

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Village of Upper Nyack Board of Trustees held at 7:00pm on Monday, April 4, 2022 held as a hybrid meeting.

PRESENT	Karen Tarapata Michael Esmay Laurie Dodge Jeffrey Epstein Kennon Rothchild III	Mayor Deputy Mayor, Trustee Trustee Trustee Trustee
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ALSO PRESENT	Richard D. Fortunato	Treasurer
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ABSENT

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

- **Resolution for Approval: Appointments and Misc Resolutions**

Trustee Esmay made a motion to approve the proposed list of appointments and miscellaneous resolutions for Village of Upper Nyack Annual Organizational Meeting with corrections, Trustee Dodge seconded and so moved.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

- **Resolution for Approval: Approval of Assistant Building Inspector Position**

Trustee Epstein made a motion to add the appointed position of Assistant Building Inspector, Trustee Rothchild seconded and so moved.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

- Discussion of Schedule of Fees (no change)

- Discussion of Goosetown Bazaar

Tabled until April 21st.

- Discussion of Gran Fondo

Village has received a certificate of insurance.

- **Resolution for Approval: Sarna Lease**

Trustee Esmay made a motion to accept the lease amendment, Trustee Epstein seconded and so moved.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

- **Resolution for Approval: NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act: H.R. 4677**

Trustee Epstein made a motion to support the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act: Trustee Esmay seconded and so moved.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

- **Resolution for Approval: Hocherman Tortorella Wekstein Engagement Letter**

Trustee Dodge made a motion to renew contract with Noelle Wolfson of Hocherman Tortorella & Wekstein, LLP, Trustee Rothchild seconded and so moved.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

- **Adjournment**

Trustee Rothchild motioned to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Dodge seconded and so adjourned.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

Meeting called to order at 8:02 pm.

- **Notice of Public Hearing on the tentative budget of the Village of Upper Nyack for the fiscal year 2022-2023 (see attached).**
- Discussion and overview of proposed budget worksheet by Richard D. Fortunato.
- Public commented and asked questions about the budget.
- **Adjournment**

Trustee Dodge motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing until the meeting on April 21st, Trustee Esmay seconded and so adjourned.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF UPPER NYACK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE
BUDGET OF THE VILLAGE OF UPPER NYACK FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Tentative Budget of the Village of Upper Nyack for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2022 has been completed and filed in the office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Upper Nyack, 328 North Broadway, Upper Nyack, New York 10960, where it is available for inspection by any interested person during Village office hours from 9:00am-12 noon or on the Village's website at <https://www.uppernyack-ny.us/>.

The following are the proposed annual salaries of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Upper Nyack:
Mayor \$0
Deputy Mayor \$0
Trustees (3) \$0 (each)

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Upper Nyack will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the Tentative Budget on **April 4, 2022 at 8 pm**, at the Old Stone Meeting House, 347 North Broadway, Upper Nyack, NY. This will be held as a hybrid meeting. Those wishing to attend may do so in person or online. Please visit the Village's website for the meeting link and registration information to access the meeting online.

Comments and questions can also be provided via email before the meeting to the Village Clerk at village.clerk@uppernyack-ny.us.

Dated: March 22, 2022
Karen Tarapata, Mayor

**Proposed List of Appointments and Miscellaneous Resolutions
For Village of Upper Nyack Annual Organizational Meeting April 4, 2022**

RESOLVED:

That the Third Thursday of each month is hereby designated the regular meeting night of the Board of Trustees, and the hour set is 7:00 PM,

That the Second Thursday of each month is hereby designated the workshop meeting night of the Board of Trustees, and the hour set is 7:00 PM,

That the Journal News is the official newspaper for publication of legal notices,

That News 12, WRCN 9.10 AM, and Village of Upper Nyack Website page are the official media outlets for notification of a storm emergency when declared by the Mayor,

That the Village Display Board will be used for posting of all official village notices for the Village, Village Board of Trustees, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Architectural Review Board,

That Georgia Grandstaff hereby be appointed Village Clerk for a term of one (1) year,

That Donna Albert hereby be appointed Deputy Village Clerk for a term on one (1) year,

That Thomas Englert is hereby appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of five years and as the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of one (1) year,

