

The **Minutes** of the **Regular Board** meeting held by the Mayor and the Board of Trustees on November 2, 2009.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Kohut: First, we have our first public participation.

Cat LoBuono: As far as the last meeting for the house on Hudson, the expansion, that is going to be upstairs, correct?

Mayor Kohut: It's dated for November 19th. Probably because there will be court down here. It will be posted.

Mayor Kohut: Now, we have a public hearing on 71-73 Broadway. Please come up and state your name and address for the record.

Anthony Cangialosi, 71-73 Broadway- I did the mailing. There will be two stores downstairs and two apartments on the second floor. I want to put my office in one of the spaces downstairs and keep one of the apartments for myself. I am an electrical contractor. Presently, there are two five- bedroom apartments.

Mayor Kohut: Is there parking any place for you?

Anthony Cangialosi: There is new parking in the front. There is no parking on the property.

Mayor Kohut: As far as equipment for your business, do you have a truck?

Anthony Cangialosi: No trucks. I already have a yard where my trucks are. There will be no materials there.

Mayor Kohut: Does anyone from the board have any questions? This is a public hearing. If anyone has any questions or concerns, they can raise them now.

Trustee Dominguez: When do you hope to have this done?

Anthony Cangialosi: About a month in a half.

Mayor Kohut: Since, there are no comments from the public, I'll entertain a motion to close the public hearing.

RESOLUTION # 251 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: Can I have a motion to approve the special permit?

RESOLUTION # 252 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut:
Reports of Village Officials-

Village Attorney- He is on vacation.

Village Treasurer: No report.

Mayor's Report: I have a variety of things. First up is our holiday parking schedule. The board has had some discussion on this. As has been our history, we'd like to encourage people into the village to shop and not have to worry about parking over the holidays. The board has decided to make the parking meter fee free from December 12th through January 3rd. If I can have a motion to that effect?

RESOLUTION #253 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: We have a letter from the County of Rockland that says that in 2008 the Rockland County requested and secured \$267,717.00 from then Senator Clinton to use towards the Haverstraw Yonkers Lower Manhattan Ferry Service. Since that service ceased operation, the money could be applied for "various improvements in Haverstraw". The county would like to offer the use of these funds to aid in the construction of a new, permanent pier here in the Village of Haverstraw. The redirecting of such funds also entails the approval of the Federal Highway Administration and NYS D.O.T.

We have a request from Rescue Hook & Ladder Co.#1 requesting the village's permission to form a truck committee for the purpose of determining the specifics for a replacement for our current 1969 vehicle, which is now over 40 years old. The manufacturer has been out of business for a number of years and as a result parts have become difficult to obtain.

Mayor Kohut: Can I have a motion giving permission to Rescue Hook & Ladder to explore via Truck Committee the replacement of their 1969 Aerial truck?

RESOLUTION -----

Motion by: Tom Watson, Jr.

There is no second at this time.

Trustee Batista: I need more information.

Trustee Dominguez: Can we set a meeting with them?

Mayor Kohut: Going back briefly, in reference to the ferry discretionary money, we do need to make a motion to accept the use of these funds from the county.

RESOLUTION # 254 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: In reference to our Warren Court Ball Field Project, it has come to the attention of our in house engineer, Brooker Engineering, that the design footings for the scoreboard to the ball field are undersized. In order to provide a properly sized footing, to hold it up so that it doesn't fall over, there needs to be a \$15,000 increase in the budget for the footing. This has been reviewed by both Brooker Engineering and SCS Engineer who are the ball field consultants. We would need a motion to authorize a change order to provide for the larger footing.

RESOLUTION # 255 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: There is a memo from our Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios. He is requesting that the village adopt the New York State 2003 Building Code and NYS

Family of Codes in its entirety and to include the 2007 amendments. We believe that we adopted this back in 2003 and we have been enforcing these codes since 2003. Upon reviewing the minutes, we could not find that we had actually formally adopted them. To protect ourselves, we need to adopt them at this point.

RESOLUTION # 256 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: As per a memo from Rockland County Personnel, it is necessary to re-appoint Rafael Bueno, Jr. permanently to the position of Asst. Building Inspector Spanish Speaking. He has passed the most recent test that came through and he should now be appointed permanently.

