

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Upper Nyack Board of Trustees held at
7:00 pm on Thursday, August 17th, 2023 held as a hybrid meeting.**

PRESENT	Karen Tarapata Michael Esmay Jeffrey Epstein Alison Crowther	Mayor Deputy Mayor Trustee Trustee
ALSO PRESENT	Georgia Grandstaff PO Niles Davies	Village Clerk Clarkstown Police
ABSENT -	Kennon Rothchild III	Trustee

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

- **Police Report (see recording).**
- **Code Enforcement Officer Report (see recording).**
- **Approve minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees from July 20th, 2023.**

Motion to accept the minutes from the July 20th, 2023 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as amended made by Trustee Crowther, seconded by Trustee Epstein , and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Crowther, Epstein, and Esmay

NOES:

Abstain:

- **Presentation by representative of Rockland Conservation and Service Corps.**

Discussion: Emily Rooney, participant in the Rockland County Youth Service Corps at the River Hook Preserve, gave a summary of everything that they did over the summer including removing invasive species, pouring concrete bench pads, clearing pathways,

aiding in the collection of materials for natural sculptures, and irrigation projects. Mayor Tarapata thanked the volunteers and the Youth Service Corps for the incredible amount of work they were able to complete.

- **Discussion – Increasing Village tax exemption for firefighters and veterans.**

Discussion: We currently have a local law that provides a Village Tax reduction for volunteer firefighters and veterans. The Village wants to align our tax law with the new state law allowing for a 10% reduction on the Village Tax assessment for qualified residents.

Motion to set a public hearing for next regular meeting to consider proposed Local Law #8 concerning Village tax reductions for volunteer fireman and veterans made by Trustee Esmay, seconded by Trustee Epstein, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Crowther, Epstein, and Esmay

NOES:

Abstain:

- **Discussion – Reducing Village speed limit.**

Discussion: Village residents have had concerns about dangerous speeding within the Village. The board discussed lowering the speed limit to 25 instead of 30. A traffic study would have to be conducted in order to do that and the mayor will research what the cost would be. Tabled (see recording).

- **Discussion – Request by Green Committee for a resolution to undertake a greenhouse gas inventory and community climate action plan and authorize training of Green Committee members to perform this.**

Discussion: The Green Committee requested that we do a “greenhouse gas inventory” for the Village to have an awareness of its impact and create a community action plan that will also involve community participation. The Village needs to give them approval to be trained to undertake this project (no cost to the Village).

Motion to approve the underratking of a Community Greenhouse Gas inventory and Community Action Plan made by Trustee Epstein, seconded by Trustee Esmay, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Crowther, Epstein, and Esmay

NOES:

Abstain:

- **Other Business**

Discussion: The Village did not get the New York State DOT grant that it applied for to fix the culvert under North Broadway and Lexow. The Village will continue to apply for grants for the project.

- **Executive Session**

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter made by Trustee Epstein, seconded by Trustee Crowther, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Crowther, Epstein, and Esmay

NOES:

Abstain:

Motion to end executive session to discuss a personnel matter made by Trustee Epstein, seconded by Trustee Crowther, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Crowther, Epstein, and Esmay

NOES:

Abstain:

- **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees made by Trustee Epstein, seconded by Trustee Crowther, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Crowther, Epstein, and Esmay

NOES:

Abstain:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 pm.