

The **Minutes** of the **Regular Board Meeting** held on May 3, 2010 by the Mayor and the Board of Trustees.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Trustee Batista – Present
 Trustee Bueno – Present
 Trustee Dominguez – Present
 Trustee Watson – Present
 Mayor Kohut – Present

Mayor Kohut: First is our public participation.

John Lia, 110 Hudson Ave.- I just wanted to thank you, Mayor, Trustees and Terrence, for getting the speed bump in on Hudson Ave.

Mayor Kohut: We also had a letter of thanks from Sean O'Malley in reference to that too. He wanted to thank us for approving the installation of the speed bump on Hudson Avenue. It's amazing how much it has slowed down speeding vehicles plus making the street safer for all. He has also noticed the reduction in the noise pollution from the car racing and their exhaust.

Mayor Kohut: We were scheduled for two public hearings this evening, but we had issues with the publication. We are rescheduling the public hearing on the proposed Littering Law for May 17th at 8:05 p.m., which is our next scheduled meeting. This law will improve our ability to write tickets for littering in the streets etc.

At 8:10 p.m. on May 17th, we will have the public hearing on a proposed Local Law Amendment to our Special Assessment District Legislation, which is a clarifying item on that.

Mayor Kohut:
Report of Village Officials-

Village Attorney- No report.

Village Treasurer- No report.

Mayor's Report: We have a request from Mildred Novak of 109 Hudson Avenue for a handicap parking spot to be located in front of her house. Her husband is recovering from an illness. They have installed a handicap ramp, and they need space in the front so they can get him in and out of the vehicle and up the ramp. Could get a motion to this effect?

RESOLUTION #92-2010

Motion by: Trustee Batista
Seconded by: Trustee Bueno
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: We have a need to install 220 amp lines for our air conditioning/heating units in the conference room at the Community Center at a cost of \$780.00 by Lighting Connection, Inc. Can I have a motion authorizing this?

RESOLUTION #93-2010

Motion by: Trustee Dominguez
Seconded by: Trustee Watson
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: As a point of reference, you may or may not know that we have decided not to continue our Farmer's Market this year because of poor response and also because of an excessive amount of effort on the part of the village which translates into dollars for personnel to operate it. We did have a request from one of the farmers who has been here for several years to continue to set up a farm stand. After discussion, the board has agreed to do so, not blocking the street but giving him a space in the parking lot across the street. Can I have a motion to this effect?

RESOLUTION #94-2010

Motion by: Trustee Dominguez

Seconded by: Trustee Batista

Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: The Town of Haverstraw is having a 4th Annual 90 Plus Recognition Day Ceremony on Monday, June 21st at their regular senior's meeting at the Knight's of Columbus Hall at 12:00 noon. If anyone knows of anyone within the township who has reached the age of 90 by December 31st of this year and lives anywhere within the Town of Haverstraw, you can contact Maureen Corallo or Village Hall so that they can be included in the event. We expect somewhere in the neighborhood of 75 people who are 90 plus within the town.

As you folks may know, we are in the process of purchasing a new hook and ladder truck to replace the 41- year old vehicle that we have now. We will then have a truck that we can no longer use. So, if I could have a motion to put the vehicle out for a Request For Proposal, for anyone interested in purchasing the vehicle.

RESOLUTION #95-2010

Motion by: Trustee Dominguez

Seconded by: Trustee Bueno

Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: It will, of course, come "as is" with notification that the ladder can not be used as an aerial ladder because it has failed inspection.

Mayor Kohut:

Report of Standing Committees:

Fire and Ordinances, Trustee Bueno- I have a letter from the Chief Pete Rugg of the Haverstraw Fire Dept. This is to advise you that the Haverstraw Fire Dept. was awarded a Homeland Security Grant for \$172,900 with a 5% match of \$9,100 from the Fire Dept. budget. The grant was written to replace some of our older breathing apparatus, which dated back to 1982.

Public Works, Buildings and Grounds, Trustee Watson- I have a request from our Dept. of Public Works to purchase screens to go over catch basins. To comply with MS4, which is the storm water management program, we must protect what goes into the sewer. We would like to purchase fifty-five (55) of them and place them throughout the downtown. We have different sizes. The prices vary between \$164.00 for one size and \$174.00 for a larger size. I'd like to have a motion to purchase 55 catch basin grates at various sizes.

RESOLUTION #96-2010

Motion by: Trustee Dominguez

Seconded by: Trustee Bueno

Motion carried: All

Trustee Watson: We are going to be doing some work down on Village on the Green by the Little League Field. There is a main drain that goes from Coolidge

over to the county-line drain that runs along the track. That drain has collapsed. We get a lot of backups in some of the houses. We have a proposal to replace about 180 feet of 2- foot pipe. It will be at a cost of \$1,500 per day from King and Sons Construction. It will not exceed four days. Can I have a motion to that effect?

