

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, December 21, 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 welcoming the public to come forward with any questions, concerns or comments.

Claudia Perry, 19 Warren Ave: Ms. Perry raised concerns about Lot # 18 which was newly created this year and required the residents in the area to purchase parking permits. Her concern is specifically over the snow removal and she feels that the Village isn't taking care of it well enough, especially since they are paying \$50 for a parking permit.

Mayor Kohut: The DPW is getting to the parking lots as quickly as they can and the cost of the parking permits for the Warren Ave residents is the same as it is for everyone else in the Village.

Jacqueline Davis, 27 Warren Ave: Ms. Davis reported that since the Board made the parking lot on Warren Ave a municipal lot it's been a "nightmare" because people are sitting in the parking lot during the night and blast their music.

Mayor Kohut informed Ms. Davis that the noise issue was a police matter and that she should continue to contact the police about it. He also informed the public that the Parking Enforcers don't go out every night but we would remind them to keep an eye on that parking lot.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez also suggested that Ms. Davis attend a Town Board meeting since this is a police matter, stating that the Town Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Christopher Keon, 27 Warren Ave: Wanted to speak to the Board about the garbagemen and that when they come by to take the garbage they often dump some of it on the ground and don't bother to pick it up. Sometimes it lays on the ground for several weeks. Also, they handle the garbage cans so roughly that they regularly break them.

Judith Curcio, Village Clerk/Treasurer: Ms. Curcio informed Mr. Keon that if he contacted her at Village Hall the next day she would provide him with Hiep Sanitation's phone number.

Mr. Keon responded that he already had their contact info and had complained to them before.

Mayor Kohut assured Mr. Keon that the office would notify Hiep as well.

Claudia Perry, 19 Warren Ave: Ms. Perry reminded the Board that she had requested a garbage can down near the church at the end of Warren and it hadn't been placed there yet.

Mayor Kohut informed Ms. Perry that he would follow up on it.

Samantha Figueroa, 13 Warren Ave: Ms. Figueroa remarked that sometimes the residents on Warren couldn't get a parking spot in the new municipal lot and she didn't think that was fair to them.

Mayor Kohut responded that unfortunately it's a first come, first serve parking lot and the Village Board cannot be responsible for providing a parking spot for everyone.

Samantha Figueroa: Ms. Figueroa stated that the snow removal with this past storm wasn't good either.

With no further comments from the public Mayor Kohut continued with the Agenda inviting Max Stach, Village Planner, to present the next item.

Max Stach, Nelson Pope & Voorhees: Mr. Stach explained to the Board and public that before them tonight are the SEQR findings statement, the SGEIS, for Admiral's Cove. He described the history of the actions taken under SEQR, the contents of the document and the necessary steps to be taken regarding the SGEIS.

Mayor Kohut questioned Mr. Stach on emails that were received today from Jill Gallant of DOT regarding the SGEIS.

Mr. Stach explained that there were some comments regarding minor project changes subsequent to the DGEIS. They are minor changes on the descriptions of numbers of units in buildings, discussions about areas to be listed as linear feet as opposed to acreage. These are details that can be taken care of administratively.

Andy Maniglia, Ginsburg Development: Thanked the Board, Max Stach and Eve Mancuso for all of the work that has gone into bringing this project closer to completion and he believes a lot has been achieved.

Max Stach: Reminded the Board that as soon as they adopted the Findings Statement they could follow up with further resolutions that would move the project forward.

Mayor Kohut asked the Board if they had any further questions, which they did not. The Mayor then entertained a motion to adopt the Findings Statement of the SGEIS.

**RESOLUTION # 266 - 2020**

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the zoning on the Admiral's Cove project as was presented at a previous Public Hearing.

**RESOLUTION # 267 - 2020**

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that, separate and apart from the above matters, was to accept the Planning Board recommendations, approving of the concept of the Admiral's Cove Site Plan, but would like the Village Board to address the comments and concerns of the Village Engineer, Eve Mancuso, as stated in her letter of December 3, 2020.

Joe Dziegelewski, Ginsburg Development Corp: Mr. Dziegelewski explained to the Board where they were with meetings with the Planning Board and that they would be submitting additional documents to them.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion accepting the Village Planning Board recommendations as discussed.

**RESOLUTION # 268 - 2020**

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Joel Santana

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to refer the matter back to the Planning Board for a substantive site plan review.

**RESOLUTION # 269 - 2020**

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Joel Santana

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor introduced Suzanne Baldwin from Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Ms. Baldwin presented a power-point presentation to the Board regarding a final draft of the Climate Smart Resiliency Planning Tool. This is a grant that is funded by the DEC Hudson River Estuary. The Planning Tool describes climate smart goals and is an assessment of what the Village is doing to create a sustainable and resilient community.