That Stephen Lubeck is hereby appointed as the Vice-chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of one (1) year,

That William Pfaff is hereby appointed as the Chair of the Planning Board for a term of one (1) year,

That Karen Olson is hereby appointed as Vice-chair of the Planning Board for a term of one (1) year,

That Cynthia Turner is hereby appointed to the Planning Board for a term of five years

That Michael Williams is hereby appointed Chair of the Architectural Review Board for a term of one (1) year,

That Gretchen Reinheimer is hereby appointed as Vice-chair of the Architectural Review Board for a term of one (1) year,

That Thomas Gaffney is hereby appointed to the Architectural Review Board for a period of 5 years,

That Dennis M. Letson, P.E. is hereby appointed as Zoning Inspector for a term of one (1) year on a consultant basis to be paid by submitted voucher,

That Richard D. Fortunato is hereby reappointed Treasurer for a term of one (1) year on a consultant basis to be paid by submitted voucher,

That additional workers working under the Village Clerk shall be paid up to \$ ^{\$30.00} ⁰⁰ maximum per hour,

That additional workers working in the Department of Public Works may from time to time be employed and shall be paid up to \$20.00 maximum per hour,

That the Rockland County Health Department is hereby designated the Village Health Department,

That Sterling National Bank is hereby designated as the official depository for the Village of Upper Nyack funds for a period of one (1) year,

That Mayor Karen A. Tarapata, Deputy Mayor Michael Esmay, Village Clerk Georgia Grandstaff, Treasurer Richard D. Fortunato, are hereby designated and appointed Bank account signatories, and until otherwise ordered by this Board, the above designated bank is authorized to make payment out of the funds of the Village of Upper Nyack against the checks of the Village when signed by:

Jeffery Epstein
OR
Richard D. Fortunato
OR
Georgia Grandstaff

With a limit of \$50,000, and anything beyond that limit would require both the Treasurer and Village Clerk to sign jointly,

In the absence of the Treasurer or Village Clerk, two (2) of the others, Mayor and Deputy Mayor to sign (countersigners/Bank Resolutions on file),

RESOLVED, that the following Village Officers and employees are to be covered under Village insurance by the following bonds:

Treasurer	\$100,000
Village Clerk	\$ 2,000

That the Village Board of Trustees of this Village shall act as the Village Board of Assessors with Trustee Rothchild as Chairperson.

That with all appointments, those appointed to serve will serve all or a portion of their terms at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees.

Appointments

<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>	<u>Appointment ends</u>
William Pfaff, <u>Chair</u> , 208 Foss Drive, 353-9124	2025
Karen Olson, Vice Chair, 405 Roseland Road, 358-7914	2026
Patricia Esgate	2023
Joseph Heider, 316 North Broadway, 358-5613	2024
Cynthia Turner, 206 Radcliff Dr., 914 714-2439	2022
ALTERNATE VACANT	2024 (A)
 <u>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</u>	
Thomas Englert, <u>Chair</u> , 531 North Broadway, 358-4827	2027
Stephen Lubeck, <u>Vice Chair</u> , 122 Highmount Ave., 629-2678	2024
Marion Shaw, 206 Bliss Lane, 358-0207	2023
Paul Curley, 211 Kuyper Drive, 917-583-8767	2025
Margaret Fowler	2026
ALTERNATE VACANT	2024 (A)
 <u>ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD</u>	
Michael Williams, <u>Chair</u> , 312 Fairview Avenue, 494-0118	2024
Gretchen Reinheimer, <u>Vice Chair</u> , 214 Foss Drive, 201 723-1735	2023
Thomas Gaffney, 121 Castle Heights Ave, 404-644-8843	2027
Silvia Luzzi, 412 Centre Avenue, 358-4254	2025
Eileen M. Sares, 510 North Broadway, 646-704-2124	2026
Margaret Fowler	2024 (A)

(A) Indicates alternate member
(845) area code unless indicated otherwise (3/23/2021)

**VILLAGE OF UPPER NYACK
SCHEDULE OF FEES**

Applications to the Village Board

Petition to Amend Zoning Ordinance: **\$200** plus the costs and expenses including advertising and transcription costs, incurred in hearing and deciding the petition, plus the fees required in §16:66 of the Zoning Ordinance (see below).

Applications to the Planning Board

1. **Site Plan Application:** **\$300** for first two appearances plus **\$125** per each proposed residential unit or each one-thousand (1,000) square feet of non-residential floor area, plus the cost of publication of notice of public hearing, plus the fees required in §16:66 of the Zoning Ordinance (see below). (Formal or Informal) **\$100** each return.

2. **Application for Special Permit:** **\$200** plus the costs and expenses, including advertising and transcription costs, incurred in hearing and deciding the application, plus the fees required in §16:66 of the Zoning Ordinance (see below). Application for **Special Permit Renewal:** First appearance, no fee; Subsequent Appearance **\$200.00**.

3. **Subdivision Plat Application:** **\$250** plus **\$125** per lot proposed, plus the cost of publication of notice of public hearing, plus the fees required in §16:66 of the Zoning Ordinance (see below). (Formal or Informal) **\$100** each return. Inspection Fee for Subdivision or Site Plan Improvements: **Five Percent (5%)** of the amount of a performance bond or value of site construction whichever is greater, but not less than **\$100**. Maintenance Bond for Subdivision or Site Plan Improvements (on completion of the improvements or release of the performance bond) **10 % of the performance bond** or value of the site improvements, whichever is greater.

Applications to the Zoning Board of Appeals

1. **Interpretation of Zoning Ordinance:** **\$200** plus the cost and expenses, including advertising and transcription costs, incurred in hearing and deciding the application, plus the fees required in §16:66 of the Zoning Ordinance (see below). (Formal or Informal) **\$100** each return.

2. **Variances:** **\$200** plus the cost and expenses, including advertising and transcription costs, incurred in hearing and deciding the application, plus the fees required in §16:66 of the Zoning Ordinance (see below). (Formal or Informal) **\$100** each additional variance. **\$100** each return.

Applications to the Architectural Review Board

1. All Required Applications: **\$150** plus the cost of publication of notice of public hearing, plus the fees required in §16:66 of the Zoning Ordinance (see below). (Formal or Informal) **\$50** each return.

Applications Subject to State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR)

Note: For definitions of terms see Part 617 of SEQR

1. Determination

- a. For Excluded Actions, Exempt Actions and Type II Actions: **No fee**
- b. For Type I Actions and Unlisted Actions: **\$15**
- c. Environmental Impact Statement Processing: **\$300** plus publication and notice cost, plus fees required in §16:66 of the Zoning Ordinance (see below).

Excerpt from The Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Upper Nyack:

ARTICLE V ADMINISTRATION OF ZONING

§ 16:66 Fees for Village Technical Consultant Services [LL #4 of 2011, Filed 12-28-11]

A. Payment for Village Technical Consultant Services

The Village, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board or Architectural Review Board in the review of any application or petition described above may refer such application or petition presented to such engineering, planning, technical or environmental consultant as such Board shall deem reasonably necessary to enable it to review such application as required by law.

The charges made by such consultants shall be in accord with charges usually made for such services in the metropolitan New York region or pursuant to an existing contractual agreement between the Village and such consultant. If the Board requires technical services to be provided to it to assist the Board in making its decision, the Board shall require the property owner to provide a sum of money to be placed in escrow with the Treasurer of the Village of Upper Nyack to pay for said services. The technical professional must provide an estimate of the cost of the service to be provided prior to entering into an agreement with the Village. The property owner shall place into escrow an amount to be determined by the Treasurer of the Village, which escrow funds are to be used to cover the amount of the technical services to be provided to the Board. The Village will not be obligated to pay for technical services and the Village will not enter into any agreement to pay for such service until such funds have been deposited with the Village Treasurer. The Board shall request an estimate from the technical service provider in advance and shall notify the property owner of the amount to be deposited in escrow with the Village Treasurer. After the funds are deposited, the Treasurer will notify the Board that the funds are available and they may enter into an agreement with the technical service provider. In the event an application is required to be reviewed by the Village Board, and any other Board, then in such event and to the extent applicable, both Boards shall use the same consultants who shall in such case prepare one report providing the data, information and recommendations requested by both Boards. In all instances, duplications of consultants' reports shall be avoided whenever possible in order to minimize the cost of such consultants' reports to the applicant. **LