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 Chamberlain, Trustee Copperwheat,

**Also, Present**: Chief Rick Ulinski (arrived at 7:28PM), Chief Robert Frankland, Highway Superintendent Mike Reid, Budget Officer Brenda Mitchell, Village Engineer Al Swierczek, Attorney Kate Festine, Codes Enforcement Officer John Constas

**Absent:** Trustee Kulpa

**Open Forum**:

None

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain to open the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 2 of 2023. All in favor, motion passed. Public Hearing was Open at 7:01PM.

# Local Law No. 2 of 2023

# A LOCAL LAW TO REZONE CERTAIN LOTS IN THE VILLAGE OF NEW YORK MILLS TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (P-D)

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of New York Mills as follows:

Article 1. - Statement of Authority. This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the Authority granted pursuant to Article 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and § 7-708 of the Village Law.

Article 2. - Statement of Purpose and Findings. The Village Board of Trustees for the Village of New York Mills hereby finds that parcels 317.014-6-28 and 317.014-6-15 in the Village of New York Mills should be zoned Planned Development (P-D). It is noted that these parcels are currently zoned as Manufacturing-1. The two parcels consist of a former mill building. Mill operations no longer take place on the parcels. The current use of the building includes mixed professional, retail, and service entities. The premises are currently underutilized, as the third and fourth floors of the building are vacant. Rezoning the parcels to planned development will allow for flexible and efficient redevelopment, with opportunities for housing, professional, commercial and/or mixed uses in accordance with the character and development of the surrounding neighborhood.

It is the purpose of this local law to amend the zoning map of the Village of New York Mills.

Article 3. - Enactment. The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of New York Mill hereby amends the Zoning Law and Map of the Village of New York Mills to rezone the following parcels to P-D:

587 Main Street- parcel #317.014-6-28

561 Main Street – Parcel #317.014-6-15

Article 4 - Severability. If any part of this Chapter shall be found to be void, voidable, or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, it shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any remaining section or provision of this Chapter.

Article 5 - Effective Date. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to close the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 2 of 2023. All in favor, motion passed. Public Hearing was Open at 7:02PM.

Attorney Festine advised the Board that rezoning will have no impact and that she received a 239M review from the County stating No Recommendation.

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to declare a negative declaration. All in favor, motion passed.

**Resolution 7-2023:** A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve Local Law #2-2023. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to open the Second Required Public Hearing for the CDBG Elm Street Sewer Project. All in favor, motion passed. Public Hearing was Open at 7:09PM.

At this time Grant Consultant Don Hall was at the meeting via telephone to discuss the status of the CDBG Elm Street Sewer Grant. With the Project being substantially complete the Village is required to have a second public hearing. There is a punch list of items still left to be completed in the spring. There are plans for additional work in the target area, but subject to OCR approval. Village Engineer Al Swierczek was in attendance to hand any questions or comments from the public. Attorney Festine has secured license agreements from the properties in the area to allow a survey to enter and have a survey prepared. A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to close the Public Hearing. All in favor, the public hearing was closed at 7:13PM.

Don then addressed the maps provided from Oneida County regarding the Oneida County Main Street Project. He would like the Board to either accept the maps as is, or request modifications. The mayor reviewed them and outlined the initial project plans. There will be improvements to both parks, the Centennial Park, 911 Memorial as well as a Covid Memorial Park. The Village will ask the residents in the next newsletter for some input as to what they would like to see at Pietryka Park.

**Resolution 8-2023:** A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to allow the mayor to approve the plans given by the County. All in favor, motion passed.

Assemblywoman Buttenschon was able to secure a $65, 000 grant for the NYM Fire Department to purchase turnout gear.

**Resolution 9-2023:** A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to authorize the mayor to sign the grant agreement and for Attorney Festine to sign the required Opinion letter accepting the grant. All in favor, motion passed.

There will be a Congressional Directed Funding Request for the Village to apply for assistance in a new roof, windows, and a possible addition the Police Department Offices. Don Hall and village officials are preparing this application and the securing Letters of Support.

The mayor asked about a DRI application. Mr. Hall advised the Board that they are not ready due to lack of Master Plan. He advised the Board that a grant for $30,000 can be applied for to create such a plan.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to move forward with the RFP of RFQ for a Comprehensive Master Plan. All in favor, motion passed.

Don Hall requested that a date for the first Public Hearing for CDBG 2023 for housing rehab be set. The Board set the date of May 9th at 7pm for that hearing. Motion made by Trustee Copperwheat and seconded by Trustee Edwards, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Talerico thanked Don for all of his dedication and hard work in securing much needed monies for the Village.

**Regular Business**

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve the Treasurers Report for February 2023. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve Abstract #10 General Fund Amount of $108,169.06 Library Fund $3,758.58 with a total of $111,927.64. Voucher numbers #574-625. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain to accept the minutes from the February 14, Village Board Meeting as well as Minutes from the February 21, February 28 and March 7 Budget Hearings. 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 February 2023.

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Police Report for February 2023. All in favor, motion passed.

**Highway** – written report on file in Clerk’s Office for February 2023

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain to approve the Highway report for February 2023. All in favor, motion passed.

**Fire Department –** written report is on file for February 2023.

**Resolution 10-2023:** A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept Jennifer Hoyt as a new member of the New York Mills Fire Department. All in favor, motion passed.

**Resolution 11-2023** A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain to approve the Probationary Member Michael Goetz. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the Fire Department Report for February 2023. All in favor, motion passed.

**Code Enforcement** – written report is on file in the Clerk’s Office for February2023.

**Resolution 12-2023** A motion was made to hire Josh Agotti as a Codes Enforcement Officer pending Civil Service Approval, with a salary of $10,000 per year. All in favor, motion passed.

**Resolution 13-2023** A resolution was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the resignation of Codes Enforcement Trainee Rick Fabbio. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Codes report for February 2023. All in favor, motion passed.

**Attorney’s Report** – nothing to report

**Engineer Report**: - nothing to report

**Budget Director Report**: Budget Director report is on file for the month of February 2023. Brenda Mitchell advised the Board she will be working on the budget during the new few weeks.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve the February 2023 Budget Officer Report. All in favor, motion passed.

**Recreation Report**:

Trustee Edwards advised that he had a meeting with the Centennial Committee to begin organizing the Picnic in the Park for July 8, 2023. Village Wide Garage Sales will take place on July 7-8. He is going to be meeting with the school to begin talks about the Summer Rec Program.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain to approve the Recreation Report for February2023. All in favor, motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 14-2023** A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to appoint Joan Kulaga as Associate Village Justice. All in favor, motion passed.

The Village is still considering a property tax exemption for Volunteer Fire Fighters. Attorney Festine had left the meeting and was not available to add anything further. Same will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Village will hold its Organizational Meeting on Monday April 3 at 6:30PM.

**Old Business:**

Mayor Talerico advised the Board that the LED lighting is still waiting to be put in place.

Plans for the Centennial Park are moving forward.

With no further business a motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. 8:03PM.

Amy A Topor

Village Clerk/Treasurer