

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday July 18, 2022 beginning at 7:00 PM.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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. There were no comments from the public so the Mayor invited Frank Phillips to address the Board regarding a proposed development on Dowd Street.

Frank Phillips, Phillips & Millman, on behalf of Jose Vargas, the applicant: Mr. Phillips updated the Board on the past steps taken by the applicant regarding the project. The project was initiated in April 2021 with a petition for an amendment to the Village Zoning Code, there was an informal and then a formal submission in May and then in August 2021 they appeared before the Planning Board seeking a positive recommendation for the 24 unit multi-family development. There were some issues raised by Village Engineer Eve Mancuso that had to be addressed by the engineers on the project, Atzl Nasher & Zigler. Those issues were addressed and they appeared before the Village Board again on November 1, 2021 when the Public Hearing was opened and subsequently left open and to be continued at a later time. In December 2021 there were comments received from Ms. Mancuso and Max Stach, Village Planner, which entailed submission of landscaping plans and soil testing to be done. On March 30, 2022 the soil tests were done and in the meantime they worked on a more robust landscaping plan. A response to Ms. Mancuso's letter of Dec. 15, 2021 was submitted on June 13, 2022 stating that the soil tests were done and submitted, that they had revised the landscaping plan to avoid any severe tree cutting, they revised the drainage plan to mitigate for infiltration results and moved underground pipes to reduce detention and realigned the curb and sent the design to the Fire Department. The applicant and representatives have followed up on the comments from Max Stach's letter of December 6, 2021 with an EAF Part II and EAF Part III. A detailed storm water prevention plan was submitted June 24, 2022 sets forth the storm water system design, storm water practice, discharge plan & management plan. They are appearing before the Board to get the project back on track and ask that another date be set for the continuation of the Public Hearing to grant the zoning code amendment and create an MF-1 zoning district.

Mayor Kohut asked the engineer on the project to give an overview of the changes that had been made since the last time they were before the Board.

Ramya Ramanathan, Atzl Nasher & Zigler: Ms. Ramanathan informed the Board that changes had been made to the grading, the landscaping

and the drainage because of the ground water study. The storm water system has been changed to an infiltration system, which gets the ground water collected in an underground retention pond and then that's lead into the Village storm water system. The architecture of the building hasn't changed.

Assistant Village Attorney Dennis Michaels: Mr. Michaels advised the applicant that the Public Hearing be noticed again via public notice, the Neg Dec under SEQR needs to be adopted by the Village Board and he remarked that Eve Mancuso's most recent comment letter had several items that still needed to be addressed as well as the issues raised by Max Stach. The Neg Dec can be adopted by the Board after this is complete and the Village Engineer and Village Planner give their recommendation.

After some discussion of readiness and potential dates it was decided to schedule the continuance of the Public Hearing on Tuesday September 6, 2022 at 7:05 PM.

Mayor Kohut:

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.:** Counselor Hood had nothing to report.

**VILLAGE TREASURER, Carmelina Palumbo:** Ms. Palumbo gave the following Treasurers Report for the months of March through May 2022:

*Disbursements:*

Operating Expenses.....	\$1,359,326
Regular Payroll.....	714,428
Bond Payments .....	156,875
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$2,230,629</b>

***Revenue*** **\$ 851,568**

Rent	35,921
Building Fees	28,194
Meter Money	20,828
Insurance Contributions	6,353
Recycling	5,514
GRANTS	
DASNY - FD Roof	100,000
NYS OSC - NYS DOT (CHIPS)	231,419
Justice Court Grant	6,300
ESG/COVID Grant	60,998
NYS OSC - FEMA	53,045

Ms. Palumbo had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut mentioned that the Village had also collected \$8M in taxes since June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut:** The Mayor reported that they had gone out to bid recently for the pump station generators at Riverside Park, Emeline Park & Warren Ave. Two bids were received; the Village Engineer reviewed them and is recommending the work be awarded to the lowest bidder, Fanshaw Electric dba Rockland Electric at a cost of \$206,300.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to award the bid to Fanshaw Electric as stated above.

**RESOLUTION # 270 - 2022**

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the bid award for the community center gymnasium HVAC installation to the lowest of 2 bidders, TM Brennan Service Inc at a cost of \$288,400.

**RESOLUTION # 271 - 2022**

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

Mayor Kohut mentioned that funding for the pump station generators, for the expense amounts not covered by grants, the Village would be using some of its ARPA funds. ARPA funds would also be used for the community center HVAC.

