

The **Minutes** of the **Regular Board Meeting** held on December 21, 2009 by the Mayor and the Board of Trustees.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Trustee Batista – Present
 Trustee Bueno – Present
 Trustee Dominguez – Present
 Trustee Watson, Jr. – Present
 Mayor Kohut – Present

Mayor Kohut: First up is our first public participation. If anyone would like to say anything or ask any questions, they can do so now or at the end of the meeting. Is there anybody at this point?

Steve Moetzing, 24 Harbor Pointe Drive- He spoke about the new graffiti on the Short Clove Bridge. He is angry and upset over somebody damaging this wonderful project that everybody has worked so hard for. He wants to make sure that the board does something about this.

Royce Keller, 24 Riverside Ave.- I was just told today that you were going to have a discussion about the parking issues in town. Is that true?

Mayor Kohut: Not in particular.

Royce Keller: I got a ticket. I was wondering what the situation was. I parked right behind the garden in front of the house. I've been parking there for the last 12 years. My mother is 75 years old.

Mayor Kohut: We've been having a problem with our snow plows up on Riverside and we are enforcing the parking rules. If your car doesn't fit in your driveway you can park down at the park.

Royce Keller: No, he (police officer) said I cannot park at this park.

Mayor Kohut: We are reviewing the situation to determine what alternatives there might be on Riverside. In the meantime, there is no overnight parking on the street. Anybody else under public participation?

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main Street- He spoke about the good job that the DPW workers have done with the holiday decorations.

Mayor Kohut: Thank you for noting that.

Mayor Kohut: I am going to put the continuation of reorganization at this point on the schedule.

We have a position of the Planning Board Chairman. It's an annual position. I'll entertain a motion to appoint Thomas Watson, Sr. for the position of Planning Board Chairman.

RESOLUTION #299-2009

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

4- Yes 1-Abstention

Motion passed.

Mayor Kohut: On our Zoning Board, we have one person's term that is up. His position is up in December of this year. Could I have a motion to entertain his reappointment for that position, Joel Santana?

RESOLUTION #300-2009

Motion by: Francisco Batista

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: Also on the Zoning Board is the position of Zoning Board Chairman presently held by Edwin Rivera. Could I have a motion to reappoint him to Zoning Board Chairman?

RESOLUTION #301-2009

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: On the Architectural Review Board, there is one person's position whose term is up. That is the position of Jean Gitlin as the Architectural Review Board Chairmanship. Could I have a motion to both reappoint her to the Architectural Review Board and to reappoint her to the Architectural Review Board Chairman?

RESOLUTION #302-2009

Motion by: Francisco Batista
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: In reference to that, that completes this phase of reorganization. I'd like a motion to continue reorganization to the next regular meeting.

RESOLUTION #303-2009

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Tom Watson, Jr.
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: We have a letter from Ellen Sikora, who is a member of the Architectural Review Board. She has been informed that she can no longer participate on the ARB because she has moved out of the village. "It has been a pleasure and an honor to be part of the board", she writes and she is thankful for having the opportunity to serve.

Can I have a motion to accept her resignation?

RESOLUTION #304-2009

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: We do have other positions that we are interviewing for. Particularly one on the Planning Board, the one on the Architectural Review Board, and perhaps a second one on the Architectural Review Board. If anyone is interested in applying for any of these positions and lives within the village, they can supply us with a resume and we will set up an opportunity to interview you. This completes the reorganization.

Mayor Kohut: Reports of Village Officials

Village Attorney: I have a couple of resolutions. The first is in connection with the Special Assessment District.

WHEREAS, the Village Board has created a Special Assessment District concerning all properties contained within the site plan of Harbors Haverstraw LLC referred to as Site A, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has adopted an apportionment plan concerning the assessment of the subject properties,

NOW THEREFORE, the Village Board hereby authorizes and directs the Village Assessor to implement the individual assessments within the Special Assessment District on the 2010 assessment roll for the Village of Haverstraw and the Board,

FURTHER authorizes and directs the Village Treasurer to implement the taxes on each individual property within the Special Assessment District on the upcoming 2010-2011 tax roll.

Resolution # 305-2009

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Tom Watson, Jr.

Motion carried: All

Village Attorney: Secondly, to assist the village in securing the Greenway Trail portion around Bowline Pond, I have been given the authorization to go ahead and secure a survey by Mirant with the indication that they will give us either easements of a permanent nature or the title to the dry land that surrounds the pond. We've had a previous estimate from the firm of Atzl, Scatassa, & Zigler. They are particularly in a position to do these surveys since they have a lot of the prior materials. This also includes dry land around the chair factory. The estimate was in the amount of \$20,000. I'd like a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into that contract and get the surveys done.

RESOLUTION #306-2009

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion carried: All

Village Treasurer: There is going to be an opening in the clerk's department. I need to make a request to get the list from County Personnel.

RESOLUTION #307-2009

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion carried: All

Mayor's Report: I have a letter of complaint concerning the alternate side of the street parking signs as they exist on Broad Street, also on Clinton and Hudson Avenue. They are very wordy and very confusing. We are going to try to rectify that by getting some new, less wordy, less confusing signage that hopefully will be more easily understood. The new sign will read for example, and I won't read the exact because we have to check with the ordinance as to what goes on the north side, south side or the east and west side. The signs will now read No Parking Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday 2:00 am to 6:00 am or No Parking Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 2:00 am to 6:00 am. Can I have a motion authorizing this change?

RESOLUTION #308-2009

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: We have a request from Mayor Ramundo, the Village of West Haverstraw, asking for a letter of support from myself and the Village Board for application for funding. The village is submitting grant applications to State Senator Morahan and Senator Zebrowski for 2010. They are requesting money to develop a gateway near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Main Street. They are looking to make sure that they retain businesses and attract new development to the area to create jobs and new affordable housing. What they don't currently have and are seeking to develop is an attractive entrance to the village. Their intent is to install a Welcome to West Haverstraw sign with a digital billboard, a small gazebo and some landscaping. "Since this is in the interest of the entire town, including the Village of Haverstraw, we would appreciate your support." Can I have a motion authorizing me to send a letter of support?

RESOLUTION #309-2009

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: We also have a letter from the Greater Haverstraw Chamber of Commerce that reads: "Over the past four or five years, the Greater Haverstraw Chamber of Commerce has been fortunate to receive a contribution of about \$20,000 annually from the Ginsburg Development Corporation. These monies have been utilized to fund the salary of our Executive Director. Without these services we could not conduct our various programs and activities. Sadly because GDC is no longer in a position to continue with contributions, the chamber must look for other sources of funding. For that reason, I am writing to you to ask if the village would be willing to contribute from \$5000 to \$7000 annually. These monies along with what we hope and expect will be equivalent contributions from several other municipalities will enable us to continue the

chamber's work on behalf of the community. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Sincerely, Chuck Smith and Members of the Board".

Mayor Kohut: The board and I discussed this earlier and in fact the Greater Haverstraw Chamber of Commerce does do a great deal of work particularly within the community of Haverstraw not just in trying to promote commerce here but in doing things such as the Christmas concert, the street fair, The Dancing Under the Stars, the Food Walk, etc. and the board felt that we should share in this endeavor to assist with funding. If I could have a motion?

Trustee Bueno: I make a motion for \$5,000.00.

RESOLUTION #310-2009

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: Contemporaneously, we will need to make a budget transfer to allow for that. For the remainder of the budget year, which is five months, January through May, approximately \$2,200 or so. To make a transfer out of the contingency account, which is budget Account A1990.4 and into Account #A6330.4 in the sum of \$2,200 and change. Can I have a motion to that effect?

RESOLUTION #311-2009

Motion by: Tom Watson, Jr.

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: I also have another series of budget adjustments to make. I will read through them and do it as two motions.

The first is to: Increase Expense Account #A1990.410 Contingent Overtime by \$50,577.55. Increase Expense Account #A1110.110 Personnel Justice Court by \$2,855.02, A3320.100 Personnel Building Department by \$1,048. 46, Account #5110.100 Personnel DPW \$9,015.72, A5010.100 Personnel Administration DPW by \$4,208.60, Expense Account A5010.1 also Personnel DPW.

Village Treasurer: That should actually be A5110.1 Personnel DPW. There are two line items for the same account.

Mayor Kohut: \$20,511.93, A9961.9 Transfer for Reachout \$8,740.36, A1325.1 Personnel Treasury \$2,915.36, A1410.11 Personnel Clerk in the amount of \$1,282.44. All those numbers equal the top number of \$50,577.55. Can I have a motion to approve these transfers?

RESOLUTION #312-2009

Motion by: Tom Watson, Jr.
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: I have one other one. This is in reference to a memo from our accountant. He needs the following budget amendments passed in reference to the insurance proceeds from the fire at the Department of Public Works Building in April. That is to increase Revenue Account #A2680 Insurance Recovery by the sum of \$60,276.00 and also increase the Appropriation Account #A5110.045 DPW repair in the sum of \$60,276.00. Can I have a motion and a second?

RESOLUTION #313-2009

Motion by: Tom Watson, Jr.
Seconded by: Francisco Batista
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: The Fire Department is experiencing some difficulties in getting parking permits from the Haverstraw Town Police Department for firemen who need to be able to park on the streets in non-snow conditions. If we could have a motion authorizing the village to issue parking permits as requested by the Chiefs of the Haverstraw Fire Department?

