

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday March 7, 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 with the first Public Participation of the night.

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport stated that many of the merchants on New Main were not bothering to clean the sidewalks in front of their businesses after a snow or ice storm. He also stated that the tenants in the REC building are throwing garbage in the alleyway/breezeway and, on the corner of New Main, the bodega and the Chinese restaurant are always parked illegally causing the buses and cars to get backed up on New Main.

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

With no further questions or comments from the floor, Mayor Kohut continued with the Agenda.

Mayor Kohut:

#### **REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.:** Counselor Hood reported that he had just received the GML response letter from GDC and any overrides would have to be handled at the next meeting.

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:** The Mayor reported regarding a contract with Passport Inc., the handheld parking ticket machine, and a request from DPW to have an extra machine or 2 at DPW for their use when they're out during the night.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the addition of 1 unit from Passport Inc. at a monthly cost of \$225 per month.

#### **RESOLUTION #150 - 2022**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the Justice Court Assistance Grant of \$6,300 for installation of 3 windows.

RESOLUTION #151 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the expenditure to AAA Cooleration for the replacement of HVAC units at the community center.

RESOLUTION #152 - 2022

Motion by: Joel Santana  
Seconded by: Mike Kohut  
Abstaining – Gil Carlevaro  
Motion Carries: 2/1

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize him to sign Task Order modification #4 and to make the final payment to HDR Engineering in the amount of \$567.

RESOLUTION #153 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize him to sign the 2022 Master Short Form Agreement for professional services with HDR Engineering.

RESOLUTION #154 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize him to sign a Task Order of \$8,500 with HDR Engineering for technical services regarding the new cell tower locations.

RESOLUTION #155 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the expenditure for testing the existing surveillance cameras by Linstar at a cost of \$17,336.73

RESOLUTION #156-2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the expenditure to Linstar for a Video Surveillance System which would replace the existing cameras, provide a dedicated fiber line from 25 Fairmount to the town PD on Ramapo Road at a cost of \$222,750. This is anticipated to solve the camera problems that have been going on for quite some time. The system would also install additional drop loops for future expansion.

Deputy Mayor Carlevaro asked why the non-working cameras needed to be inspected if the cameras were being replaced.

Mayor Kohut responded that there was a possibility that the cameras to be inspected were operational. He also added that the cost would be offset by 2 grants secured from Senator James Skoufis and Assemblyman Ken Zebrowski, each in the amount of \$75,000.

RESOLUTION #157-2022

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

Mayor Kohut stated that the Board had been researching various IT firms for changes to the Village systems and they had selected FYS Computers to transfer all of the Village IT needs to a complete Microsoft system; emails, security etc, at a licensing cost of \$7,188 per year, \$780 for the set-up and \$4,800 for mailbox transfers.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to use FYS Computers for the Village IT needs as stated above.

RESOLUTION #158 - 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.: Trustee Bueno was absent so Mayor Kohut filled in for him stating that there was an application from Andy Ceballos to join Rescue Hook & Ladder Co #1 and that his application was in order.

RESOLUTION #159 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut continued with the February report from Fire Chief, Perry Masiello:

- Total Alarm 17
- General Alarms 13
- Special Calls 3
- Mutual Aid Calls 1
- Structural Fire 2
- Cooking Fires 4
- Brush Fires 1
- CO Alarms 1
- Extrication/Accident Calls 1
- Assist PD/Other Agencies 1
- False Alarms 3
- Total Manpower Responding - 360 members

Nothing further to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Deputy Mayor Carlevaro read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works, as of March 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Cleaned all catch basins off due to upcoming snow storm 2/4/22
- Painted building dept. storage room
- All sanders were covered to avoid salt in body's
- Cleaned trucks after snow storm on 2/4/22
- Laborers took two training classes for MS-4 and Confined Space on 2/11/22
- Fixed damaged shed at Village Hall
- Trimming back trees in Village
- Mounted "do not enter" signs on Broadway and Wayne
- Installed new light pole on Main and Second St
- Salted the roads throughout the Village on 2/13/22
- Cleaned all trucks after snow storm on 2/13/22
- Guardrail was installed at 144 Broadway
- Put millings in alleys with pot holes
- Filling pot holes throughout the Village
- Replacing faded signs in Village
- Fixed damaged tarp at DPW
- Called out for ice accumulation on 2/25/22
- Worked on fixing Community Center trailer furniture
- Cleaned trucks after storm on 2/28/22
- Added parking lot at DPW

Mayor Kohut added that the DPW had also put out a car fire at the DPW site this morning.

Nothing further to report on DPW.

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Gil Carlevaro:** Trustee Carlevaro reported on the following activities from Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Community Center:

- Positive Activities for Youth: On February 22, 2022: 70 youth participated in recreational activities. A group of youth worked with Frankie to make tacos the entire Center. On February 23, 2022: 90 youth participated in recreational activities as well as workshops that were geared to provide the youth with skills that are necessary for life. A group of young ladies helped Frankie cook lunch for everyone. On Thursday February 24, 2022: 130 youth attended the Center and enjoyed activities at the Center especially the fitness workout sponsored by the NRCPP coalition. On February 25, 2022: despite the inclement weather participants showed up to engage in recreational activities at the Center. The trip to Breaking Point was postponed to a later date due to the weather. On February 18, 2022 36 youth participated in Late Night Friday's with Tim.

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 through 2022:

Miscellaneous inspections	-	50
Complaints	-	8
Municipal searches	-	6
Construction inspections	-	12
Violations/Tickets	-	12
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	4

Fines collected at court - \$0

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut stated that it was necessary to schedule a Public Hearing for the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget for April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 pm and he entertained a motion to that effect.

**RESOLUTION #160 - 2022**

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

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

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

Richard Sena, representing Brick Museum: Mr. Sena asked if it would be possible to install a gate around the steps to the Brick Museum as there are people hanging out on the steps smoking pot during the day.

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

**RESOLUTION #161 - 2022**

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

Respectfully submitted by,  
Judith Curcio