

The **Minutes** of the **Regular Board** meeting held on Monday, November 16, 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 – Present
 Mayor Kohut – Present

Mayor Kohut: First item on the agenda is our first public participation. Does anyone have any concerns that they want to raise? If not, we will go on to our next order of business.

Mayor Kohut:

Reports of Village Officials-

Village Attorney: I have one item tonight. I have recently received, in writing, a withdrawal of the application of Open Arms to increase the beds from 12 to 20. At this point in time, there is no pending application.

Mayor Kohut: So, the continuation of the hearing is cancelled?

Village Attorney: Yes, the continuation of the hearing is no longer necessary and cancelled.

Mayor Kohut:

Village Treasurer: No report.

Mayor's Report: We had an update on our Streetscape progress this evening from our architect, Lucille Munz. We are on schedule to go out to bid on this project in late March of this coming year, with the bids due back and construction to hopefully start by the end of June 2010. Provided that we can keep a fairly regimented schedule between now and then on our end and that the State D.O.T. approvals come accordingly.

As you may have heard from our discussions, we've had meetings with our Haverstraw Fire Dept. in reference to our ladder truck, which is a 40- year old apparatus. This ladder was recently, less than a week ago, de-certified by the individual who tested this equipment. It appears to be time to replace the truck. The members of Rescue Hook & Ladder who operate the truck have asked us for authorization to investigate replacement of the truck and we need to do that efficiently so that they can proceed with their search. If I could have a motion authorizing Rescue Hook & Ladder to form a truck committee for the purpose of specifying a new Aerial apparatus.

RESOLUTION # 265 - 2009

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion carried: All

Mayor Kohut: We are in the process of creating a softball field down at the Warren Court Brownfield site. It is very close to completion. Hopefully by the end of this week, or the beginning of next week, they will start putting sod in the field. When we had originally gone to bid on the project, one of the items that we left off for cost concerns was a scoreboard for the field; however, we did have plans, because of the technicalities of the site, for the foundation for the scoreboard. Since then, our landscape architect, Michael Hakeem, has revisited

the scoreboard and had the manufacturer reduce this price by 20%. The board has also revisited the scoreboard issue and wishes to pursue that purchase. At this time, the board has agreed to purchase the scoreboard at a total cost, with shipping, of \$7,280.91. Can I have a motion to that effect?

RESOLUTION # 266 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: We have a request from Beverly Swift of our office who handles the Christmas festivities over at the Community Center for the children. She is requesting \$400.00 to purchase items for the approximate 200 children at the festival, which will be on Saturday, December 5th. Can I have a motion authorizing this?

RESOLUTION # 267 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: This is notification that there is a liquor license request for 4 Main Street, which was formally the Bricktown Brewery. There is a new proprietor going in there. They have applied for a liquor license application. The board has discussed this and has no reason to object to the applicant. We will let them proceed and send them an expedited 30-day waiver on that.

Mayor Kohut:
Reports of Standing Committees-

Fire and Ordinances, Trustee Bueno – I have five (5) applications for the fire department. Applications were read and reviewed for the following: 1) Simon Urena who used to be a member of Cosgrive Hose Co.#4. He left due to a personal matter and he would like to join again to Cosgrive Hose Co. #4, 2) David Rugg of Haverstraw, applying as a junior for General Warren Co.#2 3) Erin Kelly Walsh of Haverstraw, applying for Lady Warren Hose Co. #5 4) Joseph Osuna of Garnerville, applying for Rescue Hook & Ladder and 5) Angel Molina of Haverstraw, applying for Rescue Hook & Ladder.

I make a motion that we accept all of them.

RESOLUTION # 268 - 2009

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

Public Works, Buildings and Grounds, Trustee Watson- No report.

Youth and Family Services, Trustee Dominguez – No report.

Buildings and Code Enforcement, Trustee Batista- I have a few reports. One is for the Building Department. There have been 47 inspections for rental properties, 4 municipal searches, 17 miscellaneous inspections, 8 complaints, 4 re-inspections, and 4 violations and tickets.

For Parking: We have installed nearly 50 new meters on Broadway and Main Street. They are going to be reprogrammed as follows: ½ an hour for .25 cents, 12 ½ minutes for a dime and 6 minutes for a nickel. Employees from the parking enforcement have been going out at nighttime reminding everyone about the no parking on the streets. People have to purchase their parking permits.

Mayor Kohut: We have two sets of minutes to approve. The meetings are September 21st and September 30th.

Trustee Dominguez: I read them and make a motion.

RESOLUTION # 269 - 2008

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Tom Watson, Jr.

Motion carried: All

Old Business:

Mayor Kohut: Jay, under old business we have 15 Broadway.

Village Attorney: I have communicated with the attorney for the owner of the building. I am waiting to hear back from them.

Mayor Kohut: The letter from Ted Buonocore?

Village Attorney: I have been away for two weeks. Still taking a look at it. We'll reply back to him.

Mayor Kohut: The maintenance issues, we'll have a workshop next week, Monday the 23rd at 5:30 pm.

New Business: None.