RESOLUTION # 257 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: Also, while we are taking care of personnel matters, when we got rid of the police several years ago we did create a constable position which allowed uniformed court officers to protect the court here. County Personnel is asking that we change it to a more uniform position title of court attendant, as opposed to court constable. The positions are essentially the same. The people who are presently in the position will simply have to fill out a new application under the new title. So, if I could have a motion to create the position, three part-time court attendant positions. We currently have three positions on the books now, but only have two people in the positions. In the event that we need to fill it, it's better to have them on the books now.

RESOLUTION # 258 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: Going back to our ball field project, we have a request from United Water. In order to improve fire safety down in the area of Warren and McKenzie they are replacing a new fire hydrant within the confines of our ball field project. United Water needs a letter authorizing replacement of this, which will be at the south western edge of the property. If I could have a motion authorizing this?

RESOLUTION # 259 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: We have a letter from our accountant. In order to properly record a purchase agreement with Ginsburg Development Corp. the following is needed. This is the Special Assessment District bond money. 1- Approve a capital project to report the purchase of the property, which will be the properties we will be taking by deed from GDC; the roadways, promenade, etc. 2- A special revenue fund to report the receipt of the fund to pay off the bond. If I could have a motion to that effect?

RESOLUTION # 260 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: We have a request from El Clarin, our local bilingual newspaper. On February 26, 2010, the Dominican community residing in Rockland County will be celebrating their 166th Anniversary of Independence. The purpose of this letter is to request permission to hold this celebration at Village Hall. The ceremony will be at

10:30 am. In the evening, they would like to hold a ceremonial celebration from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Village Hall. Can I have a motion authorizing their request?

Trustee Batista: The previous year, they have had the ceremony here. It's kind of small. I am thinking that maybe they should do the formal ceremony here and have their other ceremony at the Quisqueya Club. I can talk to them.

Mayor Kohut: Can I have a motion for the flag raising and the first ceremony here at Village Hall?

RESOLUTION # 261 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: We have a letter from the Antoine McGuire Oyster House, soon to be a new resident on Main Street. To the board; "As we get ready for the opening of our restaurant, we would like to request the support of the Village Board to help ensure that our business is an asset to the community. Our intention is to create a positive, welcoming presence to village guests and residents while also creating employment opportunity. We would like to request use of approximately 12 spaces from the municipal lot located where West Street and Maple Avenue crisscross Fairmount. We propose to use these spots Monday through Friday after 5:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 am on. No signage will be necessary in the village. Antoine McGuire's will provide any required insurance." The Village of Haverstraw can be added as additional insured. They will park wherever there are available spaces. Given the stipulation that it should be first come first serve, could I have a motion?

RESOLUTION # 262 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut:

Report of Standing Committees:

Fire and Ordinances, Trustee Bueno – Not present.

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

Youth and Family Services, Trustee Dominguez- First of all, I'd like to thank everyone who attended our Halloween festivities Friday evening. We had over 50 kids who participated. We had prizes for our Halloween kids. The middle school kids watched a scary movie. The high school kids had a dance. They all behaved and enjoyed it.

A couple of weeks ago we had discussions regarding our reorganization with our community center staff. We are in the middle of adjustments and I am making a motion for an adjustment in salary for Marion Breland Oswald from her current base salary from \$88,482 to \$90,882. That will be effective as of November 1st, 2009. This will be in coordination with all the reorganizations we have done at the Community Center these past few months. I make a motion.

RESOLUTION # 263 - 2009

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

Old Business:

Trustee Dominguez: Did you find out about the garage doors?

Mayor Kohut: I saw it the other day. There is a path to the first garage door. They want to pass from the first garage into the second garage.

New Business: None

Public Participation:

Cat Lubuono, 40 Hillside- She asked about the holiday activities in the village and the possibility of getting permission for a group to do caroling around the village.

Mayor Kohut: Just so you know, there is a concert at the Central Presbyterian Church. Our Village tree lighting is to occur right across the street on December 5th.

Trustee Dominguez: The 42 Club has something at the Community Center. A couple of the businesses also have events.

Mayor Kohut: It would be a nice idea to combine your group with our tree lighting festivities. Also, if you are not selling anything, you don't have to worry about permits. If you are selling, then you have to deal with the Health Department.

Mayor Kohut: Anyone else for public participation? If not, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESOLUTION # 264 - 2009

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Tom Watson, Jr.

Motion carried: All

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Castro
Clerk/Typist