Minutes of the special meeting of the Village of Upper Nyack Board of Trustees held at 7:00pm on Thursday, December 8, 2021 held virtually via Zoom

PRESENT Karen Tarapata Mayor

Laurie DodgeTrusteeJeffrey EpsteinTrusteeMichael EsmayTrusteeKennon Rothchild IIITrustee

ALSO PRESENT Heather Candella Village Clerk

Noelle C. Wolfson, ESQ Village Land Use Attorney

ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

Resolution for Approval: Nyack High School Ecology Club Event hosted by Friends of River Hook

Trustee Esmay moved to approve the Nyack High School Ecology Club Event hosted by Friends of River Hook, Trustee Rothchild seconded, and so moved.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT: Trustee Dodge

7:15 PM Public Hearing – proposed Local Law # 11 of 2021, A Local Law repealing and replacing the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Upper Nyack, adopted January 18, 1962, last amended on April 13, 2021 by Local Law No. 3 of 2021, commonly known as the 1962 Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Upper Nyack.

Village Clerk read the public notice.

Village Land Use Attorney, Noelle C. Wolfson gave a presentation of proposed zoning law changes and updates (slides attached.)

Maeve Tooher spoke regarding her written comments (attached.)

Tico Lemoine thanked the Board and requested the Board consider charging stations for electric vehicles.

There were no further comments from the public.

Trustee Rothchild moved to adjourn the public hearing to the Regular Meeting on December 16, 2021, Trustee Esmay seconded, and so moved.

On Call for a Vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Epstein, Esmay, Dodge, and Rothchild

NOES: ABSENT:

Set 2022 Holiday Schedule

The Board discussed the 2022 Holiday Schedule for Village Employees. The Board tabled the decision until the Regular Meeting on December 16, 2021.

Employee Handbook Amendments

The Board discussed possible changes to the price number of gifts given to Village employees. The Board also discussed elimination of snow blackouts for vacation time for DPW employees. Discussion of changing employee vacation time to be given out annual at the start of the year, instead of accrued by start date. Discussion on changes to health insurance contributions from the Village to retirees.

Introduction of Code Enforcement Law

Village Land Use Attorney, Noelle C. Wolfson outlined the need for a Code Enforcement Law within the Village, this would include authorizing of the Code Enforcement Officer to issue appearance tickets.

ABSENT:

Adjournment of Public Hearing: Yeshivath Viznitz Dkhal Torath Chaim Inc. –Application for Temporary Moratorium Variance, 350 North Highland Avenue, Village of Upper Nyack (SBL 59.16-2-3 (Upper Nyack))

Savad Churgin, Council for the Applicants requested adjournment of the public hearing to January 20, 2021 (attached.)

Trustee Epstein moved to adjourn the public hearing until the January 20, 2021 Regular Meeting, Trustee Esmay seconded, and so moved.

On Call for a Vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Epstein, Esmay, Rothchild, and Dodge

NOES: ABSENT:

Adjournment – Trustee Dodge motioned to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Epstein seconded and so adjourned.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

ABSENT: Trustee Rothchild

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM