Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Village of Nyack Board of Trustees
Held at Village Hall at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 8, 2026

Present: Joseph Rand, Mayor
Pascale Jean-Gilles, Deputy Mayor
Donna Lightfoot-Cooper, Trustee – *Arrived 7:27 pm*
Joseph Carlin, Trustee

Also Present: Andrew Stewart, Village Administrator
Linda Donnelly, Village Clerk
Dennis Michaels, Village Attorney

Absent: Nathalie Riobe-Taylor, Trustee

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor's Introduction

Mayor Rand congratulated Louise Newsome on organizing the Arts and Crafts Walk and praised her work bringing in quality vendors for both the walk and the recent Street Fair. He expressed hope that the Arts and Crafts Walk would continue and become a Village tradition. He also congratulated William Bird on the Nyack Music Festival (Porchfest), recognizing the considerable time and effort he invested and the strong turnout at many of the events. Mayor Rand further congratulated Morgana of Modern Druid for organizing the Spirit of SoBro event.

COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD

Trustee Lightfoot Cooper – Praised Louise Newsome for the Arts and Crafts Walk, noting the quality and variety of vendors, the positive atmosphere, and the community pride generated by the event. She thanked everyone involved in the event and Porchfest and encouraged residents to support the Phoenix Festival.

PRESENTATIONS

Kyle Coimbra, Village Treasurer, Financial Update

General Fund revenues and expenses were generally in line with expectations. Highway expenses were higher than the prior year's budget, primarily due to snow removal, overtime, and equipment purchases. Celebration expenses included the Fourth of July fireworks and related activities, with approximately $7,000 expected to be reimbursed.

Parking revenue was ahead of budget, in part due to revenue from notices related to older parking tickets. The Parking Authority's transition to a lower-cost credit card processor had not yet been completed. Older

parking kiosks may eventually require upgrades to accept chip payments, at an estimated cost of approximately $150,000. The Authority ended the prior year with a deficit of approximately $27,000.

The Water Fund ended the prior year with a deficit of approximately $524,000. Major expenses included legal services to collect delinquent water bills, sludge removal, and contracted emergency water-main repairs. The Board discussed the Water Fund's approximately $2.7 million debt to the General Fund, possible future rate increases, and whether an on-call or competitively bid contract for emergency repairs could help reduce costs.

Treasurer Coimbra agreed to compare the Village's debt levels with those of similar river communities and provide quarterly financial updates.

Kim Cross, Nyack Center Youth Programs and Camp Update

The camp serves local children through a sliding fee scale, with weekly fees ranging from approximately $10 to $55. The Village contributes $153,500 toward camp operations, while fees, donations, and a grant help offset costs. The actual cost of camp was approximately $205,141, leaving a funding shortfall. Ms. Cross noted that increases in minimum wage have raised staffing costs and asked the Village to discuss the camp budget before the next budget is finalized.

Bob Galvin, Village Planner, Uptown Gateway Zoning Study and Building Moratorium

Village Planner Galvin and Village Administrator Stewart discussed the Uptown Gateway/Route 59 Corridor Commercial zoning study. The study will examine opportunities for mixed-use development, housing, traffic safety, infrastructure, and redevelopment. Planned work includes public workshops, real-estate and development analysis, infrastructure assessment, and visualizations of potential development.

The Board discussed a possible temporary building moratorium covering a limited number of key, larger parcels that could be important to coordinated redevelopment. Routine maintenance and improvements to existing buildings would be exempt. The intent would be to prevent major redevelopment on those parcels from undermining the planning process. Any moratorium would identify the specific parcels affected and include a defined expiration date. Village Planner Galvin will share draft language with the Village Attorney for review before the Board considers further action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrick Parietti, 51 N. Midland Ave – Reported sidewalk damage near High Avenue and Midland Avenue that he believed occurred during the High Avenue drainage project and requested that the Village consider repairs.

Tom Dudzick, 151 Sickles Ave – Revisited concerns about ambulance siren noise near Nyack Hospital, noting that previous efforts to address the issue had produced only temporary improvement. He also raised concerns about excessive vehicle noise on N. Midland Avenue and Route 9W and suggested installing and enforcing quiet hospital zone signs.