RESOLUTION #314-2009

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: If there are other emergency personnel who may need so, they may come to the Village of Haverstraw Clerk's office and speak with her. We will, on a case-by-case basis, also issue those.

The last thing I have is that our second meeting in January falls on Martin Luther King Jr. day, which of course is a federal holiday. We need to move the date of that meeting. Is everyone okay with moving it to the Tuesday, the 19th?

RESOLUTION #315-2009

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut:
Fire and Ordinances, Trustee Bueno- No report.

Public Works, Buildings and Grounds, Trustee Watson- DPW has finished the blacktop on the West Broad Street and Broadway lot next to Perriello's Pizza. We will be getting that ready to be used for our downtown parking area. Snowstorm on 12/19, we had five trucks out for ten hours. We had a lot of the snow removed. We replaced a lot of the broken meters and meters that were damaged throughout the village. Also, we replaced some signs that were outdated and non-readable.

Youth and Family Services, Trustee Dominguez- First of all we had our Christmas Holiday party today. We had 193 gifts for the children. It was a very successful event. I thank everyone who donated and volunteered to make our event successful. Second, as part of our SAMHSA grant, we are required to hire a consultant to evaluate our program and help us for our next funding. The position for the consultant is \$2,600 for the year and I would like to make a motion to hire Ann Tealy as our consultant. It's \$50.00 per hour.

Mayor Kohut: It's to hire her, not as an employee, but as a consultant to the village to evaluate the grant and to deliver the other program.

RESOLUTION#316-2009

Motion by: Francisco Batista

Seconded by: Tom Watson, Jr.

Motion carried: All

Buildings and Code Enforcement, Trustee Batista- I have no report on code enforcement. On Buildings and Grounds, I have a report from December 7th through December 18th: Rental Property Inspections-42, Municipal Searches-2, Miscellaneous Inspections-11, Complaints-3, Violation and Ticketing-11, Miscellaneous-2.

Mayor Kohut: We need the approval for the minutes of the meetings of October 5th and November 16th.

RESOLUTION #317-2009

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Tom Watson, Jr.

Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: Does anyone have new business for the board? If not, then we will go to public participation again. Does anybody else have any comments or questions?

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main St.- Are we leasing the lot by Perriello's?

Mayor Kohut: We are leasing it, yes.

Noel Rappaport: There is a garbage can in front of my store. It's constantly being filled by the person who owns the electronic store. I reported it to a number of people.

Mayor Kohut: I will check it tomorrow.

Steve Moetzing: If I understand correctly, the 2010-2011 tax roll will include the Special Assessment District.

Mayor Kohut: Correct.

Steve Moetzing: Has it officially been dedicated or the bond passed?

Mayor Kohut: The bond has passed, yes.

Steve Moetzing: You have the details about the financing and how it is going to be imposed?

Mayor Kohut: Yes, that has been taken care of. The bond has been sold. We are working on getting the streets and other infrastructures dedicated.

Village Attorney: There is a bond securing that.

Steve Moetzing: So the details associated with the final fees received before dedication, that was the allocation where the village was sending your third party, Brooker Engineering, in to review and then they worked with the developer.

Village Attorney: Yes, they are in the process. We are also getting it "as-built", so we know what is there and what is not there.

Steve Moetzing: Has that plan been shared with corporate yet?

Mayor Kohut: Brooker has met with GDC on site.

Village Attorney: I don't know where in the process they are but it's underway. Also, the assessor is going to compute the cost of the bond versus what the assessment will be this upcoming year. I think you do know that the bond was sold for a lot less than we thought it would. So the per unit cost will be less than what was projected.

Steve Moetzing: When do you think that we'll have some sort of feedback from GDC as far as making the necessary changes and dedication could be finalized?

Village Attorney: I don't have an answer to that yet.

Mayor Kohut: Anybody else? If not, just two quick things. This is our last meeting of the year. We have gone through the Hanukkah holidays. We are approaching the Christmas holidays and New Years holidays. From our board to everyone, we wish you all happy and safe holidays for the rest of the season. Don't forget there is free parking until January 4th. The last item is just to close this meeting in memory of one of our firefighters who passed away in the past week and who had served the community for approximately 60 years. His name was William Schuler. Besides the fact that he was my uncle, he was the man known to be in the back of the hook & ladder for the past 40 years of its existence. I'd just like to close the meeting in his memory and ask everyone for a moment of silence.

Mayor Kohut: Thank you. Have a very good end of year.

Trustee Dominguez: A motion to go to Executive Session.

RESOLUTION #318-2009

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Tom Watson, Jr.

Motion carried: All

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Castro
Clerk/Typist