

REGULAR MEETING

July 16, 2020

The Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Upper Nyack was held Thursday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM. In accordance with the Executive Order 202.48, this meeting was held by video/teleconference. The meeting was recorded and transcribed.

Village officials participating: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Diamond , Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild
Village Clerk, Carol G. Brotherhood; Village Treasurer, Richard D. Fortunato

Mayor Tarapata noted that the agenda item for the public hearing for the waiver application by K. Graefe and Sons Corp. d/b/a North River Shipyard would not proceed as the application was withdrawn. There would be no discussion or action on that item.

POLICE REPORT – PO Kennedy was experiencing technical difficulties signing in to the meeting. The Mayor noted they would go right to her report when she was able to sign in.

MINUTES – **Regular** meeting of **June 18, 2020**

Motion: Trustee Rothchild, as amended (typos)

Second: Trustee Dodge and it was so moved.

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Diamond, Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild

NOES: None

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Fortunato submitted the report for review.

It was noted that the financials from last month that had a glitch from Quick Books have been corrected.

Property taxes are being collected. There are 50 outstanding tax payments but taxes can be paid until July 21, 2020 without penalty.

The next bond payment is not until November 2020.

Preparing sidewalk grant final submission for reimbursement.

The year-end report is not complete. Waiting on additional information from 2019-2020. In September final numbers will be needed to present to the auditors.

Discussion: O& R Utilities credit and estimated bills for the preserve.
VOUCHERS – Read and approved for payment.

POLICE REPORT – PO Kennedy presented the report.

There were 165 calls for service of which 29 were medical and 21 burglar or fire. There were 46 area checks including religious and cultural facilities (UNES, NHS, Field Club, CSI, Reform Temple).

There was 1 motor vehicle accidents without injury. (N Midland Avenue)

Parking signs were stolen from the Congregation Sons of Israel property.

Juveniles were reported at the elementary school.

Fraud- Chase Bank account, unemployment claim filed in their name (false reporting)

PO Kennedy did not have the V&T and parking violations report but will send to the Village Clerk on Monday.

There were several motor vehicle larcenies in Orangetown & Nanuet.

Overdoses:

Rockland County: 135 YTD with 23 deaths

Clarkstown: 44 YTD with 8 deaths

Mayor Tarapata requested the no parking signs on Lexow Ave. and Locust Dr. be moved to the opposite side of the street. PO Kennedy indicated it would be done the next day. Mayor Tarapata also noted the signs are working very well to help the parking issues on those street.

MINUTES – **Special meeting of June 23, 2020**

Motion: Trustee Diamond

Second: Trustee Rothchild and it was so moved.

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Diamond, Dodge & Rothchild

NOES: None ABSENT: Trustee Esmay (Did not attend meeting of 6/23/2020)

MINUTES – **Comprehensive Plan Update Public Hearing of June 25, 2020**

Motion: Trustee Esmay with minor corrections.

Second: Trustee Dodge and it was so moved.

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Diamond, Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild

NOES: None

LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT– Carolle M. Huber ASLA, Landscape Architect

Mayor Tarapata noted that she was in discussion with Ms. Huber for help with a landscaping plan and broader scope of work in the future at the preserve property. Ms. Huber had helped with the tarping project. (done with Mayor's discretionary budgeting guidelines)

Trustee Rothchild inquired about her resume and qualifications. It was noted they could be viewed at carollehuber.com. The Board decided to talk further in executive session on the letter of agreement.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION – Danielle Watson, Planning Board member, submitted a letter of resignation on July 11, 2020, effective immediately.

Motion to accept: Trustee Dodge

Second: Trustee Esmay regretfully noting Danielle was a valued member of the Planning Board, and it was so moved.

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Diamond, Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild

NOES: None

UPDATE UPPER NYACK SAFETY PLAN AND PROTOCOLS

Motion: Trustee Rothchild to approve the update

Second: Trustee Esmay and it was so moved.

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Diamond, Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild

NOES: None

The Board discussed the need to extend the moratorium laws during the review and revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and related zoning laws.

Set Public Hearing for Local Law #4 of 2020

Motion: Trustee Esmay to set the public hearing for Local Law #4 of 2020 for EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL LAND USE APPLICATIONS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE OFFICE BUSINESS (OB) DISTRICT, LABORATORY OFFICE (LO) DISTRICT AND THE R-4 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT THAT ABUTS THE 9W CORRIDOR IN THE VILLAGE.

Second: Trustee Dodge and so moved.

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Diamond, Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild

NOES: None

Set Public Hearing for Local Law #5 of 2020

Motion: Trustee Esmay to set the public hearing for Local Law #5 of 2020 for EXTENSION OF THE DURATION OF THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL USE PERMITS AND SPECIAL USE PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATIONS.

Second: Trustee Dodge and so moved.

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Diamond, Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild

NOES: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Enter 7:45 pm Trustee Diamond made a motion that the Board enter into executive session, seconded by Trustee Rothchild and it was so moved.

On a call for a vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Diamond, Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild

NOES: None

Discussion took place regarding the lease for the tenants, 328 NB Inc. and the letter of engagement with Carolle Huber.

Exit 8:15 pm Trustee Rothchild made a motion that the Board exit executive session, seconded by Trustee Dodge and on a call for a vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Diamond, Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild

NOES: None

The Board agreed to continue negotiations with the tenants.

The letter of engagement discussion will continue at the August meeting after Board members who wished to take a look at the resume and qualifications of the landscape architect. The Mayor does have some discretion under the procurement policy.

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Esmay, seconded by Trustee Dodge and so moved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Diamond, Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild

NOES: None

Respectfully submitted,

Carol G. Brotherhood
Village Clerk