Mayor Rand offered to write a firm letter regarding the ambulance siren issue with the Board's support and asked Mr. Dudzick to provide a summary of his concerns. The hospital would also be asked to remind ambulance drivers to limit siren use when appropriate.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – 08/27/2026 & 09/17/2026

On motion of Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper. The minutes of the meeting held on 08/27/2026 were accepted as presented.

On motion of Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper. The minutes of the meeting held on 09/17/2026 were accepted as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-191 – ACCEPTING AUDITED VOUCHER SUMMARY

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper, seconded by Trustee Carlin.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees was presented with two Audited Voucher Summaries at its regularly scheduled meeting of October 8, 2026.

RESOLVED, the General Fund Claims set forth on Pages 1 through 14 in the below listed amounts are approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND	$121,803.72
NYACK PARKING AUTHORITY	$114,244.67
WATER FUND	$ 19,580.43
CAPITAL PROJECTS – 2017 Improvements	$235,085.91
WATER CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	$130,625.00
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	$ 33,356.26

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Trustee Jean-Gilles . . . . . Yes
Trustee Lightfoot-Cooper . . Yes
Trustee Carlin. . . . . Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor . . . . . Absent
Mayor Rand . . . . . Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-179 – OPEN MEMORIAL PARK DRIVEWAY FOR PRIVATE VEHICLE ACCESS AND PARKING

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles.

WHEREAS, the Nyack Board of Trustees is in receipt of a comment from the Parks Commission opposing the opening of the Depew Ave driveway for private vehicle access and parking, for the purpose of creating handicap parking spaces additional to those available in the marina parking lot,

RESOLVED, the Nyack Board of Trustees approves the opening of the Depew Ave driveway for private vehicle access and parking, and directs the Village Administrator to implement the plan provided by Weston and Sampson engineers, involving concrete barriers, road striping and signage, and to provide an updated parking enforcement plan for board review and approval.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Trustee Jean-Gilles . . . . . No
Trustee Lightfoot-Cooper . . No
Trustee Carlin. . . . . No
Trustee Riobe-Taylor . . . . . Absent
Mayor Rand . . . . . No

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-192 – AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) SALT DOGG 4.0 CUBIC YARD STAINLESS STEEL AUGER V-BOX SPREADER AND ONE (1) SALT DOGG LS20H HYDRAULIC PRE-WET SYSTEM WITH 2-210 GALLON LIQUID TANKS

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Carlin.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has identified the need for one (1) Salt Dogg 4.0 Cubic Yard Stainless Auger V-Box Spreader for the Village's 2024 Ford F-550, and one (1) Salt Dogg Salt Dogg LS20H Hydraulic Pre-Wet System with 2-210 Gallon Liquid Tanks for the 2025 Freightliner-Stellar Hooklift ; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works budget provides sufficient funds for this purchase in line 5110.2 (Equipment); and

WHEREAS, Cliffside Body Corporation is an authorized vendor under Sourcewell Contract #033126-BPC, through which the Village may lawfully procure equipment pursuant to NYS General Municipal Law §104; and

WHEREAS, Cliffside Body Corporation has provided a quotations BK09182026A and BK09182026B, dated September 18, 2026, for a total installed cost of $26,584;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nyack Village Board hereby authorizes the purchase of one (1) Salt Dogg 4.0 Cubic Yard Stainless Auger V-Box Spreader for the Village's 2024 Ford F-550, and one (1) Salt Dogg Salt Dogg LS20H Hydraulic Pre-Wet System with 2-210 Gallon Liquid Tanks from Cliffside Body Corporation under Sourcewell Contract #033126-BPC, at a cost not to exceed $26,584; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Village officials are authorized to take all actions necessary to complete said purchase, including execution of any required documents,

and that the Village Treasurer is authorized to make payment upon delivery and acceptance of the equipment.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Trustee Jean-Gilles . . . . . Yes
Trustee Lightfoot-Cooper . . Yes
Trustee Carlin. . . . . Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor . . . . . Absent
Mayor Rand . . . . . Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-193 – APROVE APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR EVENT IN HEZEKIAH EASTER ~~VETERANS PARK~~ SQUARE OCTOBER 18, 202~~7~~6

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves use of the gazebo on Main Street by Andre Smith on Sunday, October 18, 2-6 PM for a community care event featuring distribution of food and hygiene items to local families in need.

