

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday April 19, 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 the Public Participation portion of the meeting inviting people to ask questions or make comments.

With no input from the public, the Mayor continued with the agenda for the meeting.

Mayor Kohut:

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.:** Counselor Hood reported that he had provided several resolutions to the Board. The first was for establishing benchmarks for the use of municipal buildings and the second is regarding solar permits, which will create uniform rules for when a property owner wants to have solar panels installed on their homes.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor stated that the Village already has a solar permit application but this is for creating statewide uniformity for solar panels. There isn't much of a change between this new one and the Village's form except for making it a unified permit.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to adopt the new solar permit.

**RESOLUTION # 82 - 2021**

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

Counselor Hood stated that he had the form to make the changes.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

**VILLAGE TREASURER, Carmelina Palumbo:** Ms. Palumbo gave the following Treasurers Report for the months of December 2020, January & February 2021:

Total Disbursements of \$3.3M and revenue of \$415,514.

Ms. Palumbo had nothing further to report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:** The Mayor reported that he had multiple items for discussion. At a prior workshop the Board had heard a presentation from Joule Energy regarding an "opt-out" community Solar Program. The program would be for anyone who was not already in an electricity contract with a company other than Orange & Rockland to be enrolled to participate in the solar CCA program. This resolution authorizes Joule to prepare an opt-out CDG CCA Program and authorizes the Mayor to enter into any agreements in relation to the Opt-Out Program.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above.

**RESOLUTION # 83 - 2021**

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

Mayor Kohut explained that the Village had received a proposal from Troy & Banks to perform an audit on our cable Franchise fees and he entertained a motion to accept the proposal.

**RESOLUTION # 84 - 2021**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing him to sign the annual contract with Brooker Engineering at an annual retainer of \$16,200.

**RESOLUTION # 85 - 2021**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize him to sign a Mutual Cooperation Agreement with West Haverstraw to share a Hot-Patch Dump Trailer with the Village cost being \$17,018.

**RESOLUTION # 86 - 2021**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to create the position of Senior Recreation Leader for Youth and Family Services.

**RESOLUTION # 87 - 2021**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to go out to bid for transportation for the 2021 Summer Day Camp with bids to be returned by May 17, 2021 at noon.

RESOLUTION # 88 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the 2019 CDBG Subrecipient Agreement.

RESOLUTION # 89 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the 2021 LOSAP report prepared by Penflex.

RESOLUTION # 90 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut continued with statements regarding the 2021-2022 proposed budget, the review of the budget by the Board and the changes to be made as follows:

2021-2022 Changes to Mayor's Proposed Budget				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A.1010.01	Mayor-Personal Services		1,608	
A.1210.01	Trustees-Personal Services		2,250	
A.1310.01	Accounting Services		1,260	
A.1910.4	Unallocated Insurance	4,000		
A.1410.011	Clerk-Personal Services	6,126		
A.5110.01	DPW-Personal Services	1,563		
A.5110.04	DPW Contractual Exp		10,000	
A.5112.04	CHIPS	60,000		
A.7140.01	YFS-Personal Services	42,498		
A.9030.08	Social Security	37		
A.4089.00	Other Gov't Aid (Federal)		50,000	

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the 2021 – 2022 Budget with the changes listed. This results in a proposed budget of \$10,745,000 with the collection of taxes in the amount of \$7,830,000 and a tax increase of 4.34%, which is \$30,739 below the state mandated Property Tax Cap.

RESOLUTION # 91 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut announced that the Harriet Tubman statue was arriving in the Village on April 20<sup>th</sup> around 11:00 am and everyone was invited to attend.

Also, on Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 am there was a Grand Opening for the new DPW facility scheduled.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

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

**FIRE & ORDINANCES** – Trustee Rafael Bueno: Trustee Bueno presented a letter from the Haverstraw Fire Department that read as follows:

“This is to advise you that at the Haverstraw Fire Department’s Annual Chief’s Convention, held at Relief Hose Company #3 on April 8, 2021 the following were elected for a one-year term to the offices indicated:

Chief	-	Perry Masiello
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief	-	Michael Begbie
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief	-	Joseph Drexler
3 <sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief	-	Christian Delisio
4 <sup>th</sup> Assistant Chief	-	Gary Nash

We provide this to you for ratification at the next Village Board meeting”

Trustee Bueno made a motion that they be accepted by the Village Board.

**RESOLUTION # 92 - 2021**

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

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez: Deputy Mayor Dominguez read the following task list submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works

- Put down slate and steps for statue at The African American Park.
- Took 2 loads of compost to the Community Garden.
- Took 2 loads of playground mulch to the Jefferson St. Park.
- Received two loads of infield dirt for Lopez Field.
- Removed remaining snow from Ferry Site.
- Put new Flag Pole up at the new DPW.
- Mulched and put grass seed down at the New DPW.
- Fixed damaged playground at Emeline Park.
- Put 2 loads of compost at New Main St by RR Tracks for the public.
- Towed 2 abandoned cars off New Main St. & Clinton St.

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:

- Haverstraw Center continues to host our food pantry for our community members. Since the Center's feeding program began this spring, more than 19,995 meals have been distributed to our community members in need.
- Volunteers were also honored for Women's History month. The youth thanked and gave flowers and certificates to the following women for all their help and dedication to the Haverstraw Center: Tracey George, Lisa Ambrose, Rhonda Eurie, Gloria Harrison, Crystal Parrish, Carolina "Connie" Thorpe, and Hester "Chicken" Eurie.
- Summer Camp will be opening for summer 2021 and is currently taking applications. Camp is open to youth ages 5-14, and runs from July 7<sup>th</sup> to August 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open up until May 15, 2021 for village residents only. After May 15, 2021 registration will be open to all NRCSD families. For any further information regarding the application or fees for camp please call Village Hall at (845)429-0300. There is also an after-camp program available for families who need to pick up their children after camp hours that run from 3:00 to 5:30 for an additional fee. Finally, for those children who may be attending summer school and can't attend our regular camp, there is a special camp offered by our Project Coordinator Tim Sanders, which combines fun and community services opportunities. For information about the special alternative camp, contact Tim Sanders at 429-5731

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 April 5<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup> 2021:

- RENTAL REGISTRATIONS --0
- MISC. INSPECTIONS -- 85
- COMPLAINTS --6
- SEARCH – 16
- CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS -- 7
- VIOLATIONS/TICKETS --17
- PERMITS & C/O'S – 12
  
- FINES COLLECTED AT COURT – \$0

Trustee Santana also reported to the Board that he was reviewing various fine increases with the Building Inspector and he would be bringing these to the Board at a later date.

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

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

Keith Schiklowitz, Rockland County Times: Mr. Schiklowitz asked about the tax increase

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

RESOLUTION # 93 - 2021

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

Respectfully submitted by,  
Judith Curcio, Clerk/Treasurer