

Village of New York Mills
October 8, 2024

Mayor Talerico called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Present: Mayor Ernie Talerico, Trustee Edwards, Trustee Chamberlain, Trustee Copperwheat, Trustee Kulpa

Also, Present: Chief Robert Frankland, Village Engineer Al Swierczek, Chief Rick Ulinski, Budget Officer Brenda Mitchell, Codes Enforcement Officer John Constas

Absent: Highway Superintendent Sean Brady

Open Forum:

Jeff Martin – 15 Burr Ave addressed the Board regarding the New York Mills Fire Department. Mr. Martin is concerned about the Village seeking a loan from the Fire Department to pay for the “storage fee” for the new Engine 2. He feels that the fire contract money the Village receives from Whitestown and New Hartford should cover any costs involved. Also, he feels that the Village had a long enough period of time to save for this impending cost. Mayor Talerico pointed out that the “storage fee” being charged to the Village for the new engine is due to the Fire Department making numerous changes to the truck as well as not giving the Village additional amounts for the equipment they purchased for the engine in a timely fashion. Also, the Fire Department is continuing to purchase items for the new engine even though they have been asked by the Board to stop purchasing so that the Village has an accurate number to use to bond for the engine. Mayor Talerico also advised that the bashing of the Village at a Fire Department meeting will not be tolerated. The Village Board has done everything they can for the Fire Department and he feels there is no reason for the members to continue to speak untruths. After further back and forth discussion the mayor asked Mr. Martin that he would invite him to meet with him one on one to discuss anything he feels needs to be addressed with regards to this issue as well as anything else.

Kevin O’Brien – attorney for Michael Mimassi of 5 Henderson Street. Mr. O’Brien explained that he previously addressed the Board regarding the rezoning of 5 Henderson Street. Attorney Festine advised him that the Village would not be reconsidering making that zone change and that was nothing further.

Regular Business

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Treasurers Report for September 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

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A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve Abstract #5 General Fund Amount of \$294,970.32 Library Fund \$3,048.63 with a total of \$298,018.95. Voucher numbers #237-287. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to allow the Village Clerk to submit the 2024-2025 unpaid tax bill to Oneida County for tax collection.

Town of New Hartford	\$13,367.64
Town of Whitestown	\$27,354.45
TOTAL:	\$40,722.09

All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2024 Board Meeting. All in favor, motion passed.

DEPARTMENTS

Fire Department– written report is on file in the Clerk’s Office for September 2024.

Resolution 57:2024: A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Kulpa to allow Mayor Talerico to sign an agreement with the Clark Mills Fire Department for \$9,668 for Fire Contracting Services for 2023 and 2024. All in favor, motion passed. Moving forward the cost will be \$4,834.00 per year.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat, to accept the Fire Department report for September 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

Highway – written report on file in Clerk’s Office for September 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat seconded by Trustee Edwards to accept the Highway Report for September 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

Police – written report on file in Clerk’s Office for September 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Police Report for September 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

Code Enforcement – written report on file in Clerk’s Office for August/September 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Police Report for August/September 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

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Engineer Report: - Engineer Swierczek advised the Board that he is waiting to hear from the Engineers consulting on the Main Street flooding problem.

Resolution 58:2024 A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Edwards to allow Mayor Talerico to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement-Oneida County Sewer District. All in favor, motion passed. A small fee will be added to the water bills of the residents of the Village.

The Country Club Heights Subdivision is at a standstill and that David Comenale has not done any work in that area. Trustee Kulpa would like Mr. Comenale that he needs to fill in the whole prior to winter to avoid any accidents taking place in and around that area.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve the Engineer's Report for September 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

Budget Director Report: Budget Director report is on file for the month of September 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Budget Director's report for September 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

Recreation Report: Nothing to report

Attorney's Report - Attorney Festine advised the Board that she had a court appearance with regards to 504 Main Street. The owner has been ordered to produce a structural engineering report by October 15th, have the garage re-roofed by the end of 2024 and have the front house sided by June 1, 2025. If these things are not complied with then an order of contempt will be filed.

New Business:

Resolution 59:2024 Trustee Chamberlain made a motion seconded by Trustee Kulpa to have the Clerk put a legal notice in the OD for towing rotation applications that will be available starting November 1 and must be returned by November 22nd. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 60:2024 A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Kulpa to hire Cindy Ho as a Library Aide for \$17.00 per hour. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 61:2024: A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the retirement of Susan Vincent who as work at the library for 23 years. All in favor, motion passed.

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Old Business:

With no further business a motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. 7:59PM.

Amy A Topor
Village Clerk/Treasurer