Motion was made by Mayor Rand, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles to amend the resolution title to change the year from 2027 to 2026 and the location from Hezekiah Easter Veterans Park to Hezekiah Easter Square. Motion carried.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Trustee Jean-Gilles . . . . . Yes
Trustee Lightfoot-Cooper . . Yes
Trustee Carlin. . . . . Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor . . . . . Absent
Mayor Rand . . . . . Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-194 – APPROVE A STREET CLOSURE REQUEST FROM VILLAGE OF UPPER NYACK ON N BROADWAY ON HALLOWEEN, OCTOBER 31, 2026

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves the closure by Upper Nyack DPW of N Broadway at Sixth Ave, and Tallman Ave at N. Broadway, from 4 PM to 8:00 PM, to allow for pedestrian only use of N Broadway during Halloween "Trick or Treat" activities on October 31, 2026. Upper Nyack to provide traffic management.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Trustee Jean-Gilles . . . . . Yes
Trustee Lightfoot-Cooper . . Yes
Trustee Carlin. . . . . Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor . . . . . Absent
Mayor Rand . . . . . Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-195 – APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF NICOLE HINES TO THE BOARD OF THE NYACK HOUSING AUTHORITY

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Carlin.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves appointment of Nicole Hines to the board of the Nyack Housing Authority for a term of five years, to expire at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees in December of 2030.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Trustee Jean-Gilles . . . . . Yes
Trustee Lightfoot-Cooper . . Yes
Trustee Carlin. . . . . Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor . . . . . Absent
Mayor Rand . . . . . Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-196 – APPROVE A FEDERAL PROTECT GRANT APPLICATION TO FUND FLOOD PREVENTION PLANNING SERVICES

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles.

RESOLVED**,** the Board of Trustees of the Village of recognizes the need for funding to pay for data collection, field investigation, feasibility and conceptual plans and budgets, for projects to improve the Village stormwater system and reducing flooding during extreme rainfall events,

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Nyack hereby authorizes the submission of an application to the US Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under the FY 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program (FHWA-PROT-26-001) for a Planning Grant in the amount of $243,000 for the Village of Nyack Roadway Drainage Resilience Assessment and Capital Improvement Plan; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Village Administrator, or other authorized Village official is authorized to execute and submit the application and any documents necessary

to carry out the application process, subject to review by the Village Attorney and Village Treasurer, as applicable.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Trustee Jean-Gilles . . . . . Yes
Trustee Lightfoot-Cooper . . Yes
Trustee Carlin. . . . . Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor . . . . . Absent
Mayor Rand . . . . . Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1967 – APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF A STEERING COMMITTEE TO GUIDE THE GRANT FUNDED ZONING STUDY OF THE CORRIDOR COMMERCIAL ZONE ALONG ROUTE 59 IN NYACK

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has supported an exploration of opportunities to amend the Corridor Commercial Zone to include mixed use development in various ways, including: as noted in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, the Village's New York Forward grant application, and approval of a grant application to NYS to fund such a study,

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees considers it in the public interest to explore the use of zoning in the Corridor Commercial Zone to foster mixed use development, improvements in traffic safety and streetscape design for walkability, while enhancing services accessible to nearby residents and visitors,

WHEREAS, the Village applied for and obtained grant funding contract from the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation for $200,000 to conduct such a study, and contracted with BFJ Planning, a firm with extensive experience in Nyack, to conduct the study,

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees considers public engagement an essential part of the planning process, and a steering committee will help guide the planning process,

RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees appoints the following individuals to serve on a steering committee for the zoning study:

Joe Carlin, Board Liaison
Bill Batson, Chamber
Steve Knowlton, Chair, ZBA
Laura Rothchild, Chair, PB
Layla Vrabel, PB
Nicole Hines, NAACP
Drazen Cackovic, DCAK-MSA
Chris Latanzio, Resident, Parks Commission
Andy Minniefield, Contractor
Todd Jones, Resident

Trustee Jean-Gilles requested that the Village consider adding a representative from Central Nyack to the steering committee to ensure that the area is represented in the zoning study.

Motion was made by Mayor Rand, seconded by Trustee Carlin to amend the resolution number from 2026-196 to 2026-197. Motion carried.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Trustee Jean-Gilles . . . . . Yes
Trustee Lightfoot-Cooper . . Yes
Trustee Carlin. . . . . Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor . . . . . Absent
Mayor Rand . . . . . Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-198 – APPROVE A PERMIT FOR A PEACEFUL RALLY IN MEMORIAL PARK

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper.

