

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday October 3, 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, inviting anyone with questions or concerns to bring them up to the Board.

Donna Yanazone, 24 Rhoda Ave: Ms. Yanazone asked the Board what the continued development by Mr. Ginsburg would accomplish. With further questioning by the Mayor, Ms. Yanazone explained that her question was regarding changes to the zoning code on Dowd Street and she had concerns that it would create housing similar to Monsey where it seems to be out of control.

Mayor Kohut explained that this proposed 24 unit development was for up on Dowd Street and the Public Hearing for that was postponed until November 7th.

Mayor Kohut stated that since they were on that subject, he would entertain a motion to extend the Public Hearing on the Dowd Street project until November 7th.

RESOLUTION # 338 - 2022

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

Hector Torres, 42 West St: Mr. Torres asked what the status of the park on Jefferson St.

Mayor Kohut explained that the Village had applied for a grant to work on that park and he hasn't heard back yet from the County regarding approval.

Mr. Torres asked if he could start work on what he wants to do in the park.

Mayor Kohut stated that any work would have to wait until the time when all interested parties could collaborate on the next steps.

Mr. Torres asked the Board when the Brick Museum project in front of Village Hall would be done.

Trustee Sena responded that they expected it to be completed on Friday.

Jacqueline Watson, 22 Bridge Street: Ms. Watson explained that they were interested in doing a Halloween event with candy distribution and a movie night at the Jefferson St. Park on Sunday October 30th between 5 – 9 PM. In the event of rain they were hoping to use the community center.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor entertained a motion to approve the request to use the Park on Sunday October 30th from 5 to 9 pm and, in the event of rain, to use the Village community center.

RESOLUTION # 339 - 2022

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

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 he was asking the Board to set a Public Hearing for an amendment to several sections of the Village Code to remove any jail time for some Village violations as it is causing a conflict with the amended NYS laws. He informed the Board that he believed that each code should be reviewed individually.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to set a Public Hearing for October 17th at 7:15 PM for local law amendments.

RESOLUTION # 340 - 2022

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

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Carmelina Palumbo: Ms. Palumbo gave the following Treasurers Report for the months of June, July & August 2022.

Disbursements of \$2,193,662

- Operating Expenses = \$1,041,215
- Payroll = 902,399
- Bond Payments = 250,048

Revenue of \$8,656,288

- Property Taxes = \$8,202,538
- PILOT payments = 85,201
- Grants:
 - OASAS @ \$115,286
 - County COVID grant @ \$44,591
 - NYS FEMA @ \$14,068

Ms. Palumbo had nothing further to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that the consultant the Village uses when borrowing has sent a new service agreement and the terms are the same as previously. Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize his signature on the service agreement with Capital Market Advisors.

RESOLUTION # 341 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the expenditure to Cliffside Body for the change out of a dump body at a cost of \$10,616. Three bids were secured with Cliffside being the lowest.

RESOLUTION # 342 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Hauler Permit application of State Contracting of NY (dba Capital Industries).

RESOLUTION # 343 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut informed the Board that the Village had received a letter from Penflex, the management company for the Village LOSAP program. The letter requests approval from the Board for a Pre-Entitlement Age Total & Permanent Disability Benefit application submitted by Simon Urena. Mr. Simon Urena has submitted a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs stating that he has been totally & permanently disabled due to a service connected disability.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the benefit decision letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs as verification of Mr. Urena's total disability and to approve the application of Mr. Urena for the Pre-Entitlement Age Disability Benefit, which in Mr. Urena's case the amount is approximately \$25,000.

RESOLUTION # 344 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the request for a Waiver of the 30-day liquor license waiting period for Cayo Arena, LLC located at 5 Broadway.

RESOLUTION # 345 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
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	Decrease	Increase
		Appropriations	Appropriations	Revenue
A.3620.2	Safety Inspector-Equip	40,027.50		
A.1990.4	Contingency		40,027.50	
A.7140.2	Comm. Ctr. Equip.	288,400.00		
A..0489	Federal Aid			288,400.00
A.7150.4	Comm. Ctr. Contractual			750.00

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

RESOLUTION # 346 - 2022

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

The Mayor reported that there were several upcoming events in and around the Village:

- October 6th – at the Industrial Arts Brewery, a fundraiser for Keep Rockland Beautiful and the “celebrity” bartenders will be Mayor Robert D’Amilio and Mayor Kohut
- October 9th – a Latino Food Drive at the Broadway & Broad St lot for the hurricane victims in the Dominican Republic & Puerto Rico
- October 13th – Taste of Rockland fundraiser for the Rotary & Lions Clubs. Cost is \$40

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 September 2022, submitted by Fire Chief Perry Masiello.:

Total Alarms	-	25
General Alarms	-	23
Special Calls	-	2
Mutual Aid Calls	-	0
Structure Fire	-	1
Cooking Fires	-	4
Electrical Fires	-	1
Gas Leak	-	1
Pump Outs	-	2
Good Intent/Misc.	-	4
False Alarms	-	12

Total Manpower Responding - 345 members

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 October 3rd:

TASK LIST:

- Fog sealed the following streets: Allison, Liberty, Rockland, Wayne, Broad, Division, Clinton, Jefferson
- Painted Gurnee Ave tunnel
- Made new wood boxes to store tents and chairs for Village events
- Purchased new Ford 2022 F-350 to replace 2006 Ford pick up
- Fixed foundation at relief Hose Co#3 on George St
- Truck#40 bucket truck inspected by CUES all good
- Put new traffic car in service
- Fixed damaged basin at 49 Hillside Ave
- Starting to get trucks ready for winter season

Deputy Mayor Carlevaro had nothing further to report on DPW.

Mayor Kohut mentioned to the Board that the work on Gurnee Ave was about $\frac{3}{4}$ complete and he was expecting completion to be in about 1 week. In October or early November Tilcon would be in to pave.

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

- Close to 30,000 meals have been distributed through the Food Pantry

- Project Embrace is continuing
- Staff is preparing for colder months in anticipation of a larger homeless situation
- Haverstraw Collaborative meets on October 12th
- Positive Activities for Youth: A health and wellness day was sponsored by Wonder Girls and center attendees participated.
- Center attendees participated in the Spanish Fair
- Caught Being Good - 108 children attended along with the student workers.
- Strengthening Families will run 10/6 through 11/17
- Celebrating Families begins on 10/4

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 through 2022:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	124
Complaints	-	13
Municipal searches	-	16
Construction inspections	-	36
Violations/Tickets	-	1
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	12

Fines collected at court - \$0

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of September 6th and September 19th 2022 for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 347 - 2022

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro

Seconded by: Rich Sena

Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut:

OLD BUSINESS

None.

Mayor Kohut:

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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 # 348 - 2022

Motion by: Rafael Bueno Sr.

Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro

Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,
Judith Curcio