Public participation:

Gil Carlevaro, 43 Leonard St.- With respect to the signs for the softball field, there are organizations that might want to sponsor the scoreboard? They make deals for advertising on it, etc.

Trustee Watson: They donated the whole entire scoreboard?

Mayor Kohut: But they don't buy it, we still buy it and they get their name put on it, right? It's worth looking into.

Laurence Levine, 1414 Round Pointe Dr.- On June 27th, I wrote to you Mr. Mayor regarding the Department of Highway's garage fire damage and the need to repair a wall. You wrote me back kindly on August 3rd saying that by the end of August or thereabouts, it will be done. I am here November 16th and no steps have been taken. Nobody sees it except the residents of the Harbors community. We have to look at it everyday. The question is when is it going to be removed?

Mayor Kohut: After that, I had contacted a company that does metal buildings and asked them if they could give us a price. I spoke with my Superintendent of Public Works and said to him, "I don't care what you do, but get it done by the end of the year. Whether it can be putting up new metal panels or take them out and put up siding to match."

Mr. Levine: It's been too long, to be honest with you. It's something that we all have to look at and nobody else does.

Mayor Kohut: I quite honestly I expected the superintendent to take care of it, but he hasn't. He was talked to about it last week.

Steve Bernstein, 1321 Round Pointe Dr.- You said the Streetscape will start around April?

Mayor Kohut: That is our hope, yes.

Mr. Bernstein: Is the Building Inspector giving out citations for dirty sidewalks and things like that?

Mayor Kohut: Periodically, yes.

Mr. Bernstein: Well, if you are going to spend that much money, periodically doesn't mean anything. I drive through town and this is a great town. It has great workmanship and everything. To see that much filth around, that means that someone is not doing his job. They should be around everyday. Let storeowners know that he is going to be around at 11:00 am and it has to be done. If you are investing that much money and the sidewalks and the gutters look terrible, it means you are just throwing out money.

Mayor Kohut: Well, when I do say periodically, we do sweeps, no pun intended.

Mr. Bernstein: Sweeps don't mean anything. This should be done everyday for the people who own stores here.

Mayor Kohut: Thank you. Anyone else?

Sean O'Malley, 116 Hudson Ave.- A couple of the members couldn't make it here tonight. My suggestion that I wanted to share with the board was that at one time there was a Community Garden in the village. Is there an opportunity for that?

Mayor Kohut: Not where we had it previously, down at the end of Clinton Street. One of the reasons it fell by the wayside is because no one wanted to do it anymore. No one took responsibility for it, and nobody was doing any gardening there. For people who really like to garden, Catholic Community Services on Hudson Avenue just started a Community Garden where they are going to try to grow vegetables for their food pantry. If people want to garden, I am sure they will love to have some assistance in the gardening aspect of it. The vegetables grown there are geared towards the food pantry.

Sean O'Malley: What is the village's intent with the land on the other side of the firehouse?

Mayor Kohut: You mean the one that we just blacktopped? Right now, it's just going to be general green space to go with the greenway trail. Long-term intent, we haven't really decided.

Sean O'Malley: My last thing is about transparency of village minutes. Are we able to look these up on the village website?

Village Treasurer: We have contracted with somebody who digitized our records. We have the software here and we are getting to it.

Mayor Kohut: You are talking about the recent stuff or the old stuff?

Sean O'Malley: Even the old stuff is good to have. The 2009 minutes would be good to have.

Mayor Kohut: That we could get to you anytime. Anyone else?

Mel Post, 1422 Round Pointe Dr.- My question is, I live in Harbors, somebody asked a question what do we do for the village? One of the things we do for the village is pay an awful lot of taxes, as most people do in Haverstraw. It doesn't make us unique. I am in a 1600 sq. ft. apartment and my taxes are something like \$3,000.00. My question to you is what actually does the village do for me as a resident of Harbors?

Mayor Kohut: Someplace we came up with a list, but the short answer is fire services, building department services, assessment services, general municipal services - meaning things that you get from the village hall, permits, etc., community center, and Dept. of Public Works services.

Mel Post asked about the correspondence with respect to Gurnee and 202.

Mayor Kohut stated that he had not heard anything.

Mel Post asked about the alternate side parking on Maple Avenue. He says that people are parking on both sides. You have to steer around the school buses. It's a very problematic situation.

Trustee Batista stated that the board started a plan. They are trying out one street and then work with the next one.

Mayor Kohut: if you'd like to come to the workshop to discuss this. Otherwise, we'll discuss it amongst ourselves. Next week on Monday the 23rd, we are having a workshop at 5:30 pm.

Mel Post: My next question is on the streetscape. Have those plans been completed yet?

Mayor Kohut: The drawings haven't been finalized yet. Right now, I think they are about 50% complete.

Mel Post also spoke about not having benches all along the village so that people could congregate.

Mayor Kohut: Thank you. Anyone else with comments or suggestions? If not, I'll take a motion to adjourn to executive session.

RESOLUTION # 270 - 2009

Motion by: Rafael Bueno

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez

Motion carried: All

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Castro
Clerk/Typist