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 Chamberlain, Trustee Copperwheat, Trustee Kulpa

**Also, Present**: Fire Chief Rick Ulinski, Highway Foreman Sean Brady, Village Engineer Al Swierczek, Chief Robert Frankland, Budget Director Brenda Mitchell, Codes Enforcement Officer John Constas, Village Attorney Kate Festine.

**Open Forum**:

Al Tahan and Karl Schuler spoke to the Board with regards to 17 Mill Place. The property is currently owned by Mr. Tahan and he is seeking to sell the property to Karl Schuler of Taylor the Builders Properties in Penfield NY. Mr. Tahan gave an overview of the history of the property and Mr. Schuler explained what his current plan would be. He would like to make an 85–90-unit apartment building for “market value” occupancy. They showed the Board photos of what the proposed would look like and the Board asked questions of both gentlemen. Following the presentation the mayor thanked all in attendance for their thoughts and providing them with what they would like to utilize that space for.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to open the Public Hearing regarding Local Law #3. All in favor the Public Hearing was opened at 7:29PM.

Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2024

A Local Law to Amend Section A-205-10 of the Village Code

Be it Enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of New York Mills:

Authority

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the Authority granted pursuant to Article 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Amendment to Section A205-10 of the Code of the village of New York Mills

Chapter A205 ("Fees") § A205-10 (B) ("Fire safety and property maintenance inspections.”) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ A205-10 Fire safety and Property Maintenance Inspections.

Inspections (Note: No fee will be charged for an inspection related to a complaint alleging Uniform Code violations.)

Type Fee

Public assembly $50

Then $5.00 additional per 1,000 square feet

Multiple Dwelling, 3 plus units $100 for up to 4 units

Then $25 for each additional unit

Commercial $150 Up to 5,000 square feet

Then $5.00 per additional 1,000 square feet

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.

Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

With no one in attendance Trustee Edwards made a motion, seconded by Trustee Kulpa to close the Public Hearing. All in favor, motion passed. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:32PM.

Resolution 22:2024: A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Edwards to adopt Local Law #3. All in favor, motion passed.

**Regular Business**

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

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve Abstract #10 General Fund Amount of $80,323.89 Library Fund $3,247.56 with a total of $8,3571.45. Voucher numbers #550-597. All in favor, motion passed.

**Resolution 23-2024:** A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Edwards to allow the Village Clerk to add the following to the 2024 Tax Bills. This represents unpaid lawn mowing charges for 2023.

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| Parcel ID | Property Address | Amount Due | Total Property |
| 317.010-3-63 | 27 Maple St | $370.00 |  |
| 317.010-3-63 | 27 Maple St | $370.00 |  |
| 317.010-3-63 | 27 Maple St | $370.00 | $1,110.00 |
| 317.013-1-12.2 | 4874 Commercial Drive | $555.00 | $555.00 |
| 317.010-1-52 | 4960 Commercial Drive | $460.00 |  |
| 317.010-1-52 | 4960 Commercial Drive | $555.00 | $1,015.00 |
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|  |  |  | **$2,680.00** |

All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Edwards to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2024 Board Meeting and the Budget Meetings. All in favor, motion passed.

**DEPARTMENTS**

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

**Resolution 24-2024:** A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to remove Katie Exton from the New York Mills Fire Department Roster. All in favor, motion passed.

**Resolution 25-2024: A** motion was made by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to allow the Sitrin Home to participate in a vocational program at the New York Mills Fire Department. Sitrin will provide insurance and supervision for this individual. All in favor, motion passed.

Chief Ulinski advised the Board that after meeting with Don Hall the Board of Directors of the New York Mills Fire Department has decided to move forward with the NYS VFire Grant Application.

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

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

Highway Foreman Sean Brady advised that the trees in Pulaski Park are need to come down. Trustee Chamberlain will assist with the removal. Mayor Talerico spoke with David Girmonde of Twin Ponds stating that he will put a screen on the pond sewer area in order to prevent further flooding to the residents in that area. Also, that he will contact New Hartford Highway Superintended Richard Sherman and see if they Town will allow the Village to store salt in their salt barn.

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

**Police** – written report on file in Clerk’s Office for February 2024.

Resolution 26:2024: A motion was made by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve Kyle Kallfelz as a Part Time Police Officer with the New York Mills Police Department. All in favor, motion passed.

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

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

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

**Attorney’s Report** – Attorney Festine advised the Board that at the April 9th, 2024 Village Board Meeting Kevin O’Brean and Michael Mimassi will be in attendance to seek approval for a Zone Change for the Henderson Street property. Also, Kate has an appearance in NYS Supreme Court with regards to 504 Main Street for the several codes violation.

**Engineer Report**: - Village Engineer Swierczek advised the Board that Shamrock Sewer Services has begun the repairs near Mill #3 and will proceed with the other locations as soon as they are completed there.

A motion was made by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Edwards to accept the Engineer Report for February 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

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

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

**Recreation Report**: Trustee Edwards advised the Board that the Summer Rec Program and the Summer Concerts have been scheduled and are just completing the final preparations.

Resolution 27:2024: A motion was made by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to hire Shaye Gardinier as a Summer Recreation Attendant for the Summer Program at $20.00 per hour. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Talerico recently had a meeting about the Party in the Park. This year it is scheduled for July 13th and will include fireworks, music, food trucks and a cornhole tournament. The Village Wide Garage Sales will also take place that weekend.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Kulpa to approve the Recreation Report for February 2024. All in favor, motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Eddwards to allow the New York Mills Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary to hold a Chicken BBQ on May 19th across from the Fire House. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Talerico advised the Board that he received a memorandum from Village Assessor John Meagher advised that there were no grievances for this year.

The Organization Meeting will be held on April 1, 2024 at 6PM.

**RESOLUTION No: 28:2024**: A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to hold a Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Budget on April 9, 2024 at 7PM. All in favor, motion passed.

**Old Business:**

With no further business a motion was made by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. 7:58PM.

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Village Clerk/Treasurer