Mayor Talerico called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

**Present:** Mayor Ernie Talerico, Trustee Edwards, Trustee Chamberlain, Trustee Copperwheat –

**Also, Present**: Chief Rick Ulinski (arrived at 7:45PM), Chief Robert Frankland, Budget Officer Brenda Mitchell and Village Engineer Al Swierczek, Village Attorney Kathryn Festine

Absent: Trustee Mark Kulpa

**Open Forum**:

Anthony Tramacerra – 26 New Hartford Street – Anthony spoke with regards to his neighbor’s property Alan Recknall 24 New Hartford Street. He is still having issues with the residents and was wondering what is being done. He was advised by Village Attorney Kate Hartnett as well as Chief Robert Frankland that CPS has been notified to make a site visit and remove the current occupants with children. Codes Enforcement Officer John Constas is going to be going to the house with the Police Department to condemn it and also explained that Attorney Hartnett will be asking the Village Board for permission to proceed with the home owner by filing charges in Supreme Court.

Mary Patterson – 12 Floyd Street – is asking permission from the Board to allow her to replace an existing fence on her property. The current fence is on the property line between her residence and Village Property. Since the Village is the owner of the adjacent property a Motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to allow Ms. Patterson to replace that fence. All in favor, motion passed. (Lucy Patterson was also in attendance to discuss the same issue).

Don Smith – 67 Main Street – Don asked Codes Enforcement Officer John Constas the status of 45 and 47 Main Street. John advised that 47 would be demolished and 45 will be remodeled. Also, Don is concerned about illegal activity at night. He states that there is vandalism, cars being broken into and other issues with Juveniles. He asked if the Village could enact a curfew. Chief Frankland and Attorney Hartnett advised that a curfew was unconstitutional and that it was not a viable option. Mayor Talerico spoke with regards to the recent bail reform issues and stated that the Village’s hand is tied with a lot of these issues. Also, since the perpetrators are juveniles there isn’t much else the Police Department can do with them.

Jane Chrzan – 20 Garden Street – Jane spoke in regards to their neighbor David Zhushma. She is concerned with the noise, odors and construction vehicles in the area as well as the air quality. Codes Enforcement Officer John Constas will visit Mrs. Chrzan and answer any further questions she may have about this project.

Theresa Cattadoris – 206 Comenale Crescent – addressed Codes Enforcement Officer Constas with regards to 205 Comenale Crescent. She wants to make the Board aware that are still several ongoing issues at the residence. Also, she is concerned with the high grass growing in the empty lots.

Paul Dudajek – 21 New Hartford Street – Paul reiterated the concerns of Anthony Tramacerra. Attorney Hartnett, Mayor Talerico and Codes Enforcement Officer Constas again advised that the Village is moving forward to try to come to a resolution.

Don Hahn – 18 Gould Street, Whitesboro – Don spoke about the fishing pier that was erected in the Pietryka Park at Sauquoit Creek. He stated that he is a member of the Sportsman Club and is concerned as to while the pier has been taken down. Mayor Talerico and Highway Superintendent Mike Reid both advised that the pier was in total disrepair. It was taken down as a safety precaution and currently the Village is looking for funding to put up a new one.

Michael Barretta – 26 Henderson Street – Michael would like to know the status of the business at 28 Henderson Street (Heather Dunn Hello Gorgeous Property). Attorney Hartnett advised that same was still tied up in Supreme Court and waiting to hear something further.

Bill “Augar” Girvan – 36 Myers Ave, Yorkville – Bill also wanted to inquire about the Fishing Pier. He stated that not only does it allow fishing access but is also a positive therapeutic thing for kids of all ages. They can go out on the pier and experience nature.

Robert Sharpe and Heather DeFries – 402 Main Street – Both individuals are parents and very concerned about the “crime” in the Village. They state that they have seen several syringes on the ground near the residence and that they also have noticed several people hanging on the steps of the library after hours. Chief Frankland advised that his officers are out and have been making several drug related arrests. He knows that there are issues and he is currently trying to solve these problems.

**Regular Business**

Trustee Edwards made a motion, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve Abstract #3 General Fund Amount of $99,555.92 Library Fund $3,936.87 with a total of $103,492.79. Voucher numbers #127192. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain to approve the Treasurer’s Report for July 2022. All in favor, motion passed. (Treasurer’s report is on file in the Clerk’s Office).

Trustee Copperwheat made a motion, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain to accept the minutes from the July 12, 2022 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 2022.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Police Report for July 2022. All in favor, motion passed.

**Highway** – written report on file in Clerk’s Office for July 2022. Superintendent Reid stated that the Town of New Hartford was going back to the top of Royal Brook Lane to correct a few flooding issues with a couple of residence.

Trustee Edwards made a motion, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the Highway Report for July 2022. All in favor, motion passed.

**Fire Department**– written report is on file in the Clerk’s Office for July 2022.

Resolution 65-2022: A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat seconded by Trustee Edwards to accept Jacob Hass as an ongoing Mutual Aid Member. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Edwards to accept the Fire Department report for July 2022. All in favor, motion passed.

**Code Enforcement** – written report is on file in the Clerk’s Office for July 2022. A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve the Codes report for July 2022. All in favor, motion passed.

**Attorney’s Report** – Attorney Festine reported that she has been working on codes related cases and appearances in local court in front of Judge Glenn. She stated that on August 25th she has a Supreme Court Appearance regarding Comenale and DiPippo.

Resolution 66:2022 – A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat allowing Attorney Festine to proceed with Supreme Court Action against Alan Recknall. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat seconded by Trustee Edwards to accept the Village Attorney report for July 2022. All in favor, motion passed.