RESOLVED**,** the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves a permit for Brianna Casserly to hold a peaceful rally honoring Nolan Wells, hosted by local Nyack students, on Friday, October 9, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the gazebo in Memorial Park, with an anticipated attendance of 25 to 40 people.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Trustee Jean-Gilles . . . . . Yes
Trustee Lightfoot-Cooper . . Yes
Trustee Carlin. . . . . Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor . . . . . Absent
Mayor Rand . . . . . Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-199 – APPROVE A REQUEST FOR A USAGE PERMIT OF MEMORIAL PARK BY BRIANNA CASSERLY

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles.

RESOLVED**,** the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves a permit for Brianna Casserly for Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., for between 15-40 people for a "Get Out the Vote" aimed at the Latino community.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Trustee Jean-Gilles . . . . . Yes
Trustee Lightfoot-Cooper . . Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor . . . . . Absent
Mayor Rand . . . . . Yes

Trustee Carlin. . . . . Yes



DEPARTMENT REPORTS (based on availability)

OPD – The Board discussed concerns about speeding and excessive vehicle noise on N. Midland Avenue and Route 9W. Mayor Rand agreed to raise these concerns at the next OPD meeting. The Board also discussed speed-feedback signs that display vehicle speeds and collect traffic-speed data without using cameras or license-plate recognition.

Village Administrator – Reported that the Village's electric shuttle successfully transported approximately 71 people on Saturday during the October 3–4 events. Work is underway on vehicle graphics, advertising, and a ride-hailing app, with plans to establish a Thursday-through-Sunday service schedule and evaluate ridership. Recreation Coordinator Leanne Reiss is developing new classes, including skateboarding, cooking, and improv, and secured a $25,000 grant for the skateboarding program and equipment. The rooftop solar RFP has been issued, with bids expected in early November. The High Avenue drainage project is substantially complete, with follow-up work remaining at one catch basin and a sewer-line issue being addressed. The Summit Street Safe Routes to School sidewalk project is approximately 95% complete, with additional sidewalk and landscaping work remaining. Repairs to the Senior Center are underway, including HVAC and interior work; the roof has been completed. Administrator Stewart noted that only a few benches and a tree along the Shoreline Pathway had been sponsored to date, and that additional benches, chess tables, and other features were available for sponsorship. He reported that the sponsorship plaques were being finalized and that the program was ready to move forward.

Trustee Carlin asked whether the sidewalk along lower Main Street could be widened by moving the concrete barriers back and removing two unnecessary blocks at the Main and Gedney Street corner. Administrator Stewart agreed to review the possibility, considering slope and safety concerns.

Village Clerk – None

OLD BUSINESS

Uptown Gateway Zoning Project – consideration of a building moratorium

The Board discussed a proposed temporary moratorium in connection with the Route 59 Corridor Commercial Zoning Study. The purpose would be to preserve opportunities for coordinated redevelopment on selected large parcels while the study is underway. Routine repairs and maintenance would remain permitted. The Village Planner will provide draft legislation for review by the Village Attorney. Any moratorium would identify the affected parcels and establish an expiration date.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

Andre Smith, Memorial park permit application for annual cancer awareness festival including community organizations, bouncy house, DJ and family friendly activities, beginning with a walk against cancer on sidewalks in the downtown, August 21, 2027 (rain date 8/28/27)

Resolution for next meeting

Naomi Camilleri, Yoga Fest, Memorial Park, Saturday, September 18, 2027 (rain date 9/19/27)
Resolution for next meeting

Nyack Parks Commission Memo Opposing Opening of Driveway to Cars
Discussed in Resolution No. 2026-179

Health Lifeline - New Health Clinic at Pride Center
It was explained that the information was a flyer included in the Board's meeting packet announcing the clinic and the services available during designated hours.

Mayor Tarapata – Halloween street closure request
Discussed in Resolution No. 2026-194

Nyack Recreation Program Flyers
Sample in Packet

October 22, TBD, animal blessing in the marina, after dark
Application not moving forward

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion offered by Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles to adjourn meeting at 9:18 pm. Motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK