

**Village of New York Mills
July 8, 2025**

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 Kulpa, Trustee Copperwheat, Trustee Chamberlain

Also Present: Village Engineer Al Swierczek, Police Chief Rob Frankland, Highway Superintendent Sean Brady, Village Attorney Kate Festine and Grant Writer Don Hall.

A motion was made by Trustee Chamberlain seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to open the Public Hearing. All in favor, motion passed. Public Hearing opened at 7:01PM.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing

The Village of New York Mills will hold a public hearing on July 8, 2025, at 7pm at the Village Hall, 1 Maple Street, New York Mills, NY 13417, for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Village's proposed Community Development Block Grant program, and other community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2025 program year. The New York State Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is a federally funded program administered by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation's (HTFC) Office of Community Renewal (OCR). The program provides resources to non-entitlement communities to enable the development of suitable living environments, including public infrastructure and to enhance economic opportunities across the state.

The 2025 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) FEDERAL FUNDS has been announced by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) along with the availability of approximately \$40 million of Federal funds divided among program priorities.

The amounts are provided as guidelines for expected awards and the HTFC reserves the right to award additional funds, a portion of, or none of the funds based on funding availability. The Village of New York Mills is planning to apply for up to \$1,500,000 in CDBG funding for public infrastructure and related activities, with the principal purpose of benefiting low/moderate income persons.

The hearing will provide further information about the CDBG program and will allow for citizen participation in the development of any proposed grant applications and/or to provide technical assistance to develop alternate proposals. Comments on the CDBG program or proposed project(s) will be received at this time. The hearing is being

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conducted pursuant to Section 570.486, Subpart I of the CFR and in compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, those individuals should contact Amy Topor, Village Clerk, 1 Maple Street, New York Mills, NY 13417, or by phone on (315) 736-9212, during regular business hours, at least 3 days in advance of the hearing date to allow for necessary arrangements. Written comments may also be submitted to Ernie Talerico, Mayor, 1 Maple Street, New York Mills, NY 13417. The last date to receive comments is Friday, July 11, 2025.

There were no residents in attendance.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing. All in favor, motion passed. Public Hearing was closed at 7:11PM.

Don Hall spoke with regards to applying for more funding thru the CDBG Grant. The Village would like to finish the Elm/Main Street project that has continued to have flooding issues in their backyard.

There is also grant money available for the clubhouse and bathroom from the Main Street Grant and the foundation that will be available early 2026. Trustee Edwards will ask for revised quotes for playground equipment, a new basketball court.

Resolution 56:2025: A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain to authorize the Mayor to sign any grant application related documents. All in favor, motion passed.

Resolution 57:2025 A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to declare a negative SEQR declination with zero environmental impact and the Village as Lead Agency. All in favor, motion passed.

Open Forum - none

Regular Business

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve the Treasurers Report for June 2025. All in favor, motion passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve Abstract #2 General Fund Amount of \$635,495.74, and Library Fund \$1,604.51 for a total of \$637,100.25. Voucher numbers #754-805. All in favor, motion passed.

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A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat, seconded by Trustee Edwards to accept the minutes of the June 10th, 2025 Board Meeting. All in favor, motion passed.

Fire Department– Chief Ulinski was not in attendance and did not submit a report.

Highway – written report on file in Clerk’s Office for June 2025.

Resolution 58:2025A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to hire Matthew Frank as a summer Laborer for the DPW at \$17.00 per hour. All in favor, motion passed.

Police – written report on file in Clerk’s Office for June 2025.

Mayor Talerico read a letter from Noel Ames a Criminal Justice Teacher at OHM BOCES commending the Police Department for their participation with the Criminal Justice Program.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Police Report for June 2025. All in favor, motion passed.

Code Enforcement – written report on file for June 2025.

A motion was made by Trustee Copperwheat seconded by Trustee Edwards to approve the Police Report for June 2025. All in favor, motion passed.

Engineer Report: - Nothing to Report

Recreation Report: Trustee Edwards advised that the plans for the Party in the Park scheduled for July 12th is having its final meeting this week. The Summer Rec Program started July 7th at the High School and the Summer Concerts have begun.

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

Attorney’s Report – Attorney Festine advised the Board that Codes Enforcement Officer Conostas was going to reach out to UDIGNY to see if an incident was filed with regards to the hole on Country Club Drive. If not should would like the parties cited for that. Also, the excavator in questions I dead with no power to operate it.

A motion was made by Trustee Edwards, seconded by Trustee Copperwheat to approve the Attorney’s Report. All in favor, motion passed.

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New Business:

Mayor Talerico reported that the Senior Parade in June was a big success. The Veteran's Banners are now hanging on Main Street and all preparations have been made for the Party in the Park.

With no further business a motion was made by Trustee Kulpa, seconded by Trustee Chamberlain to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 7:47PM.