

## REGULAR MEETING

October 17, 2019

The Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Upper Nyack was held at the village hall on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

**Those present:** Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild  
Village Clerk Carol G. Brotherhood; Treasurer Richard D. Fortunato

**Absent:** Trustee Diamond; Village Attorney Robert P. Lewis

**Others identified:** Clarkstown Police Dept: PO Valerio, Jim Glaser, Alan Englander, Jeff Epstein, Susan McWhinney

POLICE REPORTS – Officer Valerio attended.

Discussed:

Calls for service: total 148; 28 medical, 21 burglar alarms; 9 summons (red light, suspended registration, stop sign); An intoxicated individual taken from the gas station to hospital; car stopped, driver with suspended license (Christian Herald Rd)

Overdoses: Rockland County – 167 with 128 surviving; Town of Clarkstown 45 with 37 surviving

SCAMS: IRS, robo call app: supposed to stop robo calls on your mobile phone but steals info from your phone.

Trustee Esmay asked if the CPD receive a lot of noise complaints from the Village?

PO Valerio noted that not many are received and they are usually loud parties

Halloween Night Safety 10/31/19 / North Broadway & Castle Heights

Lt Smith & Sgt. Kelly, CPD, will oversee the street closing and bus re-routing on Thursday, October 31, 2019 for Halloween related activities.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Presented by Treasurer Fortunato.

The Village will have an interest payment of \$16,093.73 due Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 for the 1.3 million dollar Public Works bond for the DPW building.

Trustee Esmay made a motion to allow the Treasurer to make an interest payment of \$16,093.73 on November 1, 2019, seconded by Trustee Rothchild and so moved.

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild

NOES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Diamond

Interest accrued this month from NYClass account is \$4,580.

There are 13 delinquent taxpayers. The list will be given to the County in early November.

VOUCHERS - Read and approved for payment.

Request to Appear:

Jim Glaser, 523 N Midland Ave., appeared before the board to discuss installing a pedestrian walkway on lower Old Mountain Rd. between N Broadway and N Midland. Mr. Glaser paraphrased the following and then sent the original via email His proposal is inserted.

Proposal to Village of Upper Nyack Board of Trustees      October 17, 2019  
by Jim Glaser ( 523 N. Midland Ave., Nyack, NY 10960)

Old Mountain Road, particularly from Broadway to North Midland Avenue is a beautiful stretch of well used roadway, especially for bicycles and automobiles. I happen to walk down this way every morning enjoying the woods and the gurgling creek throughout the seasons. On the weekends in particular the bicycle traffic is quite heavy. Daily in the mornings there is heavy traffic of often fast-moving cars.

There is no pedestrian path along this stretch as there is on the same road between North Midland Ave., and 9w. I have become more and more aware that walking on the Broadway to N. Midland stretch is quite dangerous. The cars – and trucks--swing around the hidden curves at a fast rate.

I am requesting that consideration be given to creating a modest pedestrian walkway—especially on the South side of this portion of Old Mountain Rd from N. Midland to Broadway. This would be a continuation of the pathway on that same side above N. Midland. Such a walkway might encourage more pedestrians to enjoy this scenic area and preserve its beauty, as well as providing necessary pedestrian safety.

In addition since the bicycle traffic is so heavy on this stretch, might it be possible to have a marked bicycle lane on each side of the road? This would of course not restrict car traffic in any way—it would just serve to alert drivers that legitimate bicycle traffic (and pedestrians )was likely. By the same token, I suggest that signage be posted at both ends of this portion of the road to the effect that : *“Caution- Pedestrians and bicyclists”*

Thank you for your consideration of these proposals.

Sincerely  
Jim Glaser

Mayor Tarapata noted that Old Mountain Rd has been discussed at the Comprehensive Plan committee meeting. Trustee Rothchild noted he often walks on that portion of the road also.

What has been discussed is: 1) Make Old Mountain Rd one way heading West (up) 2) adding a pedestrian walkway & bike lanes 3) Make Birchwood Ave one way heading East.

The Board wondered if there were some temporary measures that might be helpful. The Board also noted there may be less traffic due to the change of the entrance onto the Gov. Mario Cuomo Bridge.

Mr. Glaser thanked the Board for their time and consideration of his proposal and additional ideas for the roadway.

Adoption of policy against Discrimination and Harassment in accordance with recent legislation updated by the Department of Labor in consultation with the Division of Human Rights

Trustee Rothchild made a motion that the Board adopt the updated policy, seconded by Trustee Dodge and so moved.

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild

NOES: None                      ABSENT: Trustee Diamond

Susan McWhinney, 310 Front St. appeared before the Board to discuss a parking issue. She has no driveway and has been using on street parking where the Village allows. She wants to pull her car off the street onto an area on her lawn but the Village has placed a berm there that she cannot drive over. Can the Village lower the berm?

Mayor Tarapata noted the berm is there to keep water from puddling on the side of the road. The Mayor will ask the DPW to take a look to see if a solution can be found to allow for the car to be parked on the lawn, especially during snow events.

MINUTES -Trustee Dodge made a motion to accept the minutes of the **regular meeting of 9/19/2019**, seconded by Trustee Rothchild and so moved.

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild

NOES: None                      ABSENT: Trustee Diamond

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not exit to executive session

Alan Englander told the Board he supports the Boards and Mr. Glaser's ideas and discussion for added safety for walkers and bikers on lower Old Mountain Road. Mr. Englander walks Old Mountain Rd. daily.

Trustee Esmay made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Rothchild and so moved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Dodge, Esmay & Rothchild

NOES: None                      ABSENT: Trustee Diamond

Respectfully submitted,

Carol G. Brotherhood  
Village Clerk