Mayor Talerico called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

**Present:** Mayor Ernie Talerico, Trustee Edwards, Trustee Jarosz,

**Absent**: Trustee Copperwheat, Trustee Cieplenski

**Also, Present**: Village Attorney Kate Hartnett, Chief Robert Frankland, Budget Officer Brenda Mitchell, Codes Enforcement Officer John Constas, Fire Chief Rick Ulinski, Highway Superintendent Mike Reid, Village Engineer Al Swierczek, New Hartford Town Highway Superintendent Rick Sherman and New Hartford Town Councilman Dick Lenart

**Open Forum:**

Anthony Tramacera – 26 New Hartford St, regarding 24 New Hartford Street - Raccoons are now going into neighbor’s yard because of the garbage, owner doesn’t care about neighbors’ police, codes or anything. Attorney is ‘very much aware’ of the problems and says she knows he’s been engaging in unsavory behavior, taking security deposits, basically stealing them. Police have multiple reports. Attorney brought an action to supreme court and if someone doesn’t follow that order we can bring a contempt motion and the penalties get tougher. We’re trying to do something about it.

Codes & Police will follow up and attorney will inform the court he’s in violation.

Candy Albright –12 Elm St - Has a problem with water from the property coming from changes the owner made in the property behind her over the last 15 years or so. (Back of fitness mill I think?). Says used to be manholes and drainage but now it’s covered up and the parking lot has nowhere to drain. Lots of cars visible in the backyard. Codes: Mr. Firsching has a dealer’s license and previous village attorney said not to pursue it because of that. It’s a touchy situation. Water issue is complicated. Mayor said he’ll put it in for site plan review and will go back in that area if needed.

Ed Wiatr – Tax Payer, Ed weir (I may have spelled it wrong) says as friendly advice, he’s observed through the meetings there is not compliance with the open meetings law. Example he just noticed there was a document handed to someone and these documents must be given to the public or posted online before the meeting. Says village clerk isn’t fulfilling their duty. FOIL requests not getting responses. Clerk says she’s answered every request. Asking as a citizen & taxpayer He’d like to see more transparency in the village, but says we’re not the only ones and complimented Ernie becoming Mayor in such a tough village to ‘get into’, but wants to see things more open and available to the public.

**Regular Business**

Trustee Edwards made a motion seconded by Trustee Jarosz to approve Abstract #2 General Fund Amount of $118,230.51 Library Fund $2,664.49 with a total of $120895.00 Voucher numbers #62-140. All in favor, motion passed. A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz, seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve the Treasurer’s Report for June 2021. All in favor, motion passed. (Treasurer’s report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).

Trustee Edwards made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jarosz to accept the minutes for the June 8, 2021 Board Meeting. All in favor, motion passed. (Meeting minutes are on file in the Clerk’s Office).

**DEPARTMENTS**

**Police** – written report on file in Clerk’s Office for June 2021.

Police Chief’s Report: AEDs serviced. Took some old AED’s out were just old and costing more money to put them back in. The company that services them kindly donated 4 refurbished AED worth $3500.

Our Police dept was recognized amongst others May 16th, Our Officer Firley responded to the Route 291 bridge over the canal, someone was going to jump off the bridge and he was in the ladder truck to take the person off the bridge. Marianne Buttenschon recognized our dept and wanted everyone to know in case they didn’t.

Trustee Edwards made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jarosz to accept the Police Report for June 2021. All in favor, motion passed.

**Highway** – written report on file in Clerk’s Office for June 2021. Superintendent Reid told the Board that the Town of New Harford and the Town of Whitestown have been helping his department prepare the roads for upcoming pavement. Mayor Talerico thanked Supervisor Sherman for his help and cooperation. All roads have been milled today 7/13 and should start paving soon. Mayor asked if we could do more paving in the fall, would that be a possibility? Responded yes possibly.

Trustee Jarosz (to town of new Hartford): as everyone knows the crew is very green and he’s appreciative that he put our newer people on new Hartford St and has been showing them how to make repairs on sewer covers, etc. And they’re doing well. Lots of thanks to New Hartford Town for working so well with us from everyone.

Trustee Edwards made a motion, seconded by Trustee Jarosz to accept the Highway Report for June 2021. All in favor, motion passed.

