

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, September 7, 2021, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Carlevaro	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Absent
	Trustee Santana	- Present
	Mayor Kohut	- Present

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting with the first Public Participation of the night.

There were no questions or comments from the floor, Mayor Kohut continued with the agenda for that night's meeting.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood asked for a motion to approve the Mayor signing a retainer agreement with the attorney group Kornfeld, Rew Newman & Simeone at \$275 per hour. This is to defend the Village in a matter titled Charles Prevot vs the Village of Haverstraw Fire Department et al.

RESOLUTION # 193 - 2021

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

Counselor Hood continued and asked for a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a final resolution with Harbors of Haverstraw and their successors, concerning the AAA Settlement. There may be some minor changes made before he signs.

RESOLUTION # 194 - 2021

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

Counselor Hood asked for a motion to set a Public Hearing for Monday October 4th at 7:05 PM regarding a change to the Village's Constabulary Law so as to include employees in the Building Department as Peace Officers.

RESOLUTION # 195 - 2021

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

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Carmelina Palumbo: Ms. Palumbo had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the resignation of Crishangel Martinez, Seasonal Laborer.

RESOLUTION # 196 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the production of 20 copies of the Comp Plan by Echo Friendly Printer at a cost of \$87.18 each for a total cost of \$1,743.50.

RESOLUTION # 197 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve a request from USAgain clothing drop box to return their drop box to the Knights of Columbus parking lot at \$75 per month rent.

RESOLUTION # 198 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a special workshop for the Board on September 13th at 7 PM to discuss winter parking rules.

RESOLUTION # 199 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut informed the Board that the Village had recently had a Moody's rating due to the upcoming bonding and refunding and although the Village's rating did not improve, it did remain the same as previous ratings, which is a positive thing during these times.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno Sr.: Trustee Bueno read the following report of fire activity for the month of August, 2021, submitted by Fire Chief Perry Masiello.:

- Total Alarms— 22
- General Alarms—15
- Special Calls— 7
- Mutual Aid Calls— 1

- Structural Fire— 1
- Cooking Fires-- 4
- Electrical Fires-- 1
- Vehicle Fires— 1
- Gas Leaks— 1
- Pump Outs/Water Leaks— 2
- Stuck Occupied Elevator--2
- Extrication/Accident Calls-- 1
- Boat Calls— 1
- Good Intent/Miscellaneous— 4
- Assist Police/Other Agencies-- 1
- False-- 2

Total Manpower Responding—384 members.

In addition Trustee Bueno made a motion to accept the application of John W. Coughlin of New City as a new member of Lady Warren Hose Co #5.

RESOLUTION # 200 - 2021

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

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Deputy Mayor Emily Dominguez was absent, Trustee Santana read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works, as of

- 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.

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Gil Carlevaro: Trustee Carlevaro reported on the following activities at the Community Center:

- Youth Summer Camp has finished and reports are that the youth enjoyed themselves.
- Homework Help Program is starting up when school starts. There's currently 65 children enrolled in the program.
- The Strengthening Families program, an evidence based program that assists families, is starting on September 15th and meets weekly for 6 weeks.

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 August 16th through September 3rd 2021:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	40
Complaints	-	12
Municipal searches	-	10
Construction inspections	-	44
Violations/Tickets	-	9
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	4

Fines collected at court - \$0

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of August 16, 2021 for approval by the Board and entertained a motion to approve them.

RESOLUTION # 201 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Carlevaro requested that the Board take out an ad for the Taste of North Rockland journal at a cost of \$100.

RESOLUTION # 202 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut:
2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steven Cobb, 65 Hudson Ave: Mr. Cobb spoke to the Board regarding the upcoming DRI application and including the Haverstraw Brick Museum as part of the planning.

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

RESOLUTION # 203 - 2021

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Joel Santana

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,
Judith Curcio