

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday August 15, 2022 beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Absent
	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. No comments from the public so the meeting continued with a presentation from Ginsburg Development regarding Phase II of the site plan for Admiral's Cove.

Andy Maniglia, GDC: Mr. Maniglia explained to the Board that there had been 20 comments from Village Engineer Eve Mancuso on the site plan and they have addressed 19 of them. The lighting plan is still in design, which is the 20th item. They are confident that this will be finalized in the next few days. Mr. Maniglia stated further that they were seeking a conditional approval based on all of the changes that were made.

Zack Sabo, GDC: Mr. Sabo explained the changes to the plan, including the following:

- moving of the location of the restaurant
- changing the location of the lookout with the telescope(s)
- the adding of more detail on the plans to the public recreation area
- changes to the hardscape and no longer using as much sand
- adding a sidewalk that extends down to the textured pavement to make it more walkable
- an additional change to the private playground that became a Zen garden and is now being designed as a fire pit with benches

Mr. Sabo, using the architectural plans, pointed out to the Board where each of the items was located and further explained how changing the location of the restaurant caused changes to other parts of the design and the need to go back to the Department of Health for approval and Suez for changes to the water infrastructure. Mr. Sabo stated that in getting conditional approval on Phase II they would be able to resubmit their applications to Suez and the DOH. In addition, Mr. Sabo noted that the landscaping and lighting plans would be finalized shortly.

Mayor Kohut asked if there was any design plan for a dog friendly area for people to walk their dogs.

Mr. Sabo responded by pointing out on the plans where there would be green space for the residents to walk their dogs.

Mr. Sena asked if the fire pit would be visible from the road.

Mr. Sabo responded that it would not be visible from the road but would be visible from some of the parking area. In addition he mentioned that it would be gated and would be for residents only.

Mr. Maniglia stated that a permit was necessary from the DEC for the parking lot retaining wall which would be back filled to extend the parking area and also for the mud flat, which would be dredged and the sediment removed. DEC considers that to be dredging in the Hudson River and some compromise is still to be worked out.

Mayor Kohut commented that the original lighting submission was lacking and needed to be updated with increased lighting.

Ruggiero Franco, GDC designer: Mr. Franco spoke to the Board regarding the lighting and that GDC would be proposing some bollards, pointing out the proposed locations on the plans and additional lighting in several areas, including the playground. He stated that it would be more than the minimum lighting requirements.

Mayor Kohut commented that he believed the design for the restaurant is beautiful but the 350 seats was surprising. He also added that the restaurant area needs more lighting.

Rich Sena asked the representatives if the sculptures on the trail would be deeded to the Village.

Mr. Maniglia stated that he believed the Martin Ginsburg would keep the sculptures even though they would be on Village land.

Mr. Sena asked who would be liable for them.

Mr. Maniglia stated that there would be no liability to the Village.

Mr. Franco commented that GDC was purchasing 3 additional sculptures and pointed out where they would be located.

Mayor Kohut stated that they might want to hold off because he believes that if funding came through the DRI grant there would be some regulations that had to be followed. Discussion ensued regarding where the funding was from and it was decided that confirmation was needed as to whether or not this was being funded through the DRI grant.

Mayor Kohut continued stating that Metro North had questioned if the ticket booth would be in the ferry building. Mayor Kohut expressed that in his opinion it makes sense to put the booth in the building and it would make Metro North happy.

Mr. Maniglia & Mr. Franco agreed that it could be done that way.

Mr. Maniglia also commented on Metro North's questioning of the restrooms being in the restaurant. The design would be the same as what GDC did in Ossining with multiple accesses to the restrooms and

they would be locked during the night. Because the restrooms would need to be accessed as early as 6 AM it was agreed that further discussion would be necessary.

Mayor Kohut stated that fire hydrant location would be subject to the Village Fire Department review.

Mr. Sabo informed the Board that it had been determined that an additional hydrant would be needed because of the location of the restaurant and it has been added to the plans. They have approval from the DOH for 1 additional hydrant so far and they will submit the plan to the Fire Department for further review.

Mayor Kohut requested that the fire hydrants installed be the Suez approved hydrants.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve Phase II of the Admiral's Cove Site Plan subject to a satisfactory lighting plan, landscaping plan, DEC approvals, final review by the Village Engineer, and agreed exterior access to the restrooms.

