

The **Minutes** of the **Regular Board** meeting held on Monday, October 19, 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 – Absent  
                  Mayor Kohut – Present

Mayor Kohut: First item on the agenda is the first public participation. If anyone would like to make any statements or comments at this time, we will entertain such.

Jose Vargas, 23 Bubenko Dr., Garnerville, NY- Per your request, I called per the board members, that I report for the agenda for the next TAC meeting.

Mayor Kohut: TAC meeting or for the next workshop?

Jose Vargas: Workshop for the accessory apartment laws.

Mayor Kohut: Our Village Attorney is not here tonight, and he will not be here at our next meeting. If the board wishes to entertain, I think it should be when Jay Hood is back with us since it's involving zoning laws.

Trustee Batista: We can have a special meeting. Is this going to take a while?

Jose Vargas: There are many issues. I would assume that it's going to take a minimum of fifteen minutes to half an hour.

Mayor Kohut: Is November 16<sup>th</sup> all right for you at 7:00 pm?

Jose Vargas: Yes, 7:00 pm is fine.

Mayor Kohut: Anyone else under public participation? We have no public hearings tonight.

Mayor Kohut:

#### **Reports of Village Officials:**

Village Attorney- He is on vacation.

Village Treasurer- No report.

Mayor's Report- Under the Mayor's report, there was a postponing of the Open Arms meeting. At the request of the applicant, it's been rescheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The board discussed the possibility of having this meeting earlier but the mayor stated that the public isn't really available before 7 pm.

Mayor Kohut: Jay Hood and I and Terrance attended a meeting at Town Hall. Terrance was interested in this which is why I called and asked him to attend the meeting about the Comprehensive Plan. The town is considering doing a Comprehensive Plan and invited the two villages to sit in on a discussion of possibly sharing the costs of a comprehensive plan. There will be further discussions on either a joint meeting of the boards to further discuss this or individual meetings with their consultant and each of the board.

The O&R meeting, which was supposed to be this weekend, was changed. I guess they didn't get notice out or they had some tie up. They are requesting use of Village Hall on

November 10<sup>th</sup>, which is to discuss the former manufactured gas plant at the site between Maple and Clove Avenue. Can I have a motion authorizing the use of the Village Hall?

RESOLUTION # 243 – 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: We had discussed this, but apparently we never put it in the form of resolution. I'd say about two months ago, there was a something sent over from the County of Rockland. It was a drafted 911 map, which drew up the boundaries of the Village of Haverstraw for our fire department as well as locating where are the various emergency facilities throughout the village. There were some errors to the map. It didn't quite have the proper boundaries. The draft didn't go out to into the Hudson River the way it was supposed to. It also pinpointed this building as an emergency service building basically because the fire inspector's office is here. Obviously, that doesn't make any sense. There were some corrections that were forwarded to them. Rather than producing a whole new map and sending it to us and go back and forth etc, the County is asking that we just approve the map, which I have a draft copy in my office, so that upon our resolution we accept it in the final form, they will forward a correct map to us. Could I have a resolution advising the county that the E911 Map has been properly corrected and is in satisfactory form and that I have authorization to write that letter?

RESOLUTION # 244 – 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: I will just bring everyone up-to-date on a few items of business that we didn't get to during our workshop. Parking held devices, Emily you did raise a question on that?

Trustee Dominguez: Yes, I was wondering what the status was on that. We had talked about it and met with the company awhile back.

Mayor Kohut: We are still waiting on the judge. He was supposed to review the materials and get back to us. On the Closed Circuit Cameras, I know the first project is operating. It projects up to the town police station, and they review it. The second half, I was actually supposed to meet with our consultant today. He called me this morning, and he was not feeling well. We are going to be meeting on Friday. He is going to have the outline of a contract that we could move forward with the next phase, which is to put some new wireless cameras in to replace some of the old cameras that are starting to fail. The contract issues have been resolved with New York State, but the next phase has to do with the wires, which is going to require a feeder to be replaced on St. Peter's steeple.

Trustee Dominguez asked about extra cameras.

Mayor Kohut stated that it's all part of the same contract.

Mayor Kohut: The project on Warren Court ballfield project is moving along. Zugibe should have the sod in, hopefully, by the end of October or very beginning of November. We've had some obstacles with United Water as well as with our engineers. Streetscape project is still on track for late winter early spring. Contracts are due to be back and construction to be started in May or so.

Trustee Dominguez: Are we going to meet with her before?

Mayor Kohut: We will meet with her. I've been trying to resolve some outstanding issues.

Mayor Kohut:

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

Fire and Ordinances, Trustee Bueno – No report.

Public Works, Buildings and Grounds, Trustee Watson- Trustee Watson is not present.

Youth and Family Services, Trustee Dominguez- Mike, you were going to follow up with DPW on the repair and maintenance items. For our Gang Prevention, we have received funding. It's a \$100,000 grant. We are looking to hire two people. I'd like to make a motion to hire them this evening. We have interviewed them. They will be two part-time positions at 10 hours each at \$25 per hour. They will be part of the Gang Prevention grant. The first one is Melissa Armenus. I'd like a motion to hire Melissa Armenus pending Rockland County Personnel approval.

RESOLUTION # 245 - 2009

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion carried: All

Trustee Dominguez: Second motion will be to hire Richard Pensara from West Haverstraw. He will also be a 10-hour worker at the Community Center as part of our grant. He will also be at the rate of \$25.00 per hour. I make a motion to hire him pending Rockland County Personnel.

RESOLUTION # 246 - 2009

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion carried: All

Trustee Dominguez: We are in the reorganization of our department of Youth and Family Services at the Community Center. At this time, we will be making some reorganization with personnel changes. Nikki Samuels will be Coordinator and Manager of Youth and Family Services. She will be split between Recreation and Reach Out at a salary of \$38,909.00. I'd like to make a motion to pass Nikki Samuels to the position of Coordinator/Manager of Youth and Family Services pending Rockland County Personnel approval.

RESOLUTION # 247 - 2009

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno

Motion carried: All

Trustee Dominguez: At the same time during our reorganization of our department of Family and Youth services, Peter Fata will be moved to the Assistant Director of Youth and Family Services at a rate of \$62,500.00. I make a motion to pass Peter Fata to Assistant Director pending Rockland County Personnel approval.

RESOLUTION # 248 - 2009

Motion by: Emily Dominguez

Seconded by: Francisco Batista

Motion carried: All

Trustee Dominguez: I'd like to also announce that we are having a Halloween party next Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. You are all invited.

Buildings and Codes Enforcement, Trustee Batista- No report.

Mayor Kohut: We have approval of several sessions of minutes, the regular meetings of July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009, August 10<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. As well as special meetings on August

3<sup>rd</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup> of 2009. If I can have a motion to approve the minutes?

Trustee Dominguez: I have read all the minutes and have given Judy questions on two of the minutes. I make a motion to approve the minutes with the necessary changes.

RESOLUTION # 249 - 2009

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

Old Business:

Mayor Kohut: One other item that I wanted to mention was that last Thursday evening we had another serious fire in the village. We are not quite sure of the cause of it, but it was in an empty building at the end of Broad Street. We had a full response from the fire department and we were able to quickly knock down the fire. I'd like to commend the department for everything they did in a difficult situation.

New Business: None

Public Participation:

Jose Vargas, 23 Bubenko Dr., Garnerville, NY- I brought this before the previous Mayor. At the intersection of Broadway, West, New Main and Main, the main intersection of the village, there used to be a traffic light there. I think a truck knocked it down some years ago. This was a protection for the village. I don't know how many accidents have occurred there. It is not my job to keep count, but I know many have occurred. Has anyone looked at replacing this?

Mayor Kohut: It's hopefully going to be done when our streetscape project comes this spring. It's quite expensive. If we could have put up the old light that came down, we would have, but once those come down you have to bring everything up to code. For example, the ones at Warren Avenue and the one at Orchard Street, if any one of those get knocked down and destroyed, we would probably never put them up again for the same reasons. You are now talking about \$150,000 to \$300,000 to put up a new traffic light. Our streetscape designer has that in her plans to do that with the money in the streetscape.

Jose Vargas: Thank you.

Mayor Kohut: Anybody else under public participation? If not, can I have a motion to adjourn to executive session?

RESOLUTION # 250 - 2009

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Castro  
Clerk/Typist