

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday November 21, 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 and moved on to the Agenda since there was nobody in attendance.

Mayor Kohut:

**REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.:** Counselor Hood reported that he was seeking a Resolution accepting the Justice Court Audit.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept the Justice Court Audit submitted by Berard & Associates with no criticism or critiques.

**RESOLUTION # 375 - 2022**

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

Counselor Hood reminded the Mayor and Board that the Sign Law is still pending and should be ready for review shortly.

Mayor Kohut stated that the Cannabis Law is out for review and is due for a Public Hearing in December.

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 first meeting in January needed to be rescheduled because the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday is on January 2<sup>nd</sup> which is the legal holiday for New Year's Day.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to reschedule the first January meeting from January 2<sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**RESOLUTION # 376 - 2022**

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

Mayor Kohut explained that the street light poles in Harbors were a 60-40 split on ownership between the HOA and the Village. The HOA was looking to retrofit them with LED lights and they asked if the Village wanted to participate. The total cost to the Village to share in the rewiring and retrofit of 41 of the 100 streetlights would be \$13,441.85.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the expenditure for the above.

RESOLUTION # 377 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve his signature on an agreement with Solar Simplified LLC, a company that would solicit residences and businesses in participating with a community solar program. The company would pay the Village a one-time \$50 per each enrolled solar customer.

RESOLUTION # 378 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize his signature on the 2023 Comp Alliance Worker's Comp funding contribution agreement and to approve the expenditure of approx. \$129,850 with an estimated annual NYS assessment payment of \$5,514; for a total of \$135,364.

RESOLUTION # 379 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the request from the Superintendent of the DPW to purchase a diesel diagnostic system from Diesel Laptops at a cost of \$3,499. Three bids were solicited and this is the lowest.

RESOLUTION # 380 - 2022

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

Deputy Mayor Carlevaro stated that the bid just approved was much lower than the other costs quoted.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize him to investigate, with the Village Engineers, the cost of installing a traffic light at the corner of Westside, Broadway & Samsondale.

RESOLUTION # 381 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the expenditure for Studio Ninety to film Holiday's in Haverstraw at a cost of no more than \$2,500.

RESOLUTION # 382 - 2022

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

Trustee Sena spoke to the Board about entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Westhab for the use of property located at 25 Fairmont, 28 West St. and 30 West St to possibly build approx. 80 units of multi-family affordable housing.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion for the Village of Haverstraw to enter into a MOU with Westhab for the possibility of siting an affordable housing project on the Village parking lots between Maple & West Streets.

RESOLUTION # 383 - 2022

Motion by: Rich Sena  
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:

Account #	Account Name	Increase Appropriations	Decrease Appropriations	Incr Rev	Decr Rev	Description
440.420	Engineer Escrow	5,510.75				CK# 1079 Brooker
A.0000.1289	Other Income			5,510.75		CK# 1079 Brooker
A.5010.100	DPW Admin	217.29				COVID Bonus
A.9030.800	FICA	16.39				COVID Bonus
A.0000.4089	Federal Aid			233.68		COVID Bonus
A.1640.200	Central Garage Equip	3,499.00				Comm. Diagnostic machine
A.1640.400	Central Garage Contractual		3,499.00			Comm. Diagnostic machine
CM.4210.400	Narcotics Counseling Contractual	250.00				Donation from school for Pizza
A.7140.400	Community Central Contractual	250.00				Donation from school for Pizza
CM..2705	Reachout donations			250.00		Donation from school for Pizza
A..2705	Donations			250.00		Donation from school for Pizza

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

RESOLUTION # 384 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut reminded everyone that Holidays in Haverstraw was scheduled for next Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning with the concert at the Central Presbyterian Church. Also, this Thursday would be the community Thanksgiving dinner at the Quiysqueya Club from 11 to 1.

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

**Mayor Kohut:**  
**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FIRE & ORDINANCES** – Trustee Rafael Bueno Sr.: Trustee Bueno had nothing to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Deputy Mayor Carlevaro read the following report submitted by Robert Drexler, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works, as of November 21, 2022:

Task List

- Blacktop potholes throughout the Village
- Finish crosswalks throughout the Village
- Fixed 2 speed humps
- Milled and blacktopped Gurnee Ave. from Westside to Route 9W
- Set up for a funeral at St. Peter's on 11/8/2022
- Removed Fire boat from water for the season
- Put up Christmas lights throughout the Village
- Fixed damaged signs by DPW garage
- Did maintenance service on Fire truck # 4-99
- Fixed damaged ropes at Harbors Promenade
- Put up plywood at community center for Christmas decorations
- Put up Christmas lights at Village gateways.

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:

- Haverstraw Collaborative met on November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Programs such as Positive Activities for Youth and Homework Help are continuing
- Caught Being Good had 160 youths participate in November

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 October 31<sup>st</sup> through November 21<sup>st</sup> 2022:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	54
Complaints	-	5
Municipal searches	-	19
Construction inspections	-	25
Violations/Tickets	-	7
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	11

Fines collected at court - \$1,000

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

**MINUTES:** The Mayor presented the minutes of the Regular Meetings of October 17<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 for approval by the Board.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 385 - 2022

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

Mayor Kohut:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

Mayor Kohut:

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Santana requested that the Village Clerk provide the Board with the list of upcoming reappointments.

Mayor Kohut:

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

None

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

RESOLUTION # 386 - 2022

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

Respectfully submitted by,  
 Judith Curcio