

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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| 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 stating that there would first be a presentation from the Brick Museum.

Richard Sena, representing the Brick Museum: Mr. Sena introduced Rachel Widlow, the museums Acting Executive Director and explained that the Brick Museum was in the process of putting together a program for Earth Day, in conjunction with several other organizations, and they wanted to hold it at Emeline Park.

Rachel Widlow continued with an explanation of her background, the current history of the museum, what organizations they had been working with to draw attention to it and Haverstraw and how they were looking to brand themselves into the future. They are currently working with Pratt Institute, Cornell School of Architecture and The Cooper Union. Big name brand recognition and the thought process is the integration of architecture, art and engineering. Emeline Park has become a study place for the universities because of its history of the brick yards. Their interest is in the geological area, and the museum is focused in that direction, and then an environmental piece. They would like to be able to use Emeline in the summer months as an extension of the museum because there is access there to the bricks, it's spacious, it's COVID friendly etc. They would be studying and designing based on those thoughts. Ms. Widlow continued to explain various renderings of what the universities ideas were regarding the environmental areas and the sculptures.

The Earth Day proposal, "Learn from the Past to Discover the Future" series, would include taking the sculptures outside, have a museum section and areas for Cornell and others. Visitors could walk through a "learning journey".

What the Brick Museum was requesting from the Board was the use of Emeline Park and support in several ways, including the safety and security for the sculptures. There is also a stumbling block regarding transportation for students coming up from NYC that needs to be sorted out.

Mayor Kohut raised the issue of the connection of Emeline Park to the Chair Factory property and suggested that the concentration now be the planning of the Earth Day event in April. An agreement was reached to further discuss logistics of the event going forward.

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 reported that a new tax law was closer to completion and the Legislature was meeting the next day to discuss it.

Mr. Hood also stated that the Cell Tower award was being finalized with Mike Musso and would be available shortly.

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 on the following:

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve an annual sponsorship of \$1,250 for Keep Rockland Beautiful.

RESOLUTION # 127 – 2022

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

Mayor Kohut announced that the raising of the Dominican Flag would be on Sunday February 22nd at 2 pm outside Village Hall.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the payment of \$390 for the annual membership in the Rockland Business Association.

RESOLUTION # 128 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Ramon Soto as an alternate on the Zoning Board.

RESOLUTION # 129 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to move the Village email over to G-Suite Services at a cost of approximately \$6,600.

RESOLUTION # 130 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut stated that there was an upcoming meeting of the DRI, this was not the community meeting, but would be the start of the core committee meetings. A virtual link would be put out with information regarding this meeting to be held on February 15th.

The members of the core committee, selected by New York State, are:

Ileana Eckerd – retired Superintendent of North Rockland Schools
 Nina Aguillara – local realtor
 Jeremy Silver – local artist
 Magda Truchan – local graphic designer
 Paula Feteria – owner of Union Restaurant
 Ray Lopez – Vilma’s Bakery
 Ginny Norfleet – Haverstraw African American Connection
 Richard Sena – Brick Museum
 Marion Breland – Director of Village Youth and Family Services
 Jared Rodriguez – Chair of Comprehensive Planning Committee and assisted in the DRI applications
 Bud Wasmer – former Mayor of Village of Haverstraw
 Reverend Meriweather – Calvary Baptist Church
 Steve Porath – Rockland IDA

The first meeting will be virtual and there will be three public meetings in the future.

Mayor Kohut announced that the Village had an overwhelming number of COVID testing kits on hand and if people in the audience could spread the word that would be helpful, including Ramon Soto including it in his newspaper.

The Mayor read the following adjustments to the 2021-2022 budget year submitted by Shannon Modafferi, Village Accountant for the Homeless Grant, PILOT and CDBG:

