

VILLAGE OF NEW YORK MILLS

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2025 – Village Board Room

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Call to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Ernie 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 Kulpa, Trustee Chamberlain

Absent: Trustee Copperwheat

Also Present: Police Chief Rob Frankland, Highway Superintendent Sean Brady, Village Attorney Kate Festine, Codes Enforcement Officer John Constas

Open Forum

Attorney Kevin O'Brien, representing property owner Michael J. Mimassi, addressed the Board to request a zoning change for 5 Henderson Street from R-1 to R-2. Attorney O'Brien stated that the current zoning is inconsistent with the neighborhood's evolved character and referenced nearby rezonings at 28 Henderson Street and 65 New Hartford Street.

Mr. Mimassi further stated that in 2020, Village Assessor John Meagher required him to combine his properties—something he claims he would not have done otherwise. He indicated that he cannot financially maintain the property as a two-family dwelling and would need the zoning change to allow for a four-unit dwelling.

Following their remarks, Mayor Talerico invited questions from the Board. There being none, he thanked Attorney O'Brien and Mr. Mimassi for their comments.

Regular Business

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain, to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 2025. Trustee Kulpa abstained, citing insufficient time for review. Motion passed with all others in favor.

Abstract #3 Approval

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain, to approve Abstract #3:

- General Fund: \$235,187.57
 - Library Fund: \$6,271.35
 - **Total: \$259,458.92 (Voucher Nos. 1–73)**
- All in favor, motion passed.

Approval of Previous Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2025, and July 30, 2025, Board Meetings. All in favor, motion passed.

Fire Department

- Written report for July 2025 is on file.
 - **Resolution 63:2025** – Motion by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain, to terminate the membership of Anianna Quiles. All in favor, motion passed.
 - **Resolution 64:2025** – Motion by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Edwards, to accept the application of Steve Berrie as an Ambulance Tech at \$18.00/hour. All in favor, motion passed.
 - Motion by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain, to approve the July 2025 Fire Department Report. All in favor, motion passed.
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Highway Department

Written report for July 2025 is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Motion by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain, to approve the July 2025 Highway Report. All in favor, motion passed.

Police Department

Written report for July 2025 is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Motion by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain, to approve the July 2025 Police Report. All in favor, motion passed.

Codes Enforcement

Written report for July 2025 is on file.

Motion by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Edwards, to approve the July 2025 Codes Report. All in favor, motion passed.

Engineer's Report

No report – Engineer not present.

Recreation Report

Trustee Edwards read a letter from resident Sara DeFazio commending Cassidy Albright and her staff for their work in the Summer Program. An end-of-year picnic will be held at Pulaski Park on August 22, 2025, featuring a water slide and refreshments.

Mayor Talerico expressed special thanks to Chief Robert Frankland for taking on bus driver duties for the first half of the program. The final summer concert will be held on August 19 at 6:30 PM, featuring the Fritz Polka Band.

Trustee Edwards also thanked the Village of Yorkville and Trustee Adam Sassone for their collaboration on both the Summer Program and Summer Concerts.

Motion by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Kulpa, to approve the Recreation Report. All in favor, motion passed.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Festine reported:

- A hearing is scheduled for October 16, 2025, regarding 504 Main Street. The property owner, Christine Krupa, was advised by the Court to have the property cleaned by September 2, 2025.
- Codes Enforcement Officer Constatas will be scheduling a court date regarding property maintenance complaints at 15 Wadas Drive.

Motion by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain, to approve the Attorney's Report. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business

Mayor Talerico reminded the Board of the 9/11 Ceremony on September 11, 2025. He also reported that a memorial bench, donated by Ethel Labuz in memory of her husband, Ed Labuz, will be placed as a tribute to residents lost during the COVID pandemic.

Resolution 65:2025 – Motion by Trustee Chamberlain, seconded by Trustee Edwards, to increase the park rental fee to \$25.00 for residents and \$100.00 for nonresidents, with a \$100.00 refundable cash deposit for all applicants. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Talerico read thank-you letters from residents Joyce Dubiel and Melanie Lambert.

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Amy A. Topor – Village Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar