

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday January 3, 2022 beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting stating that there was a continuation of the Public Hearing for the Dowd Street project and requested a motion to continue it until Tuesday January 18th.

RESOLUTION # 1 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut opened the first Public Participation of the night and there were no comments from the public.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood reported that the documents had been signed on the tax certiorari "SOJA" and that there was no refund due.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the IRS mileage rate had been increased to \$.585 per mile and therefore entertained a motion to raise the Village mileage rate reimbursement to the same.

RESOLUTION # 2 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Gran Fondo group's request to have the annual bicycle race come through the Village on May 15, 2022.

RESOLUTION # 3 - 2022

Motion by: Joel Santana
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Peddler's Permit application for Nicholas Gaglio for a hot dog truck on Route 9W.

RESOLUTION # 4 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Andres Aponte for the position of Parking Enforcer.

RESOLUTION # 5 - 2022

Motion by: Joel Santana
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 Sr.: In Trustee Bueno's absence Mayor Kohut read the following report of fire activity for the month of December 2021, submitted by Fire Chief Perry Masiello.:

Total Alarms - 17
General Alarms - 12
Special Calls - 3
Mutual Aid Calls – 2
Structure Fire - 0
Cooking Fires - 9
Vehicle Fires - 1
Brush Fires - 1
CO Alarms - 1
Stuck Occupied Elevator -1
False – 2

Total Manpower Responding-- 365 members.

Nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Robert Drexler, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works is on vacation and there is no report available.

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

- Ongoing programs available at the center include the Haverstraw Collaborative, Monthly Youth Celebration, Strengthening Families, Caught Being Good and Celebrating Families.
- Staff continues to help out distributing food.
- Dec. 23rd was the center's holiday party.

Trustee Carlevaro had nothing further to report.

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Santana asked if the Mayor had seen the survey for parking and a brief discussion continued regarding reaching out to the downtown businesses.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ramon Soto, 13 Broadway: Mr. Soto addressed the Board to request better communication between him and the Village. His newspaper should be used for press releases. In addition, he asked why there was no Holiday Free Parking this year.

Mayor Kohut responded that he should get his contact info to Ms. Palumbo and future press releases and/or notifications can be sent to him. Free Parking was not instituted this year because the downtown merchants took advantage of it and didn't leave the spots open for customers, which was the intent of the free parking.

Deputy Mayor Carlevaro also suggested that Mr. Soto sign up via the Village website to get notifications.

Zahira Rodriguez, 394 North Little Tor Rd, New City: Ms. Rodriguez suggested that the \$10M from DRI be used to create one big firehouse instead of multiple firehouses in the Village.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to appoint Kathleen Porter to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board.

RESOLUTION # 6 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Joel Santana

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, in memory of Juan Alberto Germosen, who was killed on Route 9W.

RESOLUTION # 7 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Joel Santana

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,
Judith Curcio