkstown, whereby applicants before the Village Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board must pay any outstanding fees against the property prior to issuance of any variances, special permits, etc. A Public Hearing needs to be scheduled in order to move the law forward.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for November 2, 2020 at 7:05 pm.

## RESOLUTION # 191 - 2020

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro  
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 because of the mandated training the Village needed to purchase training modules from a company called HR Classroom at a cost of \$500.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 192 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: We have a request from United Way to continue with Healthy Haverstraw and after discussions with the parties involved we're going to combine it with the Farmer's Market/Harvest Fair on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm outside Village Hall and provide the necessary support.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 193 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: We are in need of creating a Parking Enforcer FT position through the Rockland County Personnel Office.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion for the Clerk/Treasurer to create the position of Parking Enforcer FT.

RESOLUTION # 194 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: Additional personnel changes are needed at the Youth & Family Services Center and we may need to create the position of Counseling Aide LFT (less than FT).

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to create the Counseling Aide LFT position if County Personnel deems it necessary and appoint Mary Reddington in to the position permanently.

RESOLUTION # 195 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: Due to the COVID crisis and the staggered school schedules there is a need for more student worker hours over at the Community Center.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to increase the number of student worker hours by up to 40 more hours per week within the Youth & Family Services Department.

RESOLUTION # 196 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The traffic light at Broadway & Warren is in need of repair. We have a proposal from Hush Electric to supply & install a new controller in the box at a cost of \$4,800.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the work.

Mayor Kohut: Justice Court is asking the Board to approve their JCAP grant application in the sum of \$4,174.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 197 - 2020

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

RESOLUTION # 198 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The final scope of the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement has been completed. This is another step in the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to adopt the Draft Scope DGEIS for the Comprehensive Plan.

RESOLUTION # 199 - 2020

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

Seconded by:  
Motion Carries: All

**Mayor Kohut:**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FIRE & ORDINANCES** – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Since Trustee Bueno was absent Trustee Santana read the report submitted for the month of September 2020, submitted by Fire Chief John “Bart” Gordon.:

Total Alarms	-	12
General Alarms	-	9
Special Calls	-	2
Mutual Aid Calls	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	2
Electrical Fires	-	1
Structural Fires	-	1
Brush Fires	-	1

Extrication/accident calls -	1
Boat Calls -	1
Good Intent/Misc. -	3
False Alarms -	2

Total Manpower Responding - 225 members

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez:** Deputy Mayor Dominguez read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works, as of October 2<sup>nd</sup> :

- Replaced Speed hump at The Community Center
- Added two parking spots at The Community Center.
- Painted all needed areas at The Community Center.
- Trimming and Cutting all Alleys throughout The Village.
- Blacktopped Potholes throughout The Village.
- Put new banner flags on Clinton St- For Dedication of the street.
- Finished up the painting of all crosswalks and stop bars for the season.
- The docs are out at Emeline for the season.
- Installed new radion in all trucks.
- Put in 4 meters in Lot # 7.
- Put two new signs at Clinton Street- “Haverstraw African American Connection” & a Dedication Plaque.
- Drained out Waterfalls for the upcoming Winter Season.
- Repaired and maintained various Village vehicles.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez made a motion to purchase a diagnostic software to be used by the Village Mechanic at a cost of \$569.00.

**RESOLUTION # 200 - 2020**

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

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Gil Carlevaro:** Trustee Carlevaro reported on the activities at the Community Center for the period through October 2<sup>nd</sup> :

- Every Friday at the Community Center staff is distributing meals to members of the community. A total of 15,905 meals already distributed.
- Our fall program started on September 14<sup>th</sup> with 273 children ages 8 to 15 attending the program to date. A waiting list has been established for children who are eligible.
- The Strengthening Familes Program is starting Wed. October 14<sup>th</sup> and staff will provide the program in conjunction with the Department of Social Services. This is for families where one or more parents have a serious problem with alcohol or drugs.

Trustee Carlevaro had nothing further to report.

**BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT – Trustee Joel Santana:** Trustee Santanar read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of September 19<sup>th</sup> through October 2<sup>nd</sup>:

- RENTAL REGISTRATIONS -- 0
- MISC. INSPECTIONS -- 41
- COMPLAINTS -- 7
- SEARCHS -- 3
- CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS -- 1
- VIOLATIONS/TICKETS -- 0
- PERMITS & C/O'S -- 7

Fines collected at court - \$0

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

Gil Carlevaro: Informed the Board that he had met with residents and our DPW Foreman regarding parking on West Broad Street and we would be putting up some new signage to prevent people from parking at an angle over there.

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

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

Keith Schiklowitz, Rockland County Times: Where was the Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing going to be held?

Mayor Kohut: It's been postponed and rescheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Village Community Center located at 50 West Broad Street.

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

RESOLUTION # 201 - 2020

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Gil Carrlevaro

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,  
Judith Curcio, Clerk/Treasurer