

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, October 19, 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 meeting with the first Public Hearing of the night.

Frank Phillips of Phillips & Millman, Attorney representing the applicant Rockland County Rentals LLC on a project at 85 New Main Street. We are picking up where we left off in February 2020 prior to the start of the pandemic. Before COVID we had respectfully requested that the Board adopt the Part II EAF. Subsequent to that we received correspondence from the Village Planner, Max Stach, and through our engineering firm Atzl, Nasher & Zigler, submitted a study for the Planned Office – PO District and a tax lot study, the most recent update dated October 14, 2020. We respectfully ask the Board to make a determination on SEQR and at that point refer us to the Planning Board for review. There are some additional issues like parking that we've added which the Planning Board will address with their review. We'd like to get the 30 days started and the SEQR Negative Declaration be adopted.

Max Stach, Village Planner from Nelson Pope & Voorhis: Mr. Stach stated that he had reviewed the submitted proposal and generally agrees with the proposal. They do have a few comments to add. We don't feel that this will add a substantial number of residential units to the downtown. We have spoken about the PRI zone being created with the Comp Plan and possible competition with this proposal. Mr. Stach explained that a possible means of addressing that would be to limit the number of units that could be created in a PO District and the suggestion was made of no more than 6 per lot, which would be a fair limitation and would not impact the applicant. There are some questions about the parking requirements and we understand the applicant will be submitting some additional information on that. The Board does have before them a Part II and Part III Environmental forms and a Negative Declaration and, Mr. Stach stated that it is his recommendation is to adopt those and refer them to the Planning Board for further review.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to adopt Part II, Part III EAFs and the Negative Declaration on the zoning amendment project located at 85 New Main Street.

RESOLUTION # 202 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: Mayor Kohut suggested scheduling a Public Hearing for December 7th at 7:05 PM on the proposed zoning amendment on 85 New Main Street.

Max Stach, Village Planner: Mr. Stach stated that if the Planning Board had not finished their review and notified the Village Board, the Village Board could open the Public Hearing on that date and keep it open.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule the Public Hearing on Dec. 7, 2020 @ 7:05 PM.

RESOLUTION # 203 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed the Board that a Special Meeting would be necessary for the filing of the complete DEIS on the Comp Plan.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Special Meeting for Monday October 26, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

RESOLUTION # 204 - 2020

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

Berta Morales, Best Footprint of the Immigrants: Ms. Morales wanted to thank the Board for their support of the Municipal ID Law and wanted to know when they would be available.

Clerk/Treasurer Judith Curcio: Ms. Curcio informed Ms. Morales and the other residents present that the Village had already purchased the machine they needed and were hopeful to have everything working by the end of the week. Ms. Curcio stated that applicants could start coming to Village Hall at any time to start on the application process.

Maria Dominguez, Haverstraw: Ms. Dominguez owns her own home and would like to know where she can find information on her rights as a homeowner; for example – when the heat has to be turned on for her tenants.

Village Attorney Jay Hood: Counselor Hood looked up the information on the spot and informed Ms. Dominguez that the temperature had to be maintained at 68° at all times.

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 had prepared a law for consideration by the Board regarding the payment of any and all fees prior to an applicant receiving permits, CO's etc. A Public Hearing has already been scheduled for November 2nd on this matter.

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 he had received a proposal from Big Shine LED regarding changing the lights in the Youth & Family Services building. The proposal shows that after rebates from Orange & Rockland the cost of the changes would be \$10,581 and that by converting to LED lighting we would be saving a significant amount of money. Presently we pay about \$4,000 per year in electricity in the Community Center and after the conversion it would be about \$1,770 per year. Also, Big Shine is a federal contractor so we are able to use them directly without going out to bid.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the proposal from Big Shine LED.

RESOLUTION # 205 - 2020

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: Mayor Kohut informed the Board that the repaving on Route 202 has caused an issue with the manholes in the section that is in Haverstraw. There are 4, maybe 5 manholes, and New York State will only pave over them ultimately causing damage. Our Commissioner of DPW has informed us that they need recasting in order to prevent more costs down the road for removal and replacement. We have a proposal from the Route 202 contractor for the new castings at a cost of \$3,950 each for installation plus the cost of the actual casting, which is a couple of hundred dollars each. It's a lot of money up front but it will save us a lot of money and hardship later on.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the proposal for replacing the castings.

RESOLUTION # 206 - 2020

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: We have a proposed contract from CGI Communications. This is a videography company that does community videos and they have been retained by the County of Rockland to produce a video on municipalities in the County. They have asked us to be involved with the project and have a short video made that would be on the County website and our website. The way this works is that they would go out to local businesses to get the paid advertising for the video and there is no cost to the Village. Mayor Kohut stated that he has seen some of their videos and finds them to be of high quality.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize his signature on the contract with CGI Communications.

