

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday December 20, 2021, beginning at 7:00 PM.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting with the first Public Participation of the night inviting anyone with questions or comments to please address the Board.

Stu Sukotliff, 1314 Round Pointe Dr: Mr. Sukotliff asked what was being built on the site next to the bus garage.

Mayor Kohut responded that the owner was building a 2 family house.

Mel Post, 1422 round Pointe Dr.: Mr. Post asked for a follow up on a previous conversation regarding the responsibilities for the Promenade.

Mayor Kohut responded that he had not found the requested information yet but he would take a look for it.

With no further input from the public, the Mayor continued with the agenda for that night's meeting.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained that there was a Public Hearing continuation scheduled for the project on Dowd Street but the applicant had further work that needed to be done before continuing so the Public Hearing is being postponed until January 18, 2022

### RESOLUTION # 300 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to change the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup> because Monday is Martin Luther King Day.

### RESOLUTION # 301 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut:

## REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood reported that a Public Hearing was needed for the Waterfront Consistency Review Law

and the DRI grant. Nelson Pope is working on the draft and getting it approved with New York State.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on the Waterfront Consistency Review Law for Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 PM.

RESOLUTION # 302 - 2021

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.  
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:** The Mayor reported that a business on Main Street, Empanadas Monumental, was moving their location to 11 Broadway because they had outgrown their current space. They proposed to the Board to rent 5 parking spots in the parking lot on the corner of Broad Street to accommodate their trucks. The Board does not do this lightly or often because of the limited parking in the downtown, however the Board has agreed to rent the 5 spaces at a cost to Empanadas Monumental of \$500 per month, \$100 per spot per month.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the parking spot rental to Empanadas Monumental.

RESOLUTION # 303 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut instructed Attorney Hood to draw up a lease for this rental. In addition, Mayor Kohut instructed Counselor Hood to look in to a complaint that had been received regarding a neighbor's smoker grill causing too much smoke.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve St. Peter's processions on January 1<sup>st</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup> 2022.

RESOLUTION # 304 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize his signature on the annual contract with Comp Alliance for the Worker's Compensation management, along with a payment of \$124,646.

RESOLUTION # 305 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize his signature on the 2022 contract with SCS Engineering for the annual inspection, monitoring and reporting of the Manny Lopez ball field at a cost of \$5,000.

RESOLUTION # 306 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve a sponsorship to the NRHS ROTC Parent Association in the amount of \$250.

RESOLUTION # 307 - 2021

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

Mayor Kohut continued with the annual Reorganization entertaining a motion for the following:

- Designate bank depositories within the North Rockland area
- Approve the Village Procurement Policy – Purchases @ \$20,000 Services \$35,000 for limits necessary for bidding.
- Designate the Mayor, Village Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer as Purchasing Agents
- Authorize the approval of claims by the Board
- Adopt the current IRS mileage allowance of \$.56 per mile
- Employee attendance at schools and conferences to be approved in advance by the Board
- Set the official days per week worked for retirement reporting purposes at:
  - Elected Officials – 5 days per week, 6 hours per day
  - Appointed Officials – 5 days per week, 6 hours per day
  - Part-time positions, including the Accountant, Asst. Attorney, Assessor, custodian, parking enforcers etc. – 5 days per week, 7 hours per day
- Approve and adopt the Medical, dental & vision benefit eligibility as an employee being eligible after one full month of employment. And, termination of benefits to be immediate if an employee is terminated, and at the end of a month or 30 days, whichever comes first, for employees that resign.

RESOLUTION # 308 - 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 had nothing to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Mayor Kohut read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works, as of December 20<sup>th</sup>:

- Spackled and painted office at Community Center
- Cleared harbors sewer station; heavy grease
- All trucks-sanders ready for the winter season
- Picked up load of food at Boulder Stadium for community center
- Put up business sign at new Main St. on gateway sign.
- Trimming trees in Village
- Leaf cleanup in Village; all Village properties
- Cleared out debris at Lopez Field Circle
- Put up signs on Village on the Green
- Fixed Anti-freeze leak on Fire Truck 4-1750
- Fixed street sign on Wayne and Broad St
- Put new Christmas decorations at community center

Nothing further to report on DPW.

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

- Since the onset of the Haverstraw Center feeding center over 24,500 meals have been distributed.
- The center received a donation from the Nyack Homeless Project of coats gloves and other warm clothing which will be distributed during pantry hours.
- Positive Activites for Youth-Mary Reddington reached out to Ms.Bauman and students from NRCSD to help make Christmas decorations to make the Center more festive.
- On 12/10/2021 Tim started Late Night Fridays; 35 youth participated in basketballs drills and played a game. On 12/17/2021 26 High school youth participated in Late Night Friday.

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 December 6<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup> 2021:

Rental registrations	-	10
Miscellaneous inspections	-	46
Complaints	-	9

Municipal searches	-	15
Construction inspections	-	7
Violations/Tickets	-	7
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	4

Fines collected at court - \$2,200

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**Mayor Kohut:**

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

Stu Sukotliff, Round Pointe Dr: Regarding the smokers, Mr. Sukotliff asked if Harbors would be included in any new regulation restricting them.

Mayor Kohut responded that Harbors might be considered under this but their HOA would be more likely to set policy on that.

Stu Sukotliff: Regarding the parking spots for Empanadas – is that near Vilma’s Bakery? Can the same arrangement be offered to them?

Mayor Kohut responded that this particular parking lot wasn’t near Vilma’s and would be considered too far, there wasn’t a parking lot within close proximity to Vilma’s and the Board would not do this with street parking spots.

Mel Post – Happy holidays to all.

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

**RESOLUTION # 309 - 2021**

Motion by:

Seconded by:

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,  
Judith Curcio