The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Haverstraw Board of Trustees on Monday, January 5, 2026 beginning at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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 reported that he had an Assignment and Assumption of Lease document regarding 16 Front Street. It's assigned to Hudson Overview LLC, who the mayor and Board have met with and are satisfied that he would be a satisfactory operator. He has another restaurant in City Island. Rent is paid through January and this will bring a new operator into the property.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize his signature on the Assignment and Assumption of Lease on 16 Front Street.

RESOLUTION # 01 - 2026

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Counselor Hood continued with the lease for the Brick Museum which, in order for them to receive their grant, must be 45 years long. The State wants to see that they have control of the property for that period of time. In the lease agreement it states that should the Brick Museum cease to exist the property reverts back to the owner, the Village of Haverstraw.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to authorize his signature on the new 45-year lease agreement (expiration 2072) with the Brick Museum.

RESOLUTION # 02 - 2026

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Abstaining: Rich Sena

Roll Call:

Trustee Carlevaro	Yes
Trustee Sena	Abstaining
Trustee Santana	Yes
Mayor Kohut	Yes

Motion Carries: 3 – 1 - 0

Counselor Hood had nothing further to report.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT, Mayor Kohut: The Mayor reported that they would be hiring a new attorney, Brittany Cordero, to replace resigned Attorney Dennis Michaels in the Planning and Zoning matters, as well as Human Resource matters.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Brittany Cordero as Assistant Village Attorney at an annual salary of $45,000.

RESOLUTION # 03 - 2026

Motion by: Joel Santana
Seconded by: Gil Carlevaro
Motion Carries: All

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to set the salary for previously hired attorney, James Birnbaum, for his work with traffic court and Village ordinances, at $17,500.

RESOLUTION # 04 - 2026

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to set the Grievance Day for the Village as Tuesday February 17th from 4PM to 8PM.

RESOLUTION # 05 - 2026

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

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to hire Jorny Gomez Genao as Automotive Mechanic I in the Department of Public Works, at an hourly rate of $31.73.

RESOLUTION # 06 - 2026

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

The Mayor read the following adjustments to the 2025-2026 budget year submitted by Shannon Modafferi, Village Accountant:

2025-2026 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS						
Acct. #	Account Name	Increase Appropr.	Decrease Appropr.	Increase Revenue	Decrease Revenue	Description
A1440.400	Engineer Contractual	10,000.00				Veterans Center
A1990.400	Contingency		10,000.00			Veterans Center
A.9901.910	Transfer CD	4,791.00				CDBG Curbs & Sidewalks GF to Cover
A.5110.430	Sidewalks		4,791.00			CDBG Curbs & Sidewalks GF to Cover
A..1720	Parking permits			1,825.00		More income then expected
A..2401	Interest & earnings			40,000.00		More income then expected
A.1990.400	Contingency	41,825.00				More income then expected
A.1320.4	Auditor	428.00				Constellation energy audit
A1990.400	Contingency		428.00			Constellation energy audit
A.1440.430	DRI Façade	3,131.25				DRI Façade
A..3089	State aid			3,131.25		DRI Façade
A.1440.450	Jefferson Park	3,705.00				DRI Jefferson park
A..3089	State aid			3,705.00		DRI Jefferson park
A.1440.460	Basketball Courts	37,300.00				DRI Basketball courts
A..3089	State aid			37,300.00		DRI Basketball courts
A.1440.470	Parking Study	1,210.00				DRI parking Study
A..3089	State aid			1,210.00		DRI parking Study
A.1980.400	MTA Tax		11,167.00			MTA tax repealed
A.1990.400	Contingency	11,167.00				MTA tax repealed
A.1920.400	Municipal Dues	91.00				Overbudget
A.1990.400	Contingency		91.00			Overbudget
A.6989.400	Other Economic & Development	250.00				Pal Holiday Party
A1990.400	Contingency		250.00			Pal Holiday Party

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to approve the above budget adjustments.

RESOLUTION # 07 - 2026

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

The Mayor had nothing further to report.

Mayor Kohut:
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & ORDINANCES: read the following report of fire activity for the month of December 2025, submitted by Fire Chief Tom Price.:

Total Alarms	-	24
General Alarms	-	15
Special Calls	-	7
Mutual Aid Calls	-	2

Structure Fires	-	0
Cooking Fires	-	5
Vehicle Fires	-	1
Trash/Rubbish Fires	-	1
Gas Leaks	-	3
Pump Outs/Water Leaks	-	1
Extrication Calls	-	2
Stuck Elevator	-	1
Good Intent/Misc.	-	1
Assist Police/Other Agencies	-	2
Storm Related	-	1
False Alarms	-	3

Total Manpower Responding	-	307 members

Deputy Mayor Carlevaro also complimented the fire department on a large fire that took place over the weekend and they were able to put it out very quickly with nobody injured and no loss of life.

Mayor Kohut added that there were 6 families that were affected by the fire.

Nothing further to report.

PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Deputy Mayor Carlevaro read the following report submitted by Osvaldo Reyes, Commissioner of Public Works, as of January 5, 2026:

TASK LIST

- Install new mural on Maple and Fairmount parking lot
- Lighting of Christmas tree at Village Hall
- Clean up leaves on Village parks
- Clean catch basins at Main, New Main, Broadway · Fix and weld a steel frame for trees box on Main St
- Organizing signs at DPW storage room
- Winterize bathroom at Emeline and Lopez Field
- Close lot #3 with barricades for new construction
- Plow road on day of snowstorm
- Removed snow from sidewalk on Main, New Main, Broadway

Deputy Mayor Carlevaro had nothing further 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 December 22nd through December 31st 2025:

Rental registrations	-	0
Miscellaneous inspections	-	220
Complaints	-	9
Municipal searches	-	5
Construction inspections	-	8
Violations/Tickets	-	9
Building Permits & C.O.'s	-	4

Fines collected at court - $500.00

Trustee Santana had nothing further to report.

MINUTES: The Mayor presented the Minutes of the December 1, 2025 Regular Meeting for approval by the Board and entertained a motion to accept them as written.

RESOLUTION # 08 - 2026

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

Mayor Kohut:
OLD BUSINESS None

Mayor Kohut:
NEW BUSINESS None

Mayor Kohut:
2nd PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

Mayor Kohut: With no further business to be conducted by the Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Anthony Deficiano a longtime member and former Chief of the Haverstraw Fire Department and Lt. John Hickey who was one of the original Village of Haverstraw police officers.

RESOLUTION # 09 - 2026

Motion by: Gil Carlevaro
Seconded by: Joel Santana
Motion Carries: All

Submitted by,
Judith Curcio