**Fire Department**– written report on file in the Clerk’s Office for June 2021.

Trustee Jarosz made a motion seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve the May report of the Fire Department. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz, seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve Brandon Scalzo as a full-time member of the Fire Department. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz, seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve the resignation of Brandon Greer as a member of the Fire Department. All in favor, motion passed.

We completed a national grid gas emergency training session, as part of the training program National Grid is giving us a laser gas detector, $15,000 value. We can measure the gas the levels with it within 100 feet of the building from outside. Much safer and effective.

Trustee Jarosz made a motion, seconded by Trustee Edwards to accept the Fire Department Report for June 2021. All in favor, motion passed.

**Code Enforcement** – written report is on file in the Clerk’s Office for June 2021.

Codes Report: Attorney asked John Constas if he saw anyone at 24 new Hartford. In all honesty if he sees someone there it’s not like he can go up and just yank them out. May have been a contractor, who can go there and do repairs. But no one can live there. Asked to get more information on someone possibly living there.

Garage on Garden St that’s falling down. We’ve been in contact with them.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Jarosz to approve the to accept the Codes report for June. All in favor, motion passed.

**Attorney’s Report** –

We’re taking steps to rectify 24 New Hartford Street situation.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Jarosz to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz, seconded by Trustee Edwards to come out of Executive Session and began the meeting again.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards to reduce the current assessment $10,000 for the current year for the property at 5 Henderson Street, and to offer this proposal to the litigant. Trustee Jarosz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

**Engineer Report:** Al Swierczek reported that he has been working with the Highway Department to get ready to begin paving.

**Budget Director Report**: Budget Director report is on file for the month of June 2021. Trustee Edwards made a motion to approve the June Budget Report, seconded by Trustee Jarosz. All in favor, motion passed. Did well on tax collections. Prepared monthly reports for just fire department only and did it for Police too and if any other department wants an individual report, she will do it to help them see just their department's finances through the year.

**Recreation Report**: Trustee Edwards advised the Board that the Summer Concerts will begin on June 29th and all of the bands have been scheduled. The Park Program will begin July 7 and run thru August 20, 2021 at the High School on Marauder Boulevard. There will be two session 9-noon and noon-3. It will be open to New York Mills and Yorkville residents and all students at the New York Mills School.

Concerts are underway, this is the 3rd concert today. Special thanks to Chief Frankland who was nice enough to provide refreshments for the after-prom party fundraiser. Having a hard time getting other organizations who want to raise funds.

Movie night, was scheduled for Tuesday 8/24 but think it will be better to do it 8/28 a Saturday since the weekend will probably work out better. Ryan Rys to provide the movie. 5:30pm and then run it through dark, and is discussing with the mayor having maybe food trucks or any ideas.

Mayor Talerico asked if it’s possible we can have fireworks after the movie. Trustee Edwards said to get in contact with them, for reference it’s about $4,000.

Summer program, very pleased to see it come alive compared to recent years. We’re seeing 20+ kids compared to 5-6 kids at the park in recent years. Pleased with the school and Adam the Parks commissioner in Yorkville. Discussing the possibility of NYM and Yorkville combining summer baseball.

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz, seconded by Trustee Edwards to accept the Recreation Report for May. All in favor, motion passed.

**New Business –**

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Jarosz to schedule a Special Board Meeting on July 20, 2021 at 6:30 to discuss the CDBG Grant. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 33-2021: A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Jarosz authorizing the Village Clerk to solicit engineering and consulting services in connection with the CDBG Elm Street Storm Sewer Project via an RFP and/or an RFQ, including publication of same in local print media. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 34-2021: A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz, seconded by Trustee Edwards to allow the Village Clerk to set up a separate account with the Adirondack Bank for the sole purpose of funds for the CDBG Grant. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 35-2021: A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Jarosz to hire Edward Younghanz at $15 per hour to be the Park Program Bus Driver. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 36-2021: A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Jarosz, to hire Derek Baur as a Park Attendant at $12.50 per hour. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Jarosz to authorize the Mayor to sign the CRM Rental Agreement. All in favor, motion passed.

Trustee Business:

With no other business Trustee Jarosz made a motion seconded by Trustee Edwards to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amy A. Topor

Village Clerk/Treasurer