

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, August 16, 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 meeting with the first Public Participation of the night.

Fausto Rodriguez, 36 S. Broadway, Nyack: Mr. Rodriguez spoke to the Board regarding volunteer work he has been doing at Emeline Park and he thinks there are several things that need to be changed. He would like to install a bottle tree using wine bottles, this is safe and beautiful.

Board members asked several questions regarding the bottle tree including how high it would be, what period of time it would be displayed and if the bottles could be plastic. Trustee Carlevaro stated that he had spoken to Mr. Rodriguez before and had expressed before that he was adamantly against putting any glass in the park as it would be dangerous and would encourage kids to throw rocks at it in order to break the glass.

Mr. Rodriguez continued to insist that he wanted to do this tree, that he didn't agree with the Board's concerns and he was argumentative in getting their permission to move forward with his idea.

Robert Drexler, Superintendent of DPW: Mr. Drexler expressed that the Board had been very lenient with Mr. Rodriguez and that he has continually been doing things in the park without the Board's permission, that a glass bottle tree would absolutely be something the kids would break and he felt the Board needed to put a stop to the unsolicited changes that Mr. Rodriguez was continually making in Emeline park.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that Superintendent Drexler has a "thing" for him because of an incident between their fathers many years ago. He continued to argue that he wanted to install the tree.

Mayor Kohut angrily told Mr. Rodriguez that he was not allowed to put the glass bottle tree on Village property. He proceeded to ask each Board member for their vote to which every Board member stated "NO" they were not in favor of it.

Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez stated that if possible the tree could be located someplace else if he could find another location.

Andrew Maniglia, GDC: Mr. Maniglia addressed the Board regarding keeping their construction timeline on track for Admiral's Cove and requested the Board authorize the issuance of a building permit for the cabana and the pool portion of the development.

Mayor Kohut reminded the Board that they had discussed this previously and if they had questions or issues this would be the time to bring them

forward. He also asked the public if there was anything they wanted to ask, even though this was not a Public Hearing.

Stuart Sukotliff, 1413 Round Pointe Dr.: Mr. Sukotliff asked for further explanation from Mr. Maniglia regarding the permit they were requesting.

Mr. Maniglia asked the engineer, Zack Zabo to explain the plans, which he did.

Mr. Sukotliff further inquired why the permit was being requested now and why it wasn't secured previously. He also asked if permits expire.

Mr. Maniglia explained that this was a construction timeline decision.

Trustee Carlevaro asked if the permits were for the foundations alone or for the full build-out.

Zack Zabo, GDC Engineer answered in detail as to how the construction would proceed in relation to the requested permits.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Dr.: Mr. Levine asked about the emergency exits from the property, if they were still in the plan and when they would be completed.

Discussion amongst the group regarding entrances, exits, timelines etc continued briefly.

With no questions or comments from the floor, Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Building Permit for the construction of the cabana area foundation.

RESOLUTION # 172 - 2021

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Dr.: Thanked Mayor Kohut for meeting him earlier last week and asked for an update regarding the Promenade.

Superintendent Robert Drexler stated that he had someone looking at the issue and he's waiting for the price to come in. He also stated that there had been a problem with some residents in Harbors and them driving over the painted lines and cones. DPW was scheduled to be in Harbors for painting the next day and they had addressed the rope issue but left a portion open so the flowers would grow. Bridge lights were completed and the other lights in question were still being discussed for solutions.

In addition the pavers were discussed as well as a person for Mr. Post to contact regarding the logs floating in the river.

Larry Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Dr.: Mr. Levine asked who was responsible for the trees by the river.

Fausto Rodriguez, Nyack: Mr. Rodriguez asked about DPW taking down the flags he installed at Emeline Park.

Mayor Kohut stated that the DPW would not be able to take them down.

