Mayor Talerico called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

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

**Also, Present**: Fire Chief Rick Ulinski, Highway Foreman Sean Brady, Village Engineer Al Swierczek, Chief Robert Frankland, Budget Director Brenda Mitchell.

**Absent:** Trustee John Edwards and Trustee Mark Kulpa

**No Open Forum**:

**Regular Business**

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Treasurers Report for January 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain to approve the minutes of the January 9th Village Board Meeting. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve Abstract #9 General Fund Amount of $125,067.05 Library Fund $1,869.57 with a total of $126,936.62. Voucher numbers #479-549. All in favor, motion passed.

**Resolution 09-2024:** A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to allow the Village Clerk to make the following Capital Reserve Transfers:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| From Account | A208 |  |  |
| TO: |  |  |  |
| A230M | 12291.44 | 0.0508 | 262.86 |
| A230FD | 216095.07 | 0.8923 | 4621.24 |
| A230H | 2099.02 | 0.0087 | 44.89 |
| A230L | 5265.9 | 0.0217 | 112.61 |
| A230P | 5839.73 | 0.0241 | 124.88 |
| A232M | 581.64 | 0.0024 | 12.44 |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | 242172.8 | 100% | **5178.92** |
|  |  |  |  |
| From Account | A232M |  | 581.64 |
| To Account | A230M |  | 581.64 |

All in favor, motion passed.

**DEPARTMENTS**

**Fire Department**– written report is on file in the Clerk’s Office for January 2024.

**Resolution 10-2024:** A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Edwards to accept the resignation of Gage MacDuffie from the New York Mills Fire Department. All in favor, motion passed.

**Resolution 11-2024: A** motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to authorize the mayor to sign all necessary application materials to enable the village to apply for a NYS V-FIRE grant which will be used for improvements to the fire station. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat, to accept the Fire Department report for January 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

**Highway** – written report on file in Clerk’s Office for January 2024.

**Resolution 12-2024:** A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the resignation of David Chapple from the Highway Department. All in favor, motion passed.

**Resolution 13-2024:** A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to remove Derek Baur from the Village’s Oneida County Civil Service List as a Laborer. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the Highway Report for January 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

**Police** – written report on file in Clerk’s Office for January 2024. Chief Frankland advised the Board that the Heart Run and Walk will take place in the Village this year on March 2, 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Police Report for January 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

**Code Enforcement** – written report is on file in the Clerk’s Office for January 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Codes report for January 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

**Attorney’s Report** – Nothing to Report

**Engineer Report**: - Village Engineer Swierczek advised the Board that Landmark Excavating can no longer do the work regarding the drainage repairs that they were awarded in October of 2023. They reached out to Shamrock Sewer Services asking them to proceed on their behalf. Shamrock agreed to do the work at the price quoted by Landmark Excavating. The project should be moving forward within the month.

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the Engineer Report for January 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

**Budget Director Report**: Budget Director report is on file for the month of January 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Budget Director’s report for January 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

**Recreation Report**: Nothing to Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 14-2024:** A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to give permission to the mayor to sign the Town of New Hartford Fire Contract for 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat for the following:

**RESOLUTION No: 15:2024**: WHEREAS, the Village of New York Mills believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State’s economic growth and community well-being; WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities; WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities; WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant; NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of New York Mills, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the ProHousing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.

3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.

4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.

5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable house, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

All in favor, motion passed.

**RESOLUTION No: 16:2024** A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to allow the mayor to sign and submit the Court Audit for 2023. All in favor, motion passed.

**Old Business:**

With no further business a motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. 6:30PM.

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Village Clerk/Treasurer