RESOLUTION # 207 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: Mayor Kohut stated that because of the pandemic many things were on hold, including some of the activities of our Fire Department. Some of the normal activities like meetings, trainings etc. were curtailed and participation in these activities is how a firefighter earns his/her 50 points under the LOSAP program. Since firefighters were denied that ability the NYS Senate passed a law allowing municipalities to grant up to 5 points each per month during the COVID crisis for active firefighters firematic activities. We have calculated that for the Village this is only 4 months; mid-March through mid-July.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to prorate and award up to 5 LOSAP points to eligible firefighters.

RESOLUTION # 208 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut: In addition, under the 2019 LOSAP program a clerical error was made on several firefighters and the corrections of increasing points on eligible members would need to be done by resolution.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to make the necessary 2019 LOSAP corrections on Kevin Leddy, Jose Ramon and Chris Farewell.

RESOLUTION # 209 - 2020

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

The Mayor read the following adjustments to the 2020-2021 budget year submitted by Joseph Modafferi, Village Accountant:

2020-2021 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A9050.8	Unemployment	\$ 3,000.00		
A.1920.4	Municipal Dues	3,000.00		
A.1990.4	Contingency		\$6,000.00	
A.8120.4	Sanitary Sewers	20,000.00		
A1990.4	Contingent		20,000.00	

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

RESOLUTION # 210 - 2020

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

The Mayor read the following adjustments to the 2020-2021 budget year, representing sick bonuses, retro pay and overtime, submitted by Judith Curcio, Village Clerk/Treasurer:

Village of Haverstraw
Overtime & Sick Bonus & Retro Pay
Fiscal Year 2020/2021: June - Sept

<u>Department</u>	<u>A/C#</u>	Increase
Board of Trustees	1010.1	618.73
Justice court-Judges	1110.1	673.22
Justice Court Clerks	1110.11	3,453.47
Mayor	1210.1	748.20
Treasurer Dept.	1325.1	2,112.69
Assessor	1355.1	254.78
Clerk Office	1410.11	3,235.24
Legal	1420.1	1,091.10
Crossing Guards	3120.1	80.29
Parking Enforcement	3320.1	470.87
Fire Department	3410.1	67.13
Building Department	3620.1	4,474.18
Fire Inspector	3620.12	257.04
DPW: Admin.	5010.1	21,514.37
DPW Clerical	5010.11	474.45
DPW: laborers etc	5110.1	22,251.42
Reach Out	9961.9	4,740.37
Recreation	7140.1	4,740.37
Planning/Zoning	8020.1	312.50
		Decrease
OT Contingency	A1990.4	\$ 71,570.41

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

RESOLUTION # 211 - 2020

Motion by: Joel Santana
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – **Trustee Rafael Bueno:** Trustee Bueno stated that he had a new application for the fire department – Justin Graulau, Haverstraw resident, applying to Lady Warren #5.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the fire department application.

RESOLUTION # 212 - 2020

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut stated that there were a few items he wanted to inform everyone about. First, Halloween was still being scheduled with various events. At the Town of Haverstraw on Rosman Road, on October 30th between 3 and 6 PM there will be a drive-by candy give-out and one of our businesses at 64 Broadway, together with the Town Police, will be giving out candy on Halloween night from 5 to 7 PM. The Village of West Haverstraw is scheduled to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on their new roller rink. This is scheduled for Saturday October 24th at 9:30 AM at Peck's Pond.

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 16, 2020

- Working on repairing Catch Basins on Halgren Crescent, Santiago Ave, Riverside Ave. by Tilcon, & Dowd Street.
- Planted flowers in Village Hall, Village Clock- Park, Community Center, & on Short Clove Ave.
- Department completed Blood Borne Pathogen & Sexual Harassment Training/ Workshop on Tuesday 10/06- in Village Hall.
- Removed a damaged boat from the Emeline Playground- out for repair.
- Assisted in The Food Pantry for The Community Center- for the last 3 weeks this month.
- The Department now has a new garbage truck in service
- The Department has two new dump bodies on Trucks #3 & # 4.
- Set up a Fire Pit for the Haverstraw Fire Department – For Their Fire Training Education.
- Replaced a damaged sewer ring and top – area of 103 Maple Ave.
- Repaired damaged ceiling, which collapsed in the bathroom, located in the Old Municipal Building.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut: On the report regarding the flowers being planted in front of Village Hall and elsewhere around the Village, I want to note that those were 25 or more Mums donated by Castro Landscaping. Thank you to Castro Landscaping for that donation.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Gil Carlevaro: Trustee Carlevaro had nothing 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 October 3rd through October 16th:

- RENTAL REGISTRATIONS – 0
- MISC. INSPECTIONS -- 74
- COMPLAINTS --3
- SEARCH -- 2
- CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS -- 9

- VIOLATIONS/TICKETS -- 26
- PERMITS & C/O'S --9

- FINES COLLECTED AT COURT – \$ 18, 900

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

Mayor Kohut reminded everyone to remember to VOTE!

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

RESOLUTION # 213 - 2020

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Judith Curcio, Clerk/Treasurer