**Engineer Report**: Al advised the Board that the Elm Street Project is about half way completed. A portion of Main Street will be closed for a time to continue laying the pipe. Both the Fire Department and Police Department are aware this will be happening. He advises that there should be funds available after the current project and recommends the following:

Extend a pip behind Schmidt’s house and the 2 homes to the south to drain low spots in the backyards. Estimating the approximate cost of 160 feet of pipe and three structures to be $30,000.00

Replace undersized pipe from Elm Street to the SW corner of the Mill #3 parking lot. Estimating the cost of approximately 340 feet of pipe and 2 structures to be $45,000.

Easements from the home owners would need to be obtained. Borderline Construction currently doing the CDBG project would be interested in finishing up with these remaining two issued.

Resolution 67:2022 - A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat giving the Village Engineer permission to move forward with the Main Street Flooding issue as well as the Elm Street, Mill #3 issue. All in favor, motion passed.

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

**Budget Director Report**: Budget Director report is on file for the month of July 2022. Trustee Edwards made a motion to approve the July Budget Report, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat. All in favor, motion passed.

**Recreation Report**:

Trustee Edwards advised the Board that the Village that the Summer Program has been a great success and Mike Morreale the Park Director has been terrific. Movie Night is Scheduled for August 20th with the movie Croods – New Age. Christine Jarvis from State Farm will help with popcorn as well as games and activities for the kids. Fireworks will take place at dusk.

John asked Mayor Talerico as well as Highway Superintendent to assist in cleaning out the club house at Pulaski Park.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain to approve the Recreation Report for July 2022. All in favor, motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 68-2022: A** motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to hire Jaden Roback and Chelsy Plows as Library Pages for $13.20 per hour. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 69:2022: **A** motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to pay the Summer Bus Driver Ed Younghanz $18.00 per hour. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 69:2022: **A** motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the resignation of Helen Lenart Assistant Recreation Director of the Senior Citizens. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 70:2022: A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Edwards to schedule a Public Hearing for August 17th at 6:30 with regards to the CDBG Grant:

**First Public Hearing Notice**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Notice of Public Hearing**

**Village of New York Mills**

The Village of New York Mills will hold a public hearing on August 17, 2022, at 6:30pm at the Village Hall, 1 Maple Street, New York Mills, NY 13417, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Village’s proposed Community Development Block Grant program, housing rehabilitation, and other community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2022 program year. The New York State Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is a federally funded program administered by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation’s (HTFC) Office of Community Renewal (OCR). The program provides resources to non-entitlement communities to enable the development of decent, affordable housing, create suitable living environments, and enhance economic opportunities across the state.

The 2022 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) FEDERAL FUNDS has been announced by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) along with the availability of approximately $40 million of Federal funds for the following programs:

• $20 million - NYS Community Development Block Grant funding for Public Infrastructure, Public Facilities and Community Planning

• $10 million - NYS Community Development Block Grant funding for Housing Activities

• $10 million - NYS HOME Program

These amounts are provided as guidelines for expected awards and the HTFC reserves the right to award additional funds, a portion of, or none of the funds based on funding availability. The Village of New York Mills is planning to apply for up to $500,000 in CDBG funding for housing rehabilitation and related activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons.

The hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program and will allow for citizen participation in the development of any proposed grant applications and/or to provide technical assistance to develop alternate proposals. Comments on the CDBG program or proposed project(s) will be received at this time. The hearing is being conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact Amy Topor, Village Clerk, 1 Maple Street, New York Mills, NY 13417, or by phone on (315) 736-9212, during regular business hours, at least one week in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Written comments may also be submitted to Ernie Talerico, Mayor, 1 Maple Street, New York Mills, NY 13417. The last date to receive comments is Monday, August 22, 2022.

By order of The Village Board, Village of New York Mills

All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 71:2022: A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to declare that the Village of New York Mills be the lead agency on the SEQR filed by David Zhushma of Garden Street. All in favor, motion passed. At this time Attorney Festine and Engineer Swierczek went over the form point by point. Festine advised that at this time there is no negative impact to the property. A motion was made by Trustee Edwards seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the SEQUR report.

A motion was made by trustee Edwards to approve the July 27, 2022 plan modification also stating Mr. Zhushma will put in a 6’ chain link fence. All in favor, motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Attorney Festine advised the Board that a Notice of Claim was received regarding Michael Mimassi and that same was forwarded to NYMIR for them to handle.

Trustee Chamberlain supplied the Board with quotes he received with regards to the Library HVAC.

Resolution 72:2022: A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded Trustee Edwards to give the Library Board permission to proceed with a Grant Application. All in favor, motion passed. A letter will be prepared for the Mayor Signature stating the following:

At the August 9, 2022 meeting of the Village Board a motion was made by Trustee Ed Chamberlain seconded by Trustee John Edwards, to allow the New York Mills Village Library Board to move forward in the process of obtaining a Library Construction Grant Also, the Village Board stated that the building at 399 Main Street will be available for the next ten years and that the stated project work as described in the 2022-2023 grant application and the vendor quote obtained by the Village may be done on it. I have also attached a copy of our current bank statement showing that the Village does have the funds to pay for the construction with the understanding that the monies will be reimbursed. This will allow Director Berry to proceed with the application.

Trustee Chamberlain made a motion seconded by Trustee Edwards, pending Attorney Festine’s approval, to accept the quote for the Library HVAC, windows and roof from HJ Brandeles Corp. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Talerico signed paperwork for the LED Lighting project and that is moving along.

Mayor Talerico advised that the Village will incorporate shrubs with the Centennial Grant along with the chain link fence David Zhushma will provide in the Centennial Park area.

Trustee Business:

Edwards: No

Chamberlain: No

Copperwheat: No

With no new business Trustee Edwards made a motion seconded by Trustee Chamberlain to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 8:52PM

Respectfully Submitted

Amy Topor

Village Clerk/Treasurer