Mayor Talerico called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

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

**Absent**:

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

**Open Forum:**

John Montrose – 10 Meadow Street – Has an existing problem with the water running down from the former Meadow Dairy on Meadow Street into his backyard. Previously there was a berm in place to redirect the water into the drainage cover but that berm has been worn down and is nonexistent now. He would like someone to come and take a look and see if there is anything that can be done to solve this problem.

Jane Chrzan – Garden Street – Has continually had problems with neighbor David Zhushma. David has been running a “lumber” business out of his garage and it has caused Jane to have breathing problems. Also, when he paved his driveway, he changes the landscape so that his property is now higher than Janes thus making Jane’s backyard fill with water every time it rains. Mayor advised he will speak to Codes Enforcement Officer Constas and let him know of the ongoing situation.

Candy Albright –12 Elm St – Provided a map to the Board showing where the man hole covers are in the Firsching property stating that all three have been covered up when he black topped his driveway. Due to the manholes being covered she and her neighbors are experiencing water build up in their yards. Mayor advised he will speak to Codes Enforcement Officer Constas and let him know of the ongoing situation.

**Regular Business**

Trustee Edwards made a motion seconded by Trustee Jarosz to approve Abstract #3 General Fund Amount of $171,737.55 Library Fund $1964.76 with a total of $173,702.31. Voucher numbers #141-211. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz, seconded by Trustee Edwards to allow the Village Treasurer to transfer the following funds:

FROM:

A1330.4 Tax Collection Contractual **TO**

A1330.1 Tax Collection Personal Services $872.00

A1420.1 Personal Services **TO**

A1420.4 Law Contractual $11000

Be advised that we pay the Village Attorney out of the contractual account NOT the payroll account

A8664.2 Codes Equipment **TO**

A8664.4 Codes Contractual $831.48

All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve the Treasurer’s Report for July 2021. All in favor, motion passed. (Treasurer’s report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).

Trustee Copperwheat made a motion, seconded by Trustee Cieplenski to accept the minutes for the July 13, 2021 Board Meeting. All in favor, motion passed. (Meeting minutes are on file in the Clerk’s Office).

Trustee Jarosz made a motion, seconded by Trustee Edwards to accept the minutes for the July 20, 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 July 2021.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Cieplenski to accept Christopher DeLongs resignation. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to increase Robert Allen’s salary to $22.00 per hour due to the fact that he will be working full-time in the New York Mills School starting in September. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz, seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve the salary of Michael Inman to $20.00 per hour. All in favor, motion passed.

Chief Frankland advised the Board that he is aware of the ongoing problems at Pulaski Park with kids and vandalism. He has purchased and will install cameras there in the upcoming weeks.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Police Report for July 2021. All in favor, motion passed.

**Highway** – written report on file in Clerk’s Office for July 2021. Superintendent Reid told the Board that the Town of New Harford and the Town of Whitestown had been very helpful helping his department with paving. All roads have been paved and will be striped as soon as possible. Summer help Mark Rybka and Nick Fellone will be done working on August 12th and he said they did a great job.

Trustee Copperwheat made amotion, seconded by Trustee Cieplenski to accept the Highway Report for July 2021. All in favor, motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz, seconded by Trustee Cieplenski to accept the resignation of Ambulance Technician Dan Yates. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve Richard Fabio and Lester Higgins Jr. as a full-time member of the Fire Department. All in favor, motion passed.

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

Trustee Cieplenski made a motion, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the Fire Department Report for July 2021. All in favor, motion passed.

**Code Enforcement** – written report is on file in the Clerk’s Office for July 2021. Code Enforcement Officer John Constas was not in attendance.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Cieplenski to approve the to accept the Codes report for July 2021. All in favor, motion passed.

**Attorney’s Report** –

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to go into executive session at 7:51PM. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Cieplenski to come out of executive session at 8:03PM. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat to reduce the current assessment to $10,000 for three years for the property at 5 Henderson Street, and to offer this proposal to the litigant. All in favor, motion passed.

**Engineer Report:** Al Swierczek report for July 2021 is on file in the Clerk’s Office. A motion was made by Trustee Cieplenski, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Engineer’s report. All in favor, motion passed.

**Budget Director Report**: Budget Director report is on file for the month of July 2021. Trustee Edwards made a motion to approve the July Budget Report, seconded by Trustee Cieplenski. All in favor, motion passed.

**Recreation Report**: Trustee Edwards advised the Board that the Summer Concerts will be ending on August 17th and that he is working on having a movie night at the end of August. The Park program has been running smoothly and he is looking forward to working with the Village of Yorkville in the future.

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

**New Business –**

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Jarosz to accept the resignation of Jackie Wolanin from the Library Board. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Cieplenski, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to appoint Janet Griffiths to the Library Board. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat seconded by Trustee Cieplenski to appoint John Meagher Planning Board Chairman for 5 years. All in favor, motion passed.

The Village will end their service with Crystal Rock water and contract with Catskill Spring Water out of Utica.

A motion was made by Trustee Jarosz, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Court Audit for 2021. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Resolution 42-2021:** A motion was made by Trustee Cieplenski, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat for the following:

Resolution Approving Contract with National Grid

**Whereas,** the Village of New York Mills (Village) has received a proposed “Agreement for the purchase and sale of street lights” and a proposed “License Agreement for Customer-Owner purchase and operation of street lighting fixtures within the Village from Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, doing business as National Grid (collectively referred to herein as “The Agreements”).

**Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved by the Board of Trustee of the Village of New York Mills**, that the Village entering into the agreements and carrying out the actions contemplated therein constitutes a Type II action for the purposes of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Said action is to acquire ownership of existing street lighting fixtures and then convert said fixtures to new energy saving LED units, which will remain, pursuant to the license agreement, on existing police that will continue to be owned by Nation Grid. As such, the action is considered and declared to be a Type II action pursuant to paragraphs (2), (25) and (26) of section 617.5, subsection © of the SEQRA regulations, and it is hereby further

Resolved, that the agreements are hereby approved and the mayor is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Board of Trustee, to execute said agreements, along with such other documents as may be necessary and/or advisable to carry out the intentions of the Agreements and this resolution.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Trustee Edwards aye

Trustee Jarosz aye

Trustee Cieplenski aye

Trustee Copperwheat aye

Mayor Talerico aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Trustee Edwards stated that the Codes Committee will be working on a code’s initiative in the next few weeks.

Jackie Baur – co-Charmain of the 100th Anniversary Committee advised the board of the following plans made for next year.

March 29, 2022 there will be a bell ringing as well as an open house at the Historical Society

July 9, 2022 there will be a celebration with fireworks, entertainment and food trucks at Pulaski Park.

They are going to start selling calendars and are looking into street banners.

Mayor Talerico thanked her and her committee for their great work.

With no other business Trustee Edwards made a motion seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amy A. Topor

Village Clerk/Treasurer