After Ms. Baldwin's presentation Mayor Kohut proceeded with the meeting Agenda.

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS:**

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.:** Counselor Hood had nothing to report.

**VILLAGE TREASURER, Judith Curcio:** Ms. Curcio gave the following Treasurers Report for the months of September through November 2020.

Total Disbursements of \$2,408,000

Total Revenue of \$852,367

Ms. Curcio had nothing further to report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:** The Mayor reported that there was more reorganization to finalize. At the last meeting the Board accepted the resignation of Anthony Accomando from the Planning Board. Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to replace him with Perry Masiello, which is an alternate position and an annual appointment.

**RESOLUTION # 270 - 2020**

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

Mayor Kohut stated that the Board had also accepted the resignation of Deyanira Peralta from the Zoning Board. Tom Price was an alternate on the Planning Board and the Mayor entertained a motion to move Tom Price in to the position vacated by Ms. Peralta.

RESOLUTION # 271 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to fill the now vacant alternate position on the Zoning Board with Nina Aquilara, from Harding Ave.

RESOLUTION # 272 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to appoint for another term, Rich Senna, for a 3 year term ending November 30, 2023.

RESOLUTION # 273 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to appoint the Chair of the Planning Board, Joseph Natale, for a one year term.

RESOLUTION # 274 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to appoint the Chair of the Zoning Board, Edwin Rivera, for a one year term.

RESOLUTION # 275 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to appoint the Chair of the Architectural Review Board, Jean Gitlin, for a one year term.

RESOLUTION # 276 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut stated that there was a request from the Haverstraw Neighborhood Committee for the use of barricades on Christmas.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the use of barricades at the Haverstraw Neighborhood Fund Christmas dinner event on December 25<sup>th</sup>.

**RESOLUTION # 277 - 2020**

Motion by: Joel Santana  
 Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro  
 Abstaining: Trustee Dominguez  
 Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the resignation, with regret, of Alays Aquino, one of our Parking Enforcers, who is going on to the Police Academy.

**RESOLUTION # 278 - 2020**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the resignation of our Assistant Justice Court Clerk, Ryan Bates, who has accepted a position in another municipality.

**RESOLUTION # 279 - 2020**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to instruct the Village Clerk/Treasurer to request the list from Rockland County Personnel for the Assistant Justice Court Clerk position.

**RESOLUTION # 280 - 2020**

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

Mayor Kohut explained a situation with the double doors of the firehouse at 25 Fairmount Ave being in need of replacement. We've received an estimate from Stony Point Glass for approx. \$3,800.

**RESOLUTION # 281 – 2020**

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
 Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro  
 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
A1410.4	Clerk Contractual	2,500		
A9050.8	Unemployment	5,000		
A5110.45	DPW Equipment	68,000		
A1990.4	Contingency		118,000	

A1620.4	Building Repairs	20,200		
A5110.2	Maintenance Road Equip	30,000		
A7310.41	Contingent		7,700	

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

**RESOLUTION # 282 - 2020**

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

The Mayor reminded everyone that Village Hall would be closing early on Christmas Eve and New Year's eve, at 3pm, and that the Village was closed for both holidays.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

**Mayor Kohut:**  
**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FIRE & ORDINANCES** – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno had nothing to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez announced that the DPW crews have been removing snow from the business district and are now focused on cleaning some of the side streets and parking lots.

Deputy Mayor reminded the public that free parking in the downtown had started and would continue through January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez stated that the Board of Trustees had discussed and were in favor of raising the Mayor's salary. Deputy Mayor Dominguez therefore made a motion to increase Mayor Kohut's salary by \$7,000.

**RESOLUTION # 283 - 2020**

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
 Seconded by: Rafael Bueno  
 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 stating that they were hosting their annual holiday party on Tuesday 12/22 at 4 pm, on a scaled back basis and everyone on the Board was invited to attend.

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 December 8<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup>:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	54
Complaints	-	8
Municipal searches	-	9
Construction inspections	-	29
Violations/Tickets	-	7
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	7

Fines collected at court - \$0

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

**MINUTES:** The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and the Special Meeting of October 26, 2020 for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 284 - 2020

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

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**Mayor Kohut:**

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

Ms. Morales, 32 Bontecou St, Stony Point: Ms. Morales was asking if the YFS celebration would be for everyone.

Mayor Kohut explained that this year it was for only the children who had been participating in the fall program at the center.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez explained the situation in Spanish to Ms. Morales and also informed her of the celebration at Quisqeya Club on Christmas day.

Trustee Carlevaro explained that because of COVID they weren't able to expand it beyond the children who were part of the existing program.

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

RESOLUTION # 285 - 2020

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

Respectfully submitted by,  
 Judith Curcio, Clerk/Treasurer