

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, beginning at 7:00 PM.  
(Due to blizzard on Monday 2/1 meeting was rescheduled)

#### 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 to the public for the Public Participation portion of the meeting inviting people to ask questions or make comments.

Keith Shikowitz, Rockland County Times: Mr. Shikowitz offered his thanks to Trustee Carlevaro regarding his condolences towards the Shikowitz family due to the death of his wife's father.

With no further input from the public, the Mayor continued with the agenda for that night's meeting.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor continued, stating that there was a Public Hearing scheduled for the meeting of February 1<sup>st</sup> but, since the Board couldn't meet because of the snowstorm, he didn't feel it was fair to the public to go ahead with the Public Hearing on a different day and asked that it be rescheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 PM.

#### RESOLUTION # 19 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut:

#### **REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

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

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:** The Mayor reported that as we prepare for the move and transition of the DPW to Bowline Road we need to get new signage. We had an original estimate but proceeded with getting a second estimate which has come in considerable lower. The lowest estimate is from Highway Traffic Supply at \$3,900.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept this price and proceed with getting the sign.

#### RESOLUTION # 20 - 2021

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

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut spoke about the condition of the railroad tracks at the New Main crossing. He was happy to report that they have been temporarily repaired with cold patch and CSX has assured him that they will be back in the spring to do a more complete repair.

Mayor Kohut explained that the docks at Emeline Park had been irreparably damaged due to Tropical Storm Isaias. Pennybridge Marina has given us a price of \$56,000 to replace the docks.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the estimate and purchase the docks from Pennybridge Marina.

RESOLUTION # 21 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Village resident Carmelina Palumbo to the position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer at a salary of \$90,000. Because we cannot have two (2) Clerk/Treasurers, Ms. Palumbo will be temporarily in the position of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and will replace Judy Curcio when she retires in May as Clerk/Treasurer. Carmelina Palumbo will be starting on February 22, 2021.

RESOLUTION # 22 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut explained that there are 2 upcoming governmental accounting classes that may be helpful to Carmelina and he entertained a motion to authorize the attendance of Carmelina Palumbo to the NYS Comptroller's accounting school at a cost of \$170.

RESOLUTION # 23 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the LOSAP Disability Benefit for Christian Rauch at \$13,921.35. Mr. Rauch has become permanently disabled and is eligible to receive the benefit from his LOSAP participation.

RESOLUTION # 24 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to set the day and hours for the Board of Assessment Review as Tuesday February 16, 2021 between 4 and 8 PM.

RESOLUTION # 25 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut reported to the Board that Castro Trucking was hired as an emergency measure to remove snow in Village on the Green. With nearly 2 feet of snow having fallen on Monday our DPW was not going to be able to clear the area as quickly as is necessary. Their services are nearly complete at this point. DPW is diligently working on getting the snow cleared on our side streets and parking lots.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board meetings of December 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, and the Special Meeting of December 29, 2020.

RESOLUTION # 26 - 2021

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 , 2021, submitted by Fire Chief John “Bart” Gordon.:

Total Alarms	-	12
General Alarms	-	9
Special Calls	-	3
Mutual Aid Calls	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	5
Gas Fires	-	1
Extrication Call	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	1
False Alarms	-	2

Total Manpower Responding - 256 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut added that the first class of Village trained firefighters has completed the program. 18 students will be graduating at a ceremony held on Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the community center.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez read the following task list of work completed by DPW:

- Picked up food for the community center food pantry
- Salted roads throughout the Village
- Completed painting the new DPW
- Prepared for the storm
- Snow removal from the storm

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES** - Trustee Gil Carlevaro: Trustee Carlevaro had no report.

**BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT** – Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana had no report due to staffing issues in the past few weeks and he thanks the Village Clerk’s office for stepping up and assisting with phone calls and walk-ins for the Building Department.

Public Participation # 2:

Keith Shikowitz questioned the circumstances surrounding the repairs to the CSX crossing at New Main Street & 9W.

Mayor Kohut explained that CSX is responsible for the repairs and that it took quite a lot of effort to get them to deal with the situation.

Mayor Kohut:  
**OLD BUSINESS**  
None.

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**NEW BUSINESS**  
None.

Mayor Kohut:  
**2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

RESOLUTION # 27 - 2021

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

Respectfully submitted by,  
Judith Curcio, Clerk/Treasurer