RESOLUTION # 292 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Rich Sena

Motion Carries: All

Emmy Madera, 91 Broadway & Eduardo Tuducio of Centro de Amigos: Ms. Madera explained to the Board that she had submitted a letter requesting the use of Lot #2 for a Spanish-speaking public educational event on Sunday September 25th from 12 to 6 pm.

Mayor Kohut stated that the No Parking signs would be posted the night before and their vendors would be able to set up earlier.

Ms. Madera explained that there would be health related vendors providing information and workshops for the community.

Mayor Kohut suggested they also contact the Haverstraw Collaborative because there were many agencies with the Collaborative that would be good resources. In addition, as the insurance is being provided through Centro de Amigos they would need to provide the Certificate of Insurance to the Village prior to the event.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the use of Lot #2 on Sunday September 25th from 12 to 6 pm by Centro de Amigos for a health fair.

RESOLUTION # 293 - 2022

Motion by: Rich Sena

Seconded by: Joel Santana

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut continued with the meeting.

Mayor Kohut:

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood asked for a motion to set a Public Hearing for §132 – Fees, §184-Signs (specifically on Route 9W), and for proposed text amendments regarding marijuana dispensaries and points of sale in the highway business district.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to set the Public Hearing for amendments to §132-Fees for September 6, 2022 at 7:10 PM.

RESOLUTION # 294 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Joel Santana

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to set the Public Hearing for amendments to §132-Signs for Monday September 19, 2022 at 7:05 PM.

RESOLUTION # 295 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Rich Sena

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to set the Public Hearing for a text amendment regarding marijuana dispensaries and sales in the Highway Business district for Monday September 19, 2022 at 7:10 PM.

RESOLUTION # 296 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Rich Sena

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 the Community Choice Aggregation contract was drawing to an end. The CCA is a program the Village is involved with that provides green, low cost power to Village residents.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize him to enter into negotiations to renew the contract.

RESOLUTION # 297 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Joel Santana

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the proposal from Tilcon for the resurfacing of Gurnee Ave at a cost of \$153,667.25

RESOLUTION # 298 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the DPW Superintendent/Commissioner to seek prices on 2 SUVs, 1 to replace his vehicle and his older vehicle to go to the parking enforcers and 1 to replace the Building Inspector's vehicle and his older vehicle to go to the Asst. Building Inspector.

RESOLUTION # 299 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to engage Aurell Garcia architects to fully design the community center addition.

RESOLUTION # 300 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to sponsor the Lion's Club, with a \$100 journal ad, for the Taste of Rockland which will take place on October 13th from 6 to 8:30 pm.

RESOLUTION # 301 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the annual Labor Day picnic held in the alley at 9 Fairmount Ave on Saturday Sept. 3rd from 3pm to midnight.

RESOLUTION # 302 - 2022

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

The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the following adjustments to the 2022-2023 budget year submitted by Shannon Modafferi, Village Accountant:

2022-2023 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue

A.1440.42	Engineer Contractual	\$6,510.50		
A..1289	Other Government Income			6,510.50
A.4020.1	Vital Statistics	1,920.00		
A..1603	Registrar Vital Statistics			1603.00
A..0599	Appropriated Fund Bal.			317.00
A.7140.47	COVID grant	17,888.78		
A..4089	Federal Aid			17,888.78
A.1110.4	Justice Court Contractual	2,296.00		
A.1110.12	Pers. Services-Constables		2,296.00	
A.1680.4	Data Processing	82.00		
A.1680.2	Central Data Processing		82.00	
A.3320.1	On-Street Parking	647.00		
A.3320.4	On-Street Pkg Contractual		647.00	
A.5010.1	Pers. Svcs-DPW Admin	4,675.00		
A.5010.11	Clerk Full Time	1,959.00		
A.5110.1	Pers. Svc-Street Maint.	24,237.00		
A.5110.42	St. Maint-Road Repair	23,505.00		
A.5110.2	Sidewalks		41,988.00	
A.7310.4	Road Maintenance		12,388.00	
A.7310.41	Summer Camp Contractual	138.00		
A.7310.12	Pers. Svcs-Summer Camp		138.00	
A.9030.8	Social Security	622.00		
A.9025.8	Fireman Benefit		622.00	
A.7140.1	Pers. Svcs-Community Ctr	7,297.67		
A.7140.1	Pers. Svcs-Community Ctr	4,375.00		
A.1325.1	Treasurer	500.00		
A.1410.1	Clerk	333.33		
A.1325.1	Treasurer	333.33		
A.1410.1	Clerk	875.00		
A.7140.47	COVID Grant	1,702.38		
A.1990.4	Contingency Account	11,628.26		
A.9030.8	FICA	1,148.07		
A..4089	Federal Aid		28,187.04	

RESOLUTION # 303 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Rich Sena

Motion Carries: All

The Mayor reported that it has been recommended for the camera installation at Emeline Park bathrooms a Cradlepoint E300 CAT 18 Router is used.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to purchase the Router at a cost of \$1,479 with a monthly cost of \$37.99.

