

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday May 16, 2022 beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

Andre Nunez, Haverstraw & Mari Morrison Rodriguez, Stony Point: Ms. Rodriguez stated that they were just here before the Board to say hello, be good neighbors and talk to the Board about a project they were pursuing through the DRI grant. The project is located at 37 Clove Ave and they were hoping to turn the building into a performing arts center for youth and young adults to come in and explore their passions and possibly choose a career in performing arts. Ms. Rodriguez presented a business plan to the Board and informed the Board that they were looking to bring back some of the hay day of Haverstraw.

Mr. Nunez commented on how they were interested in helping the youth of Haverstraw and he felt that things were changing in Haverstraw and they wanted to be a part of it.

Mayor Kohut asked Ms. Rodriguez to elaborate on where they were with specific planning for the building.

Ms. Rodriguez explained that the primary use of the building would be for a recording studio, a dance studio for choreography and dancing, a stage that can be opened up for community theatre programs, a podcast room, a green screen room, computer space and a graphic arts space. The owner of the property recently signed the application for the Zoning Board for a change of use request. They had been before the Planning Board and were referred to the ZBA for the change of use and they'll need a special permit for the community theatre portion of the project. They are planning on buying the building and they've made a written offer on it which is going to be reviewed by the property committee. Ms. Rodriguez stated that they've had contractors go into the building and give them an idea of what the renovations will cost.

Mayor Kohut asked if they had the funding for the purchase of the property.

Ms. Rodriguez responded that they did and that she and Mr. Nunez would be 50/50 on the purchase.

Deputy Mayor Carlevaro interjected that he had been to both the Planning and Zoning Board meetings and although there were concerns raised about the noise level and the surrounding neighbors it

was his understanding that the rooms in the building would be sound proofed, they were looking for school buses to drop the kids off after school to eliminate a traffic problem so he feels they are trying to address the issues.

Ms. Rodriguez added that her organization has done fundraising and they have another coming up in October and she mentions this to assure the Board that when there are large events they wouldn't be held on-site.

Mayor Kohut expressed that he thought this was a great project and they looked forward to hearing more in the future.

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 had nothing to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported the following:

The Village Clerk has secured a quote for Cyber Insurance from Cowbell Insurance for a \$1,000,000 limit at a cost of \$2,581.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve this expenditure.

RESOLUTION # 223 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Rich Sena
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve a request from Cosgriff Hose for a carnival in the Knights of Columbus parking lot from Wed. June 1st through Sun. June 5th, stating further that they would be providing the necessary insurance.

RESOLUTION # 224 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve a contract with the County of Rockland Youth Bureau which would provide 12 youths for 7 weeks at \$13.20 per hour with a maximum of 31.5 hours per week for a total grant amount of \$34,927.20.

RESOLUTION # 225 - 2022

Motion by: Rich Sena
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize his signature on the annual OASAS contract and they would be providing \$230,572 in support.

RESOLUTION # 226 - 2022

Motion by: Rich Sena
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the use of Engineer Installation Solution who will provide oversight and supervision of Village DPW employees in pouring the concrete foundation for the Fitness Court at a cost of \$9,500, mentioning further that ARPA funds could be used for this project.

RESOLUTION # 227 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the CCTV system and a dedicated fiber line run from the old police station to the new police station at a cost to the Village of \$103,659.44. Mayor Kohut explained that the full cost of the work was approximately \$250,000 but several grants obtained by the Village would cover the additional expense and ARPA funds could be used for the Village portion of the project.

RESOLUTION # 228 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Rich Sena
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve and accept the bid for Summer Camp Transportation submitted by Total Charter Corp in the amount of \$21,884.

RESOLUTION # 229 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut announced that the next DRI LPC meeting was to be held on June 2nd and the next DRI public meeting was scheduled for June 15th at the community center.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve new contracts for gas and energy rate pricing at a 36 month locked in rate for electricity of \$.1084 per KW and \$.7558 CCF for gas.

RESOLUTION # 230 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to extend the bid return dates for the bids on the pump stations and the HVAC system at the community center from May 25th to June 1st, 2022.

RESOLUTION # 231 - 2022

Motion by: Rich Sena
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the use of Olori Crane to install the modular restrooms at Emeline Park at an approx. rate of \$3,415. The majority of these funds came from CDBG money.

RESOLUTION # 232 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the attendance of Hector Torres at the annual School for Highway Superintendents held at Cornell University at a cost of \$279.48.

RESOLUTION # 233 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut stated that Jackie Watson, a member of an organization in the Village called the Blue Angels was in attendance to present a plaque to Hector Torres.

Ms. Watson came forward with Hector Torres and presented the plaque in appreciation for his help in the community and with the Blue Angels.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno Sr.: Trustee Bueno stated that on the coming Saturday they would be inspecting the fire houses and quarters of the fire companies.

Trustee Bueno had 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 May 16, 2022

TASK LIST

- Mulching was done at all Village properties
- Damaged meters were fixed in Village
- New windows were painted at the courts
- DPW mechanic was sent to a Generator class
- Black topping all potholes throughout the Village
- Preventive maintenance service to fire truck 4-1501
- Put down playground mulch at all playgrounds in Village

Deputy Mayor Carlevaro had nothing further to report on DPW.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Rich Sena: Trustee Sena reported on the following activities at the Community Center:

- The center has continued their food pantry on Saturday mornings. They've handed out over 27,000 meals since the spring.
- The Haverstraw Collaborative met via Zoom recently
- Positive Activities for Youth was on May 3rd and was the Healthy Neighborhood/Fire Safety programs
- On May 9th 7 youth participated in the Eel Migration program
- On Wednesday May 11th, 22 youth participated in a physical fitness work out workshop
- On May 12th 17 youth participated in basketball activities and on Friday the 13th youth participated in a slime workshop.
- On May 13th 8 youth participated in the Eel Migration
- The Homework Help Program which started in September when school opened currently has 48 students attending.
- Monthly Youth celebration, which is a program that the staff collaborates on to pick students who are "caught being good".
- This past Monthly Youth celebration was held on 04/26/2022. 70 youth participated and 8 prizes were given.
- The Strengthening Families program helps to try to educate parents in how to be better parents.
- Celebrating Families is a program provided together with the Dept. of Social Services and the Rockland County Family treatment Court. This is a 16-session program for families in which one or both parents have a serious problem with alcohol or other drugs and in which there is a high risk for domestic violence, child abuse, or neglect.

Trustee Sena 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 May 2nd through May 13th 2022:

- Rental Registrations 0
- Misc. Inspections 115
- Complaints 8
- Searches 9
- Construction Inspections 91
- Violations/Tickets 24
- Permits & CO's 7

Fines collected at court - \$0

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of April 18th and May 2nd for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 234 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Rich Sena

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Mayor Carlevaro reminded the Board about the June meeting changes.

Mayor Kohut stated that there would be one meeting for June, July and August. The June meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 21st at 7 pm.

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

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

RESOLUTION # 235 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.

Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,
Judith Curcio