The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday May 19, 2025 beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Carlevaro	- Present
	Trustee Santana	- Present
	Trustee Sena	- Present
	Mayor Kohut	- Present

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting with the first Public Participation of the night and there were no participants.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

VILLAGE ATTORNEY, Jay Hood, Jr.: Counselor Hood had nothing to report.

VILLAGE TREASURER, Alicia Boudreau: Ms. Boudreau had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that they had received a Peddler's Permit request from Luis Camas Naula for an Italian Ice distribution on a tricycle.

Jose Champagne Pedro, 241 Ruth Ct., Middletown, NY: Mr. Champagne explained that he had been in business in Haverstraw for 25 years. He explained that there were many State regulations and guidelines for selling and keeping Ices and he follows them all. He provided them to the Board.

Mayor Kohut thanked him and explained that the issuance of Peddler's Permits was not subject to public comment but they appreciated him providing them with the guidelines.

Mayor Kohut reported that the Board had another application for a Peddler's Permit from Joel Reynoso for a Food Truck.

Mr. Reynoso explained, in Spanish, that he would be selling sandwiches and Dominican food. He had no preference as to where his truck would be and his hours would be 5 pm to 11 pm Monday through Thursday and he wanted to stay open until 4 am on the weekends.

Mayor Kohut stated that the hours could only be Monday through Thursday 5 to 10 PM and Fri, Sat & Sun from 5 to 11 pm at the Maple Ave. spot.

Trustee Santana explained to Mr. Reynoso in Spanish the Board's restrictions on times and the location. He also explained to him that the Building Inspector would have to inspect the vehicle and the applicant would have to submit all necessary paperwork to the Village.

The applicant was in agreement.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the request of Mr. Reynoso for a Food Truck under the terms stated above.

RESOLUTION # 116 - 2025

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Rich Sena
Opposed: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: 3-1

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Lamar Blair from the Department of Public Works, effective June 1, 2025.

RESOLUTION # 117 - 2025

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the hiring of Thomas Lennon as a full-time Laborer in DPW at a salary of $30.33 per hour, effective June 1, 2025.

RESOLUTION # 118 - 2025

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize Ruben Berrios, Building Inspector, to attend the annual ICC Conference in Ohio from October 20th through 24th, with all costs being covered by the Rockland County NYSBOC Chapter.

RESOLUTION # 119 - 2025

Motion by: Joel Santana
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the request from Sun River Health Foundation for a rain date of Sunday August 10th from 11 am to 4 pm for their Community Day Celebration that was previously approved to be held in Lot #3 at an earlier date.

RESOLUTION # 120 - 2025

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Rich Sena
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to establish the position of Principal Clerk Spanish Speaking in the Youth & Family Services Department.

RESOLUTION # 121 - 2025

Motion by: Rich Sena
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to promote Jinet Remigio into the newly established position of Principal Clerk Spanish Speaking at an hourly rate of $31.32, effective June 1, 2025.

RESOLUTION # 122 - 2025

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Rich Sena
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the request from the Quisqueya Club for a donation of $500.

RESOLUTION # 123 - 2025

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Rich Sena
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize Treasurer Alicia Boudreau to sign the Troy & Banks Consultants LLC agreement to examine the Village records of Cablevision & Verizon, to determine the accuracy of the franchise fees and to pursue any amounts due the Village. This is done at no cost unless they recover fees.

RESOLUTION # 124 - 2025

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Rich Sena
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Clerk to go out to bid for an RFP for the pocket park on Main and Rockland Streets. This will be a DRI/CDBG project.

RESOLUTION # 125 - 2025

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize the Clerk to go out to bid for construction of the new basketball courts at the community center. This will be a DRI/ARPA project.

RESOLUTION # 126 - 2025

Motion by: Rich Sena
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut stated that there would be an announcement tomorrow (Tuesday May 20th) that the ferry would be operating on weekends beginning the coming weekend and going through Labor Day. He entertained a motion to authorize advertising costs, along with payment to Magda Truchan for her marketing work, not to exceed $1,500.

RESOLUTION # 127 - 2025

Motion by: Rafael Bueno
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES – Trustee Rafael Bueno Sr.: Trustee Bueno had nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Deputy Mayor Carlevaro had nothing to report on DPW.

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES - Trustee Rich Sena: Trustee Sena had nothing to report.

BUILDINGS & CODE ENFORCEMENT – Trustee Joel Santana: Trustee Santana read the following report submitted by the Building Inspector, Ruben Berrios, for the period of May 5th through May 16th 2025:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	157
Complaints	-	8
Municipal searches	-	4
Construction inspections	-	15
Violations/Tickets	-	0
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	10
Fines collected at court	-	0

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the Minutes of the May 5th Regular Meeting for approval by the Board and entertained a motion to approve them.

RESOLUTION # 128 - 2025

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Rich Sena
Motion Carries: 3-0-1

Mayor Kohut:
OLD BUSINESS

None

Mayor Kohut:
NEW BUSINESS

None

Mayor Kohut:
2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Luis Camas Naula, who had previously submitted a Peddler's Permit for an Italian Ice cart was asked to describe how he intended to run his business.

Mr. Naula explained, in Spanish, that he wanted to be where the Icey Guy was in the corner with an umbrella. He has a freezer at home and he would be purchasing the ices pre-made and keeping them in his freezer. Eventually he would like to make them himself but for now he would be purchasing them.

Trustees asked several questions regarding the handling of the ices and Mr. Naula assured the Board that it was a commercial freezer and they would be separated from other food items.

Mayor Kohut explained that he would not be allowed to do business in the downtown.

Trustee Santana and Mr. Naula exchanged remarks in Spanish that were not translated and the Board continued to discuss the situation between themselves and Mr. Naula. The hours of operation would be 5 days per week (not Monday or Wednesday) from 12 to 10 pm and special events.

Mayor Kohut commented on the concerns brought forth by Mr. Champagne and that the Board of Health had to give their stamp of approval on this business. In addition, there is no "1 product" rule in the Village as it's contrary to commerce laws. Therefore, although Mr. Champagnes concerns are recognized the Board cannot apply those

concerns when entertaining approval for this applicant. The Board of Health is responsible for issuing the Permit to operate the business and the Village Board can only authorize his operation in the Village. He has passed his background check, he has to provide insurance and he is being restricted to operate in the one spot in the parking lot. He cannot solicit business downtown.

Mr. Champagne expressed his frustration with the bicycle-cart that Mr. Naula is using and that there will be confusion among his customers because their "vehicles" are very similar.

Mayor Kohut explained that the Board could not prevent competition in any business and they could not deny his application based on what might happen in the future.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the Peddler's Permit for Mr. Naula and that his primary location is the one spot assigned to him.

RESOLUTION # 129 - 2025

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESOLUTION # 130 - 2025

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno
Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,
Judith Curcio