

The **Minutes** of the **Regular Board** meeting held on October 5, 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 is the first of two public participations. If anyone wants to say anything, please step forward.

For the record, Trustee Batista translates that this is public participation.

Jose Vargas, 23 Bubenko Dr., Garnerville, NY- I am here for what everyone is here for. I am not just here representing myself. I am representing a good 60% to 70% of the residents of this village. Although, I am not a resident now, I have always been. Recently, we had received letters that we have to register our rental properties with the Village. We have to pay a fee, and I am assuming the list of names of the people who are living in the apartments?

Mayor Kohut: Yes.

Jose Vargas: If we do not register, there is jail time involved.

Mayor Kohut: There is a potential fine.

Jose Vargas: If we don't register, we will go to jail. I haven't spoken. I've been silent for a very long time. This issue has made me just not sit back and accept this. I understand why as a board, you are doing this. I understand that the police department has requested something like this, which has already been done in West Haverstraw. An invasion of privacy of everyone in this village wants to take place. I understand why you did it. You did it because of absentee landlords who do not maintain their properties and keep them like crap. All they do is collect their Section 8 or welfare check every month. From that point of view, you were doing the right thing. That is less than 10% of the owner of the properties in this village. The majority of the property owners in this village are hard working, busting their butts working one, two and three jobs in order for them to pay amongst the highest taxes in the entire county. We went from paying the lowest taxes in 15 years to having amongst the highest taxes in this village. We have three tiers of taxes. We have town and county, school and village. Other areas of the town and the county have only two tiers. So, we are paying highest taxes here in the Village of Haverstraw for a comparable house than someone in Stony Point, for the lowest quality of life in the North Rockland area. The police department says that it's overcrowding that is causing crime. The police department doesn't understand that the crowding that is going on has to do with us being able to afford to pay the taxes to allow them to have a fat paycheck over \$100,000 for many of them plus all the expenses. So, we have a second apartment. We have a room that we rent out, so that we can pay them their fat salaries. Yet, they don't look at the situation from a point of view of these hard working people here that have to have, in a one-family house, yes they have an apartment. In a two-family house, they have a third room. We are not lying. That is the reality of this village. The reason that they have that extra apartment or that extra room is so that they can be able to pay the high taxes that we are paying right now. When this inspection comes through all of the hard working people who live in a high-ranch that have an extra apartment to be able to pay the high salaries of the police department and the education of the North Rockland here, which are amongst the highest in the country, they are going to be made to take down that kitchen for that house to become a one family like it's zoned. They will not be able to afford it. They will loose the house because they bought it when the houses were at the highest within the last ten years. The taxes have gone up through the roof. It's not their fault if you are living in your house, most likely you are not going

to put a piece of trash to live in your house, you are going to put someone who is responsible. But, the apartment will be considered illegal because of the zoning that we have. The zoning that we have, to be frank with you, it's a joke. This is a zone that was written in the 1970's or 1980's. I'll give you an example, Picariello Drive and Victor Avenue. Every single high-ranch house that you see there is being used as a two-family. Why are they breaking the law? Because the board, has not updated its zoning laws. The master plan has not been updated to reflect the new reality of this village. That area there has to be a two family zone. Right now, it's only a one-family zone. Hudson Avenue, between New Main Street and Westside Avenue, it's a two-family zone. It gets worse. Hudson Avenue from New Main Street all the way down to the dead-end is a one-family zone. That is ridiculous. The least type of housing that you are going to find in that area are one family homes. It goes between a one-family to a five family or higher in that area. Yet, the zone says it is a one-family zone. I say if the property has the right measurements, right height, and has the windows, we have to let them convert it into a two or three family house if it conforms with the neighborhood. People are losing their houses as it is. This law will make it worse. You complain about absentee landlords now. You are going to complain a lot more when these people lose their homes because they will not be able to afford the mortgages and the taxes. Somebody is going to come by from outside this village, some investor, pick it up and they are going to rent it out to all of the worst elements in this village. All these hard working people, for the most part, will not be here. They are going to be in Orange County, Pennsylvania, going back to Dominican and going back to Puerto Rico because they can't afford to make these payments. That is why I am here. You should know that the zoning that is here does not fit the reality. You guys have a long way ahead of you to change the zoning, so that they are allowed to have that extra apartment for that extra income to pay the salaries for yourselves, the police, the DPW, and everyone else. They deserve the zoning to be changed. We did it for a multi-millionaire from outside this village, never lived here. They have lived here all their lives. We did it for Ginsburg. Not only did we did it for Ginsburg, we changed the zoning completely and just gave it to him. It's time that these people get their zoning done, the way the Ginsburg was done. They have to be allowed to have their apartments. If it's in an attic, right now, it's a death trap. You are right, but let's put stairs from the outside and allow them to use it. Let's put fire escape and allow them to use it because if they don't and this thing goes through as you have it, they are going to end up in jail instead of registering and they are going to lose their homes. You are going to be here, elected officials, governing no one because they are not going to be here. They might do something worse. They might take it a step forward and find some people to get them together and completely dissolve the village. It is not my words. It's their words. They are just not used to stepping up here and speaking. Good night.