RESOLUTION # 304 - 2022

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.: In Trustee Bueno’s absence Mayor Kohut presented the following report of fire activity for the month of 2022, submitted by Fire Chief Perry Masiello.:

Total Alarms	-	27
General Alarms	-	15
Special Calls	-	11
Mutual Aid Calls	-	1
Structure Fires	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	1
Vehicle Fires	-	1
Brush Fires	-	1
Stuck Occupied Elevators-		3
Search for swimmer	-	1
Pump Outs	-	3
Boat Calls	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	3
False Alarms	-	9
Total Manpower Responding-		389 members

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the report.

RESOLUTION # 305 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the applications for membership into the Haverstraw Fire Department of Angelica Hicks to Cosgriff Hose #4 as a non-resident Junior Firefighter and Fernando Gonzalez as a Junior Firefighter to Lady Warren #5.

RESOLUTION # 306 - 2022

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

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Deputy Mayor Carlevaro read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works, as of August 12, 2022:

Task List

- Wooden guardrail went up at Community Center for fitness center
- Fixed sink hole at Emeline Park on road
- Fixed damaged catch basin at 128 Halgren Cr
- Fixed damaged catch basin on Leonard and Conklin
- Replaced damaged sign a 324 Westside Ave
- PM service brakes on parking enforcement car
- PM service brakes - starter to 4-3 car
- Fixed flag at African American park
- Community Center van stenciled new van
- Installed new piston on Truck#16
- Took load of paint to FTC
- Set up and cleaned up for Latin Day Festive
- All alleys in the Village are now black topped
- Moved shed at Village Hall

Deputy Mayor Carlevaro had nothing further to report on DPW.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Rich Sena: Trustee Sena stated that employee Mary Reddington had been approved by County Personnel for the position of Asst. Director of Municipal Counseling Services and he made a motion to promote her into that position at an annual salary of \$68,741.20.

RESOLUTION # 307 - 2022

Motion by: Rich Sena

Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro

Motion Carries: All

Trustee Sena gave the following report on activities at the community center:

- Haverstraw Collaborative met on August 3rd with over 60 participants
- Summer Camp ends this coming Friday, with
- Summer Youth Program had a hike in Dutchtown, in conjunction with the Lamont-Dougherty Observatory, on July 19th
- The Homework Help Program will begin on September 9th
- Strengthening Families will continue

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 18th through August 16th 2022:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	151
Complaints	-	24
Municipal searches	-	17
Construction inspections	-	173
Violations/Tickets	-	17
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	7

Fines collected at court - \$2,250.00

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 308 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Santana asked the Board to consider the addition of signs in the area of Coolidge coming down from Route 9W regarding commercial vehicle parking because there is a problem with trailers parking there. Board discussion as to the problem and solution continued.

Trustee Santana requested a motion to install additional parking signs specific to no trailer parking in the Coolidge Ave. area going east from Route 9W.

RESOLUTION # 309 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut:

2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Noel Rappaport, 31 Main Street: Mr. Rappaport mentioned that he had observed markings on Gurnee Ave. and wondered if it had to do with the paving.

Mayor Kohut responded that it did.

Mr. Rappaport also commented that, in his opinion, it wasn't appropriate to put a 350 seat restaurant at Harbors as it would further cut the residents of Harbors off from the Village downtown.

Mayor Kohut and several Board members explained that the 350 seats included outdoor seating and it would be similar to the Hudson Water Club at the Haverstraw Marina.

Mr. Rappaport commented further that there are people parking in an area downtown that is signed for “No Parking or Standing” and maybe barriers need to be installed there.

Mayor Kohut informed Mr. Rappaport that he agreed it was a nuisance, but barriers would make it worse. In the spring of next year there was a plan to put crosswalks in those areas.

Discussion continued regarding the downtown parking, traffic signage downtown and the increased presence of the police in the downtown.

Mayor Kohut announced that because of Labor Day the next Village Board meeting would be held on Tuesday September 6th.

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

RESOLUTION # 310 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Rich Sena

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,
Judith Curcio