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 had nothing to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Carmelina Palumbo: Ms. Palumbo gave the following quarterly Treasurers Report for the months of March, April & May 2021:

Total Revenue = \$809,000

Total Disbursements = \$1,150,000

Ms. Palumbo had nothing further to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the Board needed to schedule a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the Dr. Girling Dr. de-mapping Project.

Counselor Hood explained that this was necessary because the road was no longer going to exist as it would be moved to a different area and had to be removed from the map.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule the Public Hearing for Monday September 20, 2021 at 7:05 PM.

RESOLUTION # 173 - 2021

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Joel Santana

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to retain our Village Planners, Nelson Pope & Voorhis, for the purpose of preparing the application for the upcoming submission of the DRI (Downtown Revitalization Improvement) grant application.

RESOLUTION # 174 - 2021

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut then entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on the DRI grant which is to seek input from the public on what sorts of projects they are interested in seeing in the Village and what should be considered for submission in the grant. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for Monday August 23, 2021 at 7 PM.

RESOLUTION # 175 - 2021

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize Nautilus International Development Consulting for the printing of the Comprehensive Plan at a cost of \$1,960.

RESOLUTION # 176 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to waive the liquor license 30 day waiting period for Cayo Arena LLC (3-5 Broadway)

RESOLUTION # 177 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve a request from St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Church to hold a parish feast events on September 10th, 11th & 12th on their property on Conklin Ave, no events to go beyond 9 PM.

RESOLUTION # 178 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut informed the public that West Haverstraw was holding a 9-11 Patriots Day Candlelight Ceremony on September 11th at 7 PM.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve a request from the superintendent of 9 Fairmount Ave to hold a tenants picnic on September 4th outside the building.

RESOLUTION # 179 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the hiring of Luis Morales as a seasonal DPW employee through the winter season.

RESOLUTION # 180 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize The Verdin Company to restore the clock tower across the street from Village Hall at a cost of \$7,840 with a 50% deposit up front.

RESOLUTION # 181 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize his signature on a notice to the NYS Liquor Authority regarding Sing Sing Brewery's participation in the Food Crawl on September 19th.

RESOLUTION # 182 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the cost sharing amount from Suez of \$79,298. This is for the street restoration on a project currently happening on Gurnee Ave.

RESOLUTION # 183 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the 6 hours Standard Work Day and monthly reporting requirement for Rafael Bueno Sr. @ 10.1 days per month and for Gil Carlevaro @ 14.89 per month.

RESOLUTION # 184 - 2021

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Abstaining: Trustees Bueno & Carlevaro
Motion Passes 3-0-2

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion authorizing his signature on the 2021 OASAS contract in the amount of \$228,288.

RESOLUTION # 185 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the petty cash amounts for Village Hall at \$150, Youth & Family Services at \$300 and Justice Court at \$75.

RESOLUTION # 186 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of June 21st and July 19th 2021.

RESOLUTION # 187 - 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	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A.9950.9	Transfer to Capital	\$7.42		
A1990.4	Contingent		7.42	
A1420.42	Engineer Escrow	1,650		Ck #1072
A.1289	Other Govt Income			1,650
A5110.46	DPW Escrow	607.50		Ck #1071
A.1289	Other Govt Income			607.50
A1420.42	Engineer Escrow	16,540.25		To correct prior budget adj
A1289	Other Govt Income			2,190.25
A9060.8	Medical Ins		14,350	
A1440.42	Engineer Escrow	6,770.75		
A1289	Other Govt Income			6,770.75

Acct #	Acct Name	Incr. Appropriations	Decr. Appropriations
A.3410.0400	Fire Contractual	27,000	
A.3410.0420	Medical Firemen	1,525.00	
A.5110.0400	Street Maintenance	27,650.00	
A.5110.0420	Road Repair	44,775.00	
A.7110.430	Ball Park Utilities	425.00	
A.1440.0400	Engineer Contractual	16,500.00	
A.1620.0420	Building Repairs	850.00	
A.1620.0450	Water	625.00	
A7142.0400	Playground Contractual	1,500.00	
A.8120.0400	Sanitary Sewer		85,900.00
A.5110.0450	DPW Equipment Repair		40,200.00
A.1990.0410	Contingent Overtime		6,735.00
A.1420.0100	Law Personal Services	4,400.00	
A.7140.0100	Community Center Personnel	7,585.00	
A.1420.0400	Law Contractual	23,340.00	
A.1620.0422	Building Repairs		23,340.00
A.1990.41	Contingent Overtime	75,000	
A.7301.2	Summer Camp Personnel		70,000
A.1990.41	Contingent OT		5,000

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

RESOLUTION # 188 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the use of the parking lot on the corner of Broadway and Broad St for the not-for-profit group "For Our Kids". They are partnering with the barbershops in the Village and holding an event on Labor Day for kids K through 8, giving Village kids free haircuts and providing books to take home along with games etc.

RESOLUTION # 189 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the purchase and service for 2 cell phones to be used by the community center for the Homeless Grant. These will be on a 2 year contract plan and paid for through grant funds.

RESOLUTION # 190 - 2021

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno Sr.: Trustee Bueno made a motion to accept the application into the Haverstraw Fire Department of Arnold Jossem to Relief Hose #3.

RESOLUTION # 191 - 2021

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

Trustee Bueno read the following report of fire activity for the month of July 2021, submitted by Fire Chief Perry Masiello.:

- Total Alarms— 19
- General Alarms-- 15
- Special Calls— 1
- Mutual Aid Calls— 3
- Structure Fire— 0
- Cooking Fires-- 3
- Electrical Fires-- 2
- Gas Leaks— 3
- Boat Calls— 1
- Good Intent/Miscellaneous— 4
- False-- 4

Total Manpower Responding-- 375 members.

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

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 August 16th:

- Took down guardrail at the Community Center for the Homeless Project Trailer.
- Trimming trees throughout the Village.
- Cutting and trimming Lopez field for upcoming Softball Tournament.
- Removed tree at 63 Hillside Ave.
- Removed guardrail at Conklin Ave/ West Lincoln St.
- Removed 3 signs at New Main St on Gateway Sign.
- Repaired 2 Catch Basins on Springsteen / Santiago Ave.
- Put together 2 benches for Community Garden
- Cleaned 5 Catch Basins on Dead end of Hudson.
- Posted street signs for Crack Sealing throughout numerous streets.
- Crack sealed the following streets: Short Clove Rd, Allison, Broad, Clinton, Division, Rockland, Wayne, & Lincoln.
- Repaired 2 Catch Basins on Hudson/ Westside & 169 Hudson Ave.
- Repaired 2 Catch Basins on Hudson/ New Main & Conklin Ave.
- Repaired stop sign at W. Broad/ Hudson Ave.
- Repaired no marking on this side sign on Maple St. Alley off of Fairmount .
- Repaired meter at West/ Fairmount Ave.
- Put Doggie Bags out throughout the Village.
- Moved 9-11 monument from Main St to Village Hall and reassembled.
- Repaired damaged meters throughout the Village.
- Repaired damaged street sign on First/ Main St.

Deputy Mayor Dominguez had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Gil Carlevaro: Trustee Carlevaro reported that the Food Pantry and Summer Camp were doing well.

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 July 19th through August 13th 2021:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	132
Complaints	-	33
Municipal searches	-	15
Construction inspections	-	78
Violations/Tickets	-	20
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	11
Fines collected at court	-	\$0

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut mentioned that the coming Friday night, August 18th, the second Dancing under the Stars was being held outside of Village Hall with the Johnny Hirsch band.

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stuart Sukotliff, Round Point Dr.: Mr. Sukotliff asked what year the budget adjustments pertained to and questioned the limiting of overtime.

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

RESOLUTION # 192 - 2021

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,
Judith Curcio