| 2021-2022 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------|
| Acct. # | Account Name | Increase | Decrease | Increase | Decrease |
| | | Appropriations | Appropriations | Revenue | Revenue |
| A.1990.91 | Transfer CD | 900 | | | |
| A.1990.4 | Contingency | | 900 | | |
| A.1081.0 | PILOT | | | | 140,000 |
| A.1001.0 | RE Taxes | | | 186,190.34 | |
| A.1990.4 | Contingency | 46,190.34 | | | |
| A.7140.1 | YFS Personnel | 14,583.34 | | | |
| A.7140.1 | YFS Personnel | 8,750.00 | | | |
| A.1325.1 | Treasurer Personnel | 1,000.00 | | | |
| A.1410.11 | Clerk | 1,750.00 | | | |
| A.1325.1 | Treasurer | 666.66 | | | |
| A.1325.1 | Clerk | 666.66 | | | |
| A.7140.4 | YFS Contractual | 9,328.54 | | | |
| A.9030.8 | FICA | 2,811.01 | | | |
| A.1990.4 | Contingency | 11,774.99 | | | |
| A..4089 | Federal Aid | | | 51,331.20 | |
| A.7140.1 | YFS Personnel | 7,291.67 | | | |
| A.7140.1 | YFS Personnel | 4,375.00 | | | |
| A.1325.1 | Treasurer | 500.00 | | | |
| A.1410.11 | Clerk | 875.00 | | | |
| A.1325.1 | Treasurer | 333.33 | | | |
| A.1325.1 | Clerk | 333.33 | | | |

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| A.7140.4 | YFS Contractual | 23,546.45 | | | |
| A.1990.4 | Contingency | 6,244.31 | | | |
| A.9030.8 | FICA | 1,048.69 | | | |
| A..4089 | | | | 44,547.78 | |

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

RESOLUTION # 131 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
 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 Fire Department application of Jason Salva into Relief Hose Company # 3.

RESOLUTION # 132 - 2022

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

Trustee Bueno also read the following report of fire activity for the month of January 2022, submitted by Fire Chief Perry Masiello.:

- Total Alarms— 16
 - General Alarms-- 14
 - Special Calls— 2
 - Mutual Aid Calls— 0
 - Structure Fire— 0
 - Cooking Fires-- 2
 - Gas Leaks— 1
 - CO Alarms—2
 - Pump Outs/Water Leaks— 2
 - Extrication/Accident Calls--1
 - Good Intent/Miscellaneous—4
 - False-- 4
- Total Manpower Responding--322 members.

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Deputy Mayor Gil Carlevaro read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works, dated February 7, 2022

- Cleaned trucks after snow storm on 1/16 and 1/17
- We refilled doggie bags at all doggie bag stations in Village
- Spackled and painted ceilings in all the bathrooms at Village Hall
- Spackled and painted walls at Fire House #4
- Fixed power steering unit in Truck#14
- Changed damaged springs in Truck#18
- Removed snow from Village on the Green on 1/19/22
- Trucks went out for salting of the streets on 1/20/22
- Trucks were cleaned after winter storm 1/20/22
- Cleaned all snow off catch basins in the Village
- Replaced guardrail at 152 Broadway
- Built platforms near diesel and gas tanks at DPW
- We put a new sander on Truck# 3-12
- Trucks went out for salting of the streets on 1/28/22 and 1/29/22
- Removed snow from Village Hall, New Main St., and Main St. on 1/31/22
- Removed snow from VOG on 1/31/22
- Removed snow from all Village Lots on 1/31/22
- Removed snow from Broadway on 2/1/22
- Removed snow from churches on 2/1/22

Nothing further to report on DPW.

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

All programs are continuing to run.

Of particular note is the Positive Activities For Youth Program which on January 21, 2022 35 youth participated in Late Night Friday's and watched a video about how to obtain their 'Golden Dream'. On January 28, 2022 the Center opened early because High School had early dismissal. 131 youth were in the building that day. Of those youth, 45 stayed for Late Night Friday's. Frankie and youth cooked pasta and meatballs for the rest of the youth. On 02/04/2022 the center opened early again due to the inclement weather. Staff prepared lunch for about 60 youth. 25 of those youth participated in Late Night Friday's.

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 January 17th through January 28th 2022:

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| Rental registrations | - | 0 |
| Miscellaneous inspections | - | 91 |
| Complaints | - | 8 |
| Municipal searches | - | 16 |
| Construction inspections | - | 6 |
| Violations/Tickets | - | 13 |
| Building Permits & C.O.'s | - | 2 |

Fines collected at court - \$3,000

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of January 18, 2022 for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 133 - 2022

Motion by: Joel Santana

Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Rafael Bueno Sr. – Mr. Bueno requested a sign on Wayne Street.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ramon Soto, 13 Broadway: Mr. Soto asked about an incident at 15 Broadway.

Hector Torres, 42 West Street: Mr. Torres stated that he liked the project that the Brick Museum was suggesting and stated that the Hudson River was a hidden gem. He reported that his personal boat travels on the Hudson have him suggesting that the Village put in a marina.

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

RESOLUTION # 134 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno Sr.

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,
Judith Curcio