

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, March 1, 2021, 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 questions or comments for the first Public Participation

Keith Schikowitz thanked Gil Carlevarro for representing the Board in extending condolences regarding the death of his father-in-law.

With no further remarks from the floor the Mayor Kohut proceeded with the Public Hearing scheduled regarding a Short Term Rental Law,

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing.

#### RESOLUTION # 42 - 2021

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

Counselor Jay Hood, Village Attorney proceeded with an explanation of the Short Term Rental Law, stating that the purpose was to have a registration requirement for anyone renting on a short term basis, to have a 90 day per year time limit on short term rentals and to implement various fines for non-compliance. The intent was to regulate short term rentals, whether they are for vacation rentals or other purposes.

Board discussion continued regarding fees for registration, fines and general Village fees.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor then opened the floor to the public for questions or comments.

Keith Shikowitz, Rockland County Times: Mr. Schiklowitz asked if places like Harbors had their own regulations.

With no further input from the public, the Mayor entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

#### RESOLUTION # 43 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Short Term Rental Law with the fees set as \$150 for the initial registration and \$100 for renewals.

RESOLUTION # 44 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut continued the meeting with a request to reopen the Board of Assessment Review meeting which met originally on February 16, 2021.

RESOLUTION # 45 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut requested a motion to accept the changes as stated in the work paper titled 2021 Assessment Review Proceedings.

RESOLUTION # 46 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut requested a motion to close the Board of Assessment Review meeting.

RESOLUTION # 47 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut invited Andy Maniglia and colleagues, of GDC, to approach the Board to present the most recent Admiral's Cove site plan.

Mr. Maniglia explained that GDC would like a referral from the Village Board to the Planning Board for a review of the site plan.

Zack Szabo, Engineer for GDC, presented the site plan to the Board explaining that the restaurant had been moved near the new marina location and that they had added a pedestrian bridge.

After the presentation and discussion over site plan items Mayor Kohut requested a motion to refer the matter to the Village Planning Board.

RESOLUTION # 48 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut:

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.:** Counselor Hood reported that a Tax Certiorari with Haverstraw Place had been settled and was ready to go to the Judge for signing. A refund of \$55,025.55 is due and it was negotiated to pay this over 3 years with the first payment being due on July 1, 2021. Mr. Hood asked that the Board approve his signing of the agreement.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize Counselor Hood to sign the negotiated settlement of a Tax Certiorari with Haverstraw Place and to authorize the refund of \$55,025.55.

RESOLUTION # 49 - 2021

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno Sr.  
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 on changes to the 2021 Farmer's Market. The Market would be managed this coming year by Village Hall staff Rolanda Sand, Elaine Fernandez & Gisbeth Ramos and they would be compensated for this work in the sum of \$1,500 each for the season.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 50 - 2021

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.  
Seconded by: Joel Santana  
Trustee Dominguez abstained  
Motion Carries

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the lease of fire radios from Goosetown Communications by the Fire Department at a cost of \$43,000 over five years/ \$8,600 per year.

RESOLUTION # 51 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Big Shine Energy to convert to LED lighting in the main firehouse at 25 Fairmount Ave at a cost, after incentives, of \$11,700.

RESOLUTION # 52 - 2021

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	Incr/Dcrs
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A..3501	CHIPS			-10,392
A.5112.4	CHIPS Contractual		10,392	
A.9010.8	NYS Retirement	5,000		
A..0910	Appropriated Fund Bal.			75,000
A.5110.4	Street Maint. Contractual	75,000		
A.5182.4	Snow Removal	25,000		
A.1325.41	Fire Hydrants	9,000		
A.9060.8	Medial Insurance		42,500	

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

**RESOLUTION # 53 - 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 February 2021, submitted by Fire Chief John “Bart” Gordon.:

Total Alarms	-	20
General Alarms	-	16
Special Calls	-	4
Mutual Aid Calls	-	0
Cooking Fires	-	1
Gas Leaks	-	5
Pump Out	-	5
Assisted EMS	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	2
False Alarms	-	4

Total Manpower Responding - 365 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut reminded the Board that on Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> the graduation of the new firefighters would be held at the community center at 7 PM.

**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 March 1, 2021

- Replaced Plow Blades on Trucks 14, 15, 17, & 18.
- Picked up Food for the Community Center's Food Pantry.
- Repaired Hydraulic leak on Truck #17.
- Repaired Sander on Truck 4-12.
- Completed the spackling and painting of the walls located upstairs in the new DPW Building. Also put new walls in the Men's bathroom, in the new DPW Building.
- Replaced Plow Blades on Trucks 3-12, 4-12, & 9.
- Installed new transmission in Truck #14.
- 3 Snow Storms: 2/18/21, 2/19/21, & 2/22/21.
- Cleaned Trucks after each storm.
- Began the move from the current DPW Garage to the new DPW Garage.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES** - Trustee Gil Carlevaro: Trustee Carlevaro reported on the following activities at the Community Center for the period of February 16<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>:

- The Strengthening Families Program scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> has been changed to March 10<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in attending the program should reach out to the community center at 845-429-5731
- The community center was utilized on Feb. 19th as a vaccination center with the second shots scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Carlevaro had nothing further to report.

**BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT** – Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana had nothing to report.

**MINUTES**: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of January 4<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 for approval by the Board and entertained a motion to approve them.

**RESOLUTION # 54 - 2021**

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**

None

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

RESOLUTION # 55 - 2021

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

Respectfully submitted by,  
Judith Curcio, Clerk/Treasurer