Mayor Talerico called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

**Present:** Mayor Ernie Talerico, Trustee Copperwheat, Trustee Kulpa, Trustee Edwards

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

Absent: Trustee Chamberlain and Village Engineer Al Swierczek

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards to Open the Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Village Budget, seconded by Trustee Kulpa. All in favor, motion passed. Public Hearing was opened at 7PM.

Michael Wolak – 302 Main Street – addressed the Board. Mr. Wolak is a resident and a Volunteer with the New York Mills Fire Department. He questioned the $15,000 reduction on the line item with regards to the Ambulance Technician salary amount. He believes that if the hourly salary was increased from $18.00 then the Department would be able to get more Ambulance Technicians to apply. Being a volunteer, he believes that more paramedics on staff are essential in helping the residents. He questioned other village positions and what the salaries for them were as well as the salary increase for both the Mayor and the Trustees. Also, he feels that the Fire Department brings in the most revenue for the Village that their budget amount should be more then the Board is currently proposing. Mayor Talerico suggested that a meeting be setup with the Fire Department and the Village Board to discuss some of the discrepancies Mr. Wolak has addressed.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Kulpa to close the Public Hearing. All in favor, motion passed. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:11PM.

At this time attorney Kevin O’Brien addressed the Board with regards to a zone change request for 5 Henderson Street from R1-R2. Mr. O’Brien represents Michael Mimassi the current owner of that property. Attorney O’Brien feels that there are several inconsistencies with the way the property is zoned. He feels that there is a change in the character of the area and that other parcels have been rezoned around 5 Henderson Street. He mentioned 28 Henderson as well as 65 New Hartford Street. After his conclusion, Mayor Talerico asked the Board if they had any questions for Mr. O’Brien. The mayor thanked him for addressing the Board.

**Regular Business**

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

A motion was made by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve Abstract #11 General Fund Amount of $123,163.74 Library Fund $1,909.74 with a total of $125,073.48. Voucher numbers #598-665. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2024 Board Meeting and the April 1, 2024 Organization Meeting. All in favor, motion passed.

**DEPARTMENTS**

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

Chief Ulinski advised the Board that new fire truck will be delivered soon. The company will display it at a convention in Indianapolis before making its way back to the Village. Also, Sitrin has withdrawn their request for having a vocational student in the Fire Department due to lack of insurance. Don Hall and the Chief have begun the process for the Fire Department to apply for the VFire Grant.

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

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

Highway Superintendent Sean Brady asked Mayor Talerico to reach out to the Town of New Hartford Highway to get permission for the Village to store salt in their salt barn this winter. Sean also received a request from the New York Mills Little League to have the DPW level the field this spring. Sean will speak with Highway Superintendent Rick Sherman to see if they can get New Hartford to help with that.

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

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

Chief Frankland commended Police Officers Jeffrey Chase and Michael Inman for their presentation on School Safety that they presented to the employees of the New York Mills School. The Autism Walk is scheduled for April 21 beginning at Mastrovito Hyundai.

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

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

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

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

**Engineer Report**: - Village Engineer Al Swierczek not in attendance

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

A motion was made by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Budget Director’s report for March 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 will begin in Yorkville on June 18th. The Party in the Park planning is ongoing and they will be meeting again on May 1 at 6PM. He will be meeting with school officials to finalize plans for the Summer Rec Program.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION No: 32A:2024** A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, Seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to accept the 2024-2025 Village Budget. All in favor, motion passed.

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

Codes Enforcement Officers – John Constats and Josh Angotti – 1 year

Village Engineer – Al Swierczek – 1 year

Oneida County Sewer Advisory Board – Sean Brand and Ed Chamberlain – 1 year

Registrar – Amy Topor – 6 years

Planning/Zoning Board Secretary – Brenda Mitchell – 5 years

All in favor, motion passed.

**RESOLUTION No: 32B:2024** A motion was made by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to transfer $23,000 from the New Hartford Street Flood Mitigation Account to the General Fund in order to cover the cost of the repairs made to sewers by Shamrock. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Talerico advised the Board that Ramble Engineering will be in the Elm Street area to further analyze the flooding problems still happening there. Also, that Centennial Park should begin constructing in June of 2024.

The final meeting of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 will take place on May 30th 2024 at 6PM.

**Old Business:**

With no further business a motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Kulpa adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. 7:51PM.

Amy A Topor

Village Clerk/Treasurer