

Village of New York Mills
April 14, 2026

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 Frankland, Trustee Copperwheat

Also, Present: Chief Robert Frankland, Chief Rick Ulinski, Attorney Kate Festine, Budget Director Brenda Mitchell, Highway Superintendent Sean Brady, Village Engineer Al Swirczek, Codes Enforcement Officer John Constas

Absent: Trustee Chamberlain

Open Forum: None

Resolution 28:2026: A motion was made by Trustee Edwards and seconded by Trustee Frankland to open the Public Hearing on the Budget. All in favor; motion passed.

The hearing was opened at 7:01 PM. Mayor Talerico opened the floor to questions and comments.

At this time, Edmund J. Wiatr, Jr., of 2 Sylvan Glen Road, Utica, NY, addressed the Board regarding questions concerning the budget. Mr. Wiatr expressed concerns about the monitoring of the “law” account in the budget. He stated that he felt the numbers being presented were not accurate and that the Board should take additional time to evaluate them more carefully.

Mr. Wiatr also referenced a recent FOIL request he had reviewed and stated that he believed the Village Clerk did not respond accurately. He felt the Board should be made aware of the issue.

During the discussion, Mike Mimassi, who was also in attendance, voiced similar concerns regarding the FOIL response he had received.

Mayor Talerico advised that he would look into the matter and stated that, if they believed they had received inaccurate information, they could utilize the formal appeal process and submit the request directly to the Mayor.

With no further comments or concerns, a motion was made by Trustee Frankland and seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to close the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:13 PM.

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Resolution 29:2026: A motion was made by Trustee Edwards and seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the 2026–2027 Village Budget. All in favor; motion passed.

Regular Business

A motion was made by Trustee Frankland and seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Treasurer’s Report for March 2026. All in favor; motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat and seconded by Trustee Kulpa to approve Abstract #11:

- General Fund: \$151,462.52
- Library Fund: \$3,564.88
- Total: \$155,027.40

Voucher numbers #463–516. All in favor; motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards and seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2026 Board Meeting and the Organizational Meeting held on April 6, 2026. All in favor; motion passed.

Departments

Fire Department

A written report is on file in the Clerk’s Office for March 2026.

Resolution 30:2026: A motion was made by Trustee Frankland and seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept Caleb Miner as a Junior Firefighter for the New York Mills Fire Department. All in favor; motion passed.

Chief Ulinski advised the Board that a patient treated at Lowe’s contacted the Department to extend heartfelt thanks for their response. He also stated that the New York State Department of Health issued a passing grade following a recent inspection of the EMS operation.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards and seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the Fire Department Report for March 2026. All in favor; motion passed.

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Highway Department

A written report is on file in the Clerk's Office for March 2026.

Joe Turczyn of Main Street was in attendance and praised Sean Brady and his crew for assisting with clearing brush that had been brought down during a recent storm.

A motion was made by Trustee Frankland and seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the Highway Report for March 2026. All in favor; motion passed.

Police Department

A written report is on file in the Clerk's Office for March 2026.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards and seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Police Report for March 2026. All in favor; motion passed.

Code Enforcement

No report was submitted due to issues with email.

Engineer's Report

Nothing to report.

Recreation Report

Trustee Edwards advised that the schedule for the Summer Concert Series has been completed. He also stated that he has spoken with Trustee Sassone from Yorkville and will be meeting with him and Cassidy Albright to discuss the summer program.

The handicap-accessible bathrooms are still being completed and are expected to be finished within the next few weeks. Plans for Party in the Park are also moving forward.

A motion was made by Trustee Frankland and seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Recreation Report. All in favor; motion passed.

Attorney's Report

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Nothing to report.

New Business

Mayor Talerico advised the Board of the following upcoming events:

- Clean-Up Day – April 18, beginning at Pietryka Park at 9:00 AM
- Little League Parade – May 2
- Memorial Day Parade – May 25, beginning on Elm Street at 9:00 AM

All in favor; motion passed.

Old Business

Centennial Park.

With no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Frankland and seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy A. Topor
Village Clerk/Treasurer