Mayor Kohut: Does anybody else want to speak at this point?

Digna Miyan, 50 Westside Ave.- When I received this letter, I thought that I didn't need to do anything because every time I rent an apartment, I call here. I pay my fee. I don't know why I should be paying again. Because of the economy, my apartment has been empty and I paid three times. Why do you want us to pay more money?

Mayor Kohut: What the board has decided is that in order to get the apartments registered, if you come in before December 31st, we will waive all the fees associated with registering it. You are absolutely right about the Building Inspector being into your place before. There are a lot of places in this village that have never been inspected for any reason. We don't know they exist. We can't selectively enforce against particular people. We can't say we are only going to enforce against the bad landlords. We have to enforce against everybody. You could come in, register according to the form, and have the inspection the way everybody else does. There will be no fee associated with it, except for the next time you have an apartment come up. It protects you as much as it protects the village.

Digna Miyan: You answered my question. Now, I don't even know what zone I live in. I have a four family house and it was there before. He is saying that some places are a one family. It's true that some people have apartments that are not registered. So, what is going to happen to those people?

Mayor Kohut: If they register and the apartments are illegal, we'll have to pursue accordingly, which is to take them to court to have the apartments removed or in the interim, we can decide to revisit the zone. That is something that we haven't talked about yet.

Digna Miyan: To be honest with you it's really hard to pay the taxes.

Mayor Kohut: There is no doubt, but understand what zoning and master planning is.

Digna Miyan: I understand.

Mayor Kohut: Let me explain it for you and for everybody else. You are zoned for the way you would like things to be. Not necessarily for the way things are. If you would like to see single family homes zoned, that's what you are zoned for. That's what was done when we did the master plan last, in 93 or 94. We looked at the village, we looked at what existed in a lot of circumstances at the time and we said alright this is already predominantly multi family so we should continue it as a two family zone or whatever. This is predominantly a one family zone, it should be continued as a one family zone. That's how we zoned those things back in the 90's.

Digna Miyan: Is it possible that you could revisit it?

Mayor Kohut: Yes, that is possible. It doesn't mean that we will change anything, but we can look at it again and the board will have to make a decision. It won't happen overnight. It's going to take time. It takes time to look over these things.

Mayor Kohut: Does anyone else want to speak under public participation at this point? If not, we'll have another one later in the meeting.

Trustee Batista asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to speak. He let everyone know that they can speak in Spanish. There are people present that speak Spanish and could translate.

Inocencia Cruz, 60 Broadway- She has a one family house and has no rentals. Her big problem is the taxes. Now, they are talking about increases taxes another 70%. The reason why she is here is to support the rest of the people. She asked if the taxes are going to be raised again and what percentage.

Trustee Batista said that this board is not aware of this.

Trustee Batista: I would like to clarify something. We just pulled out a sheet from the village code regarding the rental for a single family home. There is a part in there under Special Permit. If you have a single family house and you are saying that you could have a second apartment in your house, the law allows you to do that under a special permit. The only thing that this requires is that the house has one entrance.

For the record, Trustee Batista translated in Spanish.

This is in the law that was written 1992. All you all have to do is come here to legalize it. I think Jose spoke very clear on all your concerns, but he did not translate it. What he said was that if someone doesn't register, that they were going to jail. This is not true. We are trying to do a job that comes from a long time ago, since 1990. We are trying to have a better quality of life for this village. It's not to take out the people that are here. For us to do something that will benefit everybody, we need everybody's participation. It's not to come in when the letter was mailed out and the problem exists. You all should have come in to all the meetings that we had on this. We had three meetings. These meetings were all published in the newspapers.

Mayor Kohut: You have to explain it to everybody in English.

Trustee Batista: I am basically saying what Jose Vargas said. I am telling them in Spanish, but he said it in English.

Mayor Kohut: Okay, so you said what Jose Vargas said?

Trustee Batista: No, then I added that there were three meetings here. I urged them to come when the meetings were in the process, not when the letters are sent to them.

Jose Vargas: His response was that it was in the newspaper. The same way that they received a letter, all the homeowners, that they also should have received a letter for the hearing. Not everybody reads the Journal News.

Cristina Vera, 163 Broadway- I have a three family house. What I want to say is like you mailed out this letter out to everyone, it says that we have to pay for an inspector to go out and inspect the house. Why don't you check them for free because there is no money? You want to charge a fee to inspect our houses.

Trustee Batista: (in Spanish) Everybody that registers from now to December 31st, will not have to pay any fee.

Mayor Kohut: I'd like to say if you register by December 31st; the board has agreed to waive the fees associated with it.

Digna Miyan, 50 Westside Ave.- You are asking for the names of the tenants, but you have our names.

Mayor Kohut: There are reasons why we would want to know who the tenants are. For example, we might need it for emergency purposes. If the police come in and they find a resident missing, we'd have names. If there is a fire and you are trying to identify people, whether they made it through the fire or not. That's another reason why we should have names of tenants.

Digna Miyan: Is that in the law that landlords must provide the names of the tenants?

Mayor Kohut: It's on our form, but I don't know if it's in the law or not.

Village Attorney: I don't remember. I think there is something. We can check for you.

Digna Miyan: Please, thanks because that's kind of private.

Mayor Kohut: Ma'am, please come up.

Juana Taveras, 90 Coolidge St.- We are very worried because we think that the board needs to support us like homeowners that we are and that the village grows. We are worried because this letter is like a menace. We are already worried that the banks are going to take our houses away because of the economic situation. How are we going to pay for our houses with the taxes going up every year? We are also not counting with the support of the people who we voted for to help us. For me, it was like a menace by receiving this letter because I am struggling like all of the residents to pay my bills and here you are asking for more money.

Melissa Saravia, 114 Hudson Ave.- What do we do when we have a house registered as a two family but we don't rent it?

Mayor Kohut: If you are not renting it, then you don't have a rental apartment. When you do rent it again, then you will have to.

Segundo Camden, 39 Third St.- He says that just like we are doing for the Harbors, why don't we do something for the street. He says he has been living there for 7 years and feels that we haven't done anything for that street. He thinks that we are just putting blacktop on the streets and it's a bad job.

Carlos Quezada, 15 Pratt St.- What is the purpose for this form?

Mayor Kohut: The goal is to have all apartments in the village registered so that we have some idea of the number of apartments we have, the number of people we have living there and that we can inspect the apartments to make sure that they meet the Building Department's standards. Also, that the emergency services have some idea, when they come to a building, how many apartments, how many buildings, what kind of rooms are in there, so that they know what to expect. If there is problem for emergency service, how do we get a hold of the owner and get them down to the scene as soon as possible if there is problem in the building.

Carlos Quezada: How many building inspectors are there? Why don't they check the houses that have apartments extra that are not supposed to be rented? 90% of us are Hispanics and we are taking them out slowly. The taxes, like you promised us, are very high and they keep going up. When I received my letter saying that the fee was \$50.00 for this and \$25.00 for that, who do I charge for this, the tenant? The tenant cannot pay a cent more. The same thing happened with the \$3 million when they took the police away. They couldn't find the money. They told us that this money was going to be returned to the taxpayers and we haven't seen anything.

Trustee Batista: I am going to answer this about the taxes. I was here since 2000. Since that time to now, the Village of Haverstraw has not raised the taxes. What is happening is that we are confusing the taxes. You have taxes from the Village, School and County. What the town gave us was not \$3 million. It was \$5 million. That agreement with the town and the village took 5 years to come in effect and the town was giving us \$1 million every year. With that, we kept the village taxes low. The school taxes have been raised tremendously with the problem with Mirant, like the town was. There are three taxes. We have to understand that part.