Mayor Kohut explained that Gurnee Avenue had been torn up by the water company last year when they put in new water lines. The Village would be using the Clarkstown paving bid and getting a price from Tilcon for the cost of paving on Gurnee Ave. In the meantime, sidewalk and curb work needs to be done on Gurnee and, in addition, it needs to be ADA compliant. Bids were requested and one was received from MFD Construction for curb and sidewalk section repairs at a base cost of \$308,091 and with the alternate bid of \$345,916. The Village Engineer is recommending the work be done under the alternate bid.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the award for sidewalk and curb work on Gurnee Ave. to MFD Construction at a cost of \$345,916.

RESOLUTION # 272 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut mentioned that the sidewalk work would be completed within 30 days of the bid award which would allow paving to start sometime in September or October.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to remove 115 Bowline Plant Road, which is the Village's DPW, from the tax rolls.

RESOLUTION # 273 - 2022

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

Trustee Bueno informed the Board that he had an application for membership in Rescue Hook & Ladder from John Loja as a Jr. Firefighter. The application was in order and he made a motion to accept John Loja into the fire department.

RESOLUTION # 274 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve a car show downtown tentatively scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> with a rain date of October 16<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by Montefiore in an effort to get the public more familiar with Montefiore and to spark some interest in the downtown.

RESOLUTION # 275 - 2022

Motion by: Rich Sena  
Seconded by: Joel Santana  
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to purchase a second passenger van for the community center from Robert Green Chevrolet at a cost of \$34,150.98. The Mayor mentioned that they had received a grant from OASAS to purchase the 15 passenger van.

RESOLUTION # 276 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize payment to King & Sons LLC for the replacement of a collapsed storm drain on Division Street at a cost of \$24,810.80.

RESOLUTION # 277 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the expenditure to Indus for the PG crack sealing & polymer modified rejuvenating fog seal on portions of Broad St., Clinton St., Coin Dr., Division, Edgar, Jefferson, Orchard, Pratt, Santiago and Sharp Street at a cost of \$31,882.83.

RESOLUTION # 278 - 2022

Motion by: Rich Sena  
Seconded by: Joel Santana  
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the expenditure to Ryder's Sealcoating LLC for crack filling and sealing the Promenade at a cost of \$5,169.

RESOLUTION # 279 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize his signature on contracts with Rockland County for Project SHIFT in the amount of \$16,796 and for the SNUG program in the amount of \$8,648.

RESOLUTION # 280 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize his signature and submission of the following grants:

- A CFA grant for the completion of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan at \$55,000. The grant would pay \$46,750 from LWRP state program and the Village commits to \$8,250.

RESOLUTION # 281 - 2022

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

- A CFA grant for Downtown Parking and Complete Streets Feasibility Study with a cost estimate of \$75,000. The grant will cover 20% (\$15,000) and additional funding might be found through the Rockland County DOH grant at \$31,000 towards the program.

RESOLUTION # 282 - 2022

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

- A CFA grant for funding of the Haverstraw center expansion. The cost estimate for the expansion is \$5,310,000 and this grant submission would be for \$1,062,000 from the Empire State Development Fund.

RESOLUTION # 283 - 2022

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

- A Rockland Resilient Recreation grant in the amount of \$200,000 to use towards the expansion of the community center.

RESOLUTION # 284 - 2022

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

- A Rockland Resilient Recreation grant in the amount of \$200,000 for funding towards the relocation and construction of the 2 new basketball courts. The cost estimate for this is \$562,000 and the additional funding may come from other sources.

RESOLUTION # 285 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the expenditure to Mr. K's Carpet Cleaning for the cleaning of carpets in Village Hall at a cost of \$2,199.26.

RESOLUTION # 286 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Joel Santana  
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor read the following adjustments to the 2022-2023 budget year submitted by Shannon Modafferi, Village Accountant:

2022-2023 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase Appropriations	Decrease Appropriations	Incr. Rev.
A.5110.42	Road Repairs	\$79,298		
A..0599.	Appropriated Fund Bal.			79,298
CM.4210.2	Equipment	34,150.98		
CM..4089	Federal Aid			25,000
CM..0910	Appropriated Fund Bal.			9,150.98

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

**RESOLUTION # 287 - 2022**

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

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

**Mayor Kohut:**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FIRE & ORDINANCES** – Trustee Rafael Bueno Sr.: Trustee Bueno read the following report of fire activity for the month of June 2022, submitted by Fire Chief Perry Masiello.:

Total Alarms	-	22
General Alarms	-	15
Special Calls	-	5
Mutual Aid Calls	-	2
Cooking Fires	-	3
Electrical Fires	-	3
Brush Fires	-	1
Gas Leak	-	1
Stuck Occupied Elevators-		2
Pump Outs	-	2
Extrication calls	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	2
Assist Police Dept.	-	1
False Alarms	-	4

Assist with search for missing swimmer – 1

Total Manpower Responding - 341 members

Trustee Bueno had nothing further to report and left the meeting for personal reasons at 7:30 pm.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Deputy Mayor Carlevaro read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works, as of July 18, 2022:

*Task List*

- County Highway helped us cut Greenway Trail
- Installed outside fitness center at Community Center
- DPW Laborers took Bucket Class to operate Truck#40
- Set up and cleaned up for Dancing Under Stars event
- Unloaded tractor trailer full of food for Community Center
- Set up and clean up after Juneteenth event
- Fixed water leak at Emeline Park bathroom
- Fixed sink hole at Emeline Park
- Replaced rotted storm drainpipe on Division St
- Trimmed trees in downtown area, removed dead tree in front of 43 Main St.
- Fixed pavers at Harbors on Promenade
- Set up and cleaned up after Fourth of July Fireworks
- Fixed damaged catch basin on Robbins Ct.
- Put two air conditioning units in trailer at Community Center
- Called Mayor for vandalism at Emeline Park bathroom; two broken windows
- All cross walks in downtown area were painted
- Trimmed trees at Emeline Park

Deputy Mayor Carlevaro added that the DPW had installed the Fitness Center during a weekend and it looks great. In addition they had received a last minute call from the Dominican Consulate for help unloading 42 pallets of food and they had assisted. He had nothing further to report on DPW.

Mayor Kohut discussed with the Board the possibility of revisiting the bid from DTM for cameras at Emeline due to the recent vandalism. The Board agreed and Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the expenditure of \$4,419 to DTM for the installation of cameras around the bathrooms at Emeline Park.

**RESOLUTION # 288 - 2022**

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Rich Sena

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut informed the Board that he had received a letter from the Superintendent of the West Haverstraw DPW. He read the letter to the Board which thanked the Mayor for sending Ossie Reyes over to West Haverstraw to assist in their Peck's Pond paving project and for all the assistance Commissioner Drexler and his staff provide to West



Haverstraw. The letter concluded with a mention of his being pleased with the working relationship that has developed between the two Villages. Mayor Kohut noted that the assistance is reciprocated from West Haverstraw and they truly have a shared services relationship.

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

- To date the center has distributed 28,635 meals to the community
- The Haverstraw Collaborative continues
- A Positive Activities for Youth took place at the Penguin Theatre where 17 participants were sponsored by the County for them to see a play.
- Summer Camp continues to August 19<sup>th</sup> and there are approximately 136 children
- Homework Help will begin again on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and there are 48 student currently signed up.
- Strengthening Families and Caught Being Good will continue in September.
- In conjunction with RCC, center youth will be using a 3D printer in an effort to generate interest in engineering careers.

Trustee Sena also reported that there had been a clerical error regarding Mary Reddington and her job title. She was listed as Counseling Aide but has been doing the duties of Counseling Assistant I. She's been receiving the proper compensation but the necessary paperwork has to be filed with County Personnel.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the change in title for Mary Reddington to Counseling Assistant I.

**RESOLUTION # 289 - 2022**

Motion by: Rich Sena

Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro

Motion Carries: All

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 July 4<sup>th</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup> 2022:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	61
Complaints	-	10
Municipal searches	-	20
Construction inspections	-	92
Violations/Tickets	-	11
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	6

Fines collected at court - \$0

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

**MINUTES:** The Mayor presented the Minutes of the Regular Meetings of June 21, 2022 for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 290 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**Mayor Kohut:**

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

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street: Mr. Rappaport asked the cost of repaving Gurnee Ave. He complimented the work done on recent paving and striping and asked how much Suez had contributed to the paving on Gurnee.

Mayor Kohut responded that they didn't have a final estimate yet and that Suez had given \$79,000 for the paving.

Discussion continued regarding parking, crosswalks, speed limits and speeding. Mayor Kohut remarked that he had recently seen a larger presence of the police department in the downtown and personally witnessed officers walking across the street to deal with a violator.

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting and announced that the meeting would be closed in memory of two longtime residents who recently passed away: Jose Manuel Bueno (Trustee Bueno's brother) and our 100 year resident Rita DeCarlo.

RESOLUTION # 291 - 2022

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

Submitted by Judith Curcio