RESOLUTION #97-2010

Motion by: Trustee Bueno

Seconded by: Trustee Dominguez

Motion carried: All

Trustee Watson: Just a couple of other things that the DPW have completed. Installed speed bump on Hudson Avenue, installed speed bumps on Village on the Green, Riverside Avenue, and Jefferson Street, repaired some road damage on New Main Street and Gurnee Avenue, repaired a catch basin at 10 State Street, line striping, stop bars, and parking areas throughout the village, continued to empty all public garbage cans, pick up yard waste, construction debris and white goods, installed the guardrail at Broadway, Westside and Samsondale intersection, repaired broken fencing at Riverside Ave. park, continue to cut grass at all village owned properties, and they reinstalled various street signs throughout the village.

Mayor Kohut: I did want to mention how good the village does look with some of these projects. We are probably about the only community that paved their potholes. All the striping that they have done has really cleaned up the streets and makes them look good. We thank them for their good work.

Mayor Kohut: Going back to Fire and Ordinances. On Saturday May 15th the Annual Inspection of quarters and apparatus of the Haverstraw Fire Department is scheduled. There will be a parade that day which takes off from the old municipal building on Maple Avenue and goes through the village, up and over Hudson Avenue and ends here at Village Hall.

Youth and Family Services, Trustee Dominguez- No report.

Buildings and Code Enforcement, Trustee Batista-

The report from the Building Department for the period of April 19, 2010 through April 30, 2010-

Rental Property Inspections – 95

Municipal Searches – 2

Misc. Inspections – 26

Construction Inspections – 4

Complaints – 7

Building Permits – 3

Violations and Ticketing – 31

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public participation:

Alexandra Saravia, 20 West Lincoln St.- She is a coordinator for the Seventh Day Adventist Church and is asking permission to hold a parade & youth rally. The parade will be starting at the church on Hudson Avenue at 2:00 pm. We have a service in the morning. We have informational seminars for the youth regarding drugs, smoking, alcohol, etc. Then we have the parade. This is the first time we are doing this in Haverstraw.

Mayor Kohut: I'll have to contact the police and see what arrangements can be made with them. If we make a motion on this by the 17th of May, is this enough time for you?

Mrs. Saravia: That is fine.

Trustee Watson: If the parade was not granted, can you do a rally in a parking lot?

Mrs. Saravia: Yes.

Mayor Kohut: Anyone else?

Gil Carlevaro, 43 Leonard St.- I am here representing the Haverstraw Little League. There was a busted sewer pipe on Coolidge. There is a puddle. We will probably have standing water there at least two days and be mushy for two more days. Is there anything that can be done to help us?

Bobby Drexler: I have to go up there with him and take a look at it. Maybe we can do it that same day.

Mayor Kohut: Anyone else?

Adam Stein, 1322 Round Pointe Dr.- I have a question regarding Village Ordinances for quality of life issues. With putting lounge chairs on Main Street specifically, is that allowed? Is that acceptable?

Mayor Kohut: It's gone on forever.

Village Attorney: There is no specific ordinance that specifically forbids it.

Mayor Kohut: It's a tough situation because, for some people, it's their yard.

Mr. Stein: It just looks wrong. It should not be acceptable, especially if it's in a downtown. You really do not see that in other downtowns.

Village Attorney: Where did you see it?

Mr. Stein: It's generally from the corner of Main Street and Broadway. It's really all the way down to the church. I have a second question. I know loitering is perfectly fine and standing in the corners is perfectly fine. Are there specific laws about certain amounts of people specifically together? People do not move on the street. It's kind of specific to the quality of life thing on Main Street. You come out of your car and shouldn't have to walk in the street to walk around other people. Again, I don't think it should be acceptable. Again, it's all about enforcing it.

Cat Lubuono, 40 Hillside Ave.- In relation to that, I'm just wondering where does the building area stop and the village's area begin on the sidewalk?

Village Attorney: It varies tremendously. Sometimes it's right against the building. Sometimes they have two or three feet of the sidewalk.

Mayor Kohut: For the most part, the village has an easement of 10 feet but often times the sidewalk is only four feet wide.

Cat Lubuono: What about in relation also to the congregation of a lot of people, how do I know when there is something to enforce so that we can call the police and if there is a way to alert them?

Trustee Dominguez: The cops have been out walking and on bikes these past two weeks. People hanging out, we haven't seen it much actually downtown.

Mayor Kohut: Anybody else? If not, then I'll entertain a motion to adjourn?

RESOLUTION #98-2010

Motion by: Trustee Dominguez
Seconded by: Trustee Watson
Motion carried: All

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Castro
Clerk/Typist