Carlos Quezada: As I read in the newspaper, what happened with the \$5 million that the government gave?

Trustee Batista: They gave us \$100,000 of that. It was given to us with a purpose, which was used for street paving.

Carlos Quezada: In relation to the buildings that Ginsburg is building by the river, are they paying taxes because someone says yes and others say no?

Trustee Batista: Yes, all the people who moved there pay their taxes.

For the record, Trustee Dominguez translated into English everything that was said by Trustee Batista in Spanish.

Mayor Kohut: Anybody else? Otherwise, we are going to move on to the public hearing. We have a public hearing on behalf of Dona Coene, 14 Main Street. The request is to convert the second floor commercial space to a second floor apartment.

Dona Coene, 14 Main St.- I have gone through all the processes. I want to change the second floor commercial space to residential. We need to install a new bathroom with a shower and also a small kitchen. This will be a studio apartment.

Village Attorney: This is a Special Permit application in the downtown business district. There is an exception to having only retail stores, offices, etc. It does allow residential, over retail on the 1st floor, on the 2nd or 3rd floors. It's only by a special permit. That is to make sure that the residential blends in and doesn't conflict with the retail uses downstairs. There are some specific requirements, how many square feet it has to be, etc. The process is, they had to go to the Planning Board. Planning Board will look for any issues or problems. They make recommendations back to the Village Board, a positive one in this case. The Village Board will now look at the application and make a decision granting the residential over retail. The entire building at one time was some type of fraternal organization. Just like other special permits, people are free to come in and make the application. The village will work with you and try to give you some relief as it has been in this case.

Mayor Kohut: How many parking spaces do you have?

Dona Coene: Four.

Village Attorney: We have not required parking for retail purposes in the downtown because hardly anybody would have it. When you add new residential occupation, you need two per unit. You have two units and you have four parking spaces, so you qualify.

Mayor Kohut: Does anyone else have any questions from the board regarding this application? Does anyone from the public have any questions or comments concerning this particular application?

Trustee Batista: (In Spanish) This is an example of how to make something legal. This applicant is coming in with an application. She has a second floor that was commercial. Now she is asking to covert this commercial space into residential to make a studio apartment. She is in the legal process of doing this. I am translating this so that you can all see that it's possible even when there are laws, when the person is recognized and comes before us, it can reach positive results.

Mayor Kohut: Does anyone have any questions from the public concerning this application? If not, then I will move to have the public hearing closed.

RESOLUTION # 230 – 2009

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

Trustee Dominguez makes a motion to approve the Special Permit from commercial to residential.

RESOLUTION # 231 – 2009

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

Mayor Kohut:
Reports of Village Officials-

Village Attorney- I'd like a motion to approve my hiring a special bankruptcy attorney for questions that have come up in village business. The firm is Reich & Reich. A number of hourly rates would be charged that run from \$385.00 an hour down to \$150.00. I'd like the authorization not to exceed \$2500.00.

RESOLUTION # 232 - 2009

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

Village Attorney: As part of the Murphy Manor application for the 26 affordable units on the Route 9W property, which was previously voted on by the board, I would like the board to declare a SEQR negative declaration. We have taken a hard look at this and have determined that there are no negative impacts. So, I would like the board to pass a motion for a negative declaration.

RESOLUTION # 239 - 2009

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

Village Attorney: Just to be careful in case there are any questions, this negative declaration should have been determined prior to your voting on the project, which you approved. I would like a reconfirmation of that approval at this time granting the RIZ application.

RESOLUTION # 238 – 2009

Motion by: Emily Dominguez
Seconded by: Francisco Batista

ROLL CALL VOTE	Trustee Batista	Yes
	Trustee Bueno	Yes
	Trustee Dominguez	Yes
	Trustee Watson	Yes
	Mayor Kohut	Yes

5- Yes Motion passed.

Village Attorney: I'd like a motion passing a resolution requested by the applicant, Murphy Manor. They are applying for additional funding for the project through the Federal Home Loan Bank. This resolution supports their application by the village. If I could have a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION # 240 - 2009

Motion by: Francisco Batista

Trustee Dominguez: I will second the motion as long as we make it the 9W address.

Seconded by: Emily Dominguez
Motion carried: All

Village Treasurer- For July 2009, July disbursements \$585,893.00. July revenue is \$178,867.00.

Mayor's Report: We have a letter from Jorge Cruz. He is a member of our Department of Public Works advising us that he has processed his retirement papers and his last working day with the Village of Haverstraw will be Thursday, October 22nd, 2009.

Orange and Rockland Utility have requested use of our Village Hall meeting room. O&R along with New York State DEC, Department of Environmental Conservation, would like to hold a community meeting to discuss remedial investigation and discuss our plans moving forward. They are requesting the use of Village Hall on Tuesday, October 20th from approximately 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

For those who do not know the site on Maple Avenue, as you are heading south bound out of the village on Maple Ave., on the right side that was the former site that, at the turn of the last century, was called a manufactured gas plant. There may or may not be contamination of the site. Similar work has recently been done in the past two years across the street by Trustee Watson's property. O&R is under an obligation to remediate the site if it is in fact contaminated. They are asking to have a public meeting about this to discuss their options and their plans on Tuesday, October 20th. If I can have a motion to grant them use of the space.

RESOLUTION # 233 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: We have a memo from the Village Clerk that since we no longer have a police department, it would be a good idea to abolish three positions that we still have on

our books. That being of police matron, there are three positions that exist. We need a resolution abolishing these positions. If I could have a motion to that effect?

RESOLUTION # 234 – 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: We have a memo from our accountant. The following budget amendments must be approved to provide for the first quarter overtime and compensation time payouts. To decrease Expense Account - Contingent Overtime by \$23,280.46, Increase the Personnel Justice Court Account by \$3,963.53, Increase the Building Department Personnel Line by \$3,536.06, Increase the DPW Personnel Line by \$13,269.06, and Increase the Administrative Personnel DPW Line by \$2,519.61. Can I have a motion to that effect?

RESOLUTION # 235 – 2009

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

Mayor Kohut: There is some various electrical work that needs to be done in one of our firehouses, the firehouse on Broadway, which includes installing a new motor for the heater in the garage, checking the light fixtures and replacing ballasts, installing an exhaust fan, a 20 amp service with 220 volt line for the second floor and various outlets on the medial floor. The low bid was obtained from Lighting Connections Electrical Inc. at a cost of \$1,750.00. Can I have a motion to accept that?

RESOLUTION # 236 - 2009

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

Mayor Kohut:

Reports of Standing Committees:

Fire and Ordinances, Trustee Bueno – No report.

Mayor Kohut- Just wanted to congratulate the three companies who won trophies in the parade.

Public Works, Buildings and Grounds, Trustee Watson- We have some dead trees that need to be removed behind State Street and then we have one tree which is behind Terrace on the Hudson. We had two bids. The lowest bid came in at \$1000.00. The other bid came in at \$1500.00. I'd like to make a motion that we accept Trees Plus, the lowest bidder at \$1000.00 to remove these trees.

RESOLUTION # 237 - 2009

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

Trustee Watson: Upon Jorge's Cruz retirement come October 22nd, we have a recommendation from our Superintendent of Public Works to hire Ramon Bare. He is currently a part-time employee now. We would like to continue to have his services on a full time basis upon Mr. Cruz' retirement commencing Monday, October 26th.

RESOLUTION # 241 - 2009

Motion by: Tom Watson, Jr.

Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion carried: All

Trustee Watson: A couple of things that DPW has done and will continue to do; Hallmark Homes, which is Samsondale, Picariello etc. was resurfaced. Tilcon had milled and paved First Street, Second, Middle, South, Ridge, Union, Orchard, Partition and Canal Street- DPW will go back to them and will do all the stop bars, line striping and yellow striping down the road. They continue to prepare trucks for the winter session. All flags have been taken down and stored away for future use. Catch basins on the corner of Coolidge and Coolidge Court were repaired, and all catch basins in Village on the Green have been cleaned out by hand.

Youth and Family Services, Trustee Dominguez- I have the public calendar, which everyone should have received. I will ask Bob to print it on our new website.

Buildings and Code Enforcement, Trustee Batista- No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Participation:

Noel Rappaport, 31 New Main St.- We have a house at 35 Clove Avenue, which has been tax exempt for probably 50 years. We separated it for possible sale. It's still ours and it's empty. I keep getting the tax bill from the village. I brought this in to Judy's attention and I received another past due notice.

Village Attorney: This is essentially an assessor issue as to recognizing the subdivision. I think it can be clarified if you get a hold of the assessor.

Cathy Lubuono, 40 Hillside Ave.- As you know, I was here for the meeting for the housing on Hudson Avenue. I am trying to figure out what might be a positive thing for the village about that. Has anybody come up with anything? We heard a lot of things when we were here.

Mayor Kohut: Other than in a community minded atmosphere, not really.

Trustee Watson: My one thought in reaction from that night is to help them in any way we can. Beautify that location. Instead of adding eight more rooms, another option was to maybe take all twelve and make it all women.

Mayor Kohut: Anyone else with a question?

Jose Vargas: I just wanted to conclude and summarize what I spoke about earlier so that everybody leaves here knowing what is effective and what is going to happen. I heard that the fees were going to be waived. The second issue is that questions were asked on putting the tenants in each apartment. I just want the board to summarize for the people finally what is going to occur with this. Also, again these apartments that are, in quotation, "illegal".

Mayor Kohut: They are illegal.

Jose Vargas: No, because the zoning does not reflect what it should be.

Mayor Kohut: The law is clear and therefore they are illegal.

Jose Vargas: If you ask them how they pay their taxes and their mortgages, that apartment is legal. For them, it's not illegal. What will happen to them once that happens?

Mayor Kohut: I don't know the answer to that.

Jose Vargas: You have to know because you are proposing the law.

Mayor Kohut: The law is on the books. I am speaking and then if you want to speak, you could speak after that. We have agreed to waive the fees if people register between now and December 31st. As far as the tenants go, listing the tenants, we'll have to talk about it to see if it makes sense or if it doesn't make sense. If people register in the meantime, they can defer that until we come up with a decision. It is quite legal to have zoning the way it exists now. If you are in a one family zone and you have multiple apartments, you are considered to be in an illegal position. Whether you might think it in one way or another that is the case. There are zones, which are designated such and such. If you are contrary to that, your home is in an illegal position. We can review the master plan if we do so choose or revise it if we do so choose, but right now that is the way it exists.

Leo De Leon, 44 Westside Ave.-All the people here have reasons to stand up and speak up. We are all here for the same reasons. All the people who live here work hard to pay their mortgages. We have high taxes here. When the old Mayor was here, we had a problem and had to take out the police from here to the Town. We are supposed to get 35% back for taxes. We never received that money back. We asked the Mayor what he was going to do with the 35% that we were supposed to get back and he said he was going to use that for the village to fix the containers or to do whatever. I've been here for almost 36 years and haven't seen the containers fixed at 30 Second Street where I have lived all my 36 years.

Mayor Kohut: When you say containers, what do you mean?

Leo De Leon: Sidewalks, I'm sorry. They should have fixed the sidewalks first and then the blacktop. There are a lot of sidewalks that are in bad condition. Now, you send a letter saying that if you don't send this letter back you could go to jail or get fined for \$500.00. I have the letter. I have nothing to hide. Some of the people here do have an extra apartment, but we don't say that. Some of the houses are not legal three families. Some people say I have a two family and an extra room to collect the money to pay my mortgage. There are many houses vacant here now. It's not the right time to do this to the residents.

Melissa Saravia, 114 Hudson Ave.- I am concerned about the jail time, because we do live in a bilingual community. There are many people who are not familiar with the letter. I really think that this letter should be sent in Spanish to capture everyone.

Digna Miyan, 50 Westside- I didn't read this letter before. It says that only landlords have to do this not the private homes.

Mayor Kohut: Right, if it's single-family homes it doesn't apply.

Digna Miyan: Ok, that was what confused me before.

Sean O'Malley, 116 Hudson Ave.- I own a multi family home. I just want to say for the record this law is long overdue. There is no control in this village for apartments. You need to have the ability to know what is legal and what is not legal. Unless this village has laws in place and enforces them, things are not going to change.

Mayor Kohut: Can I have a motion to adjourn?

RESOLUTION # 242 – 2009

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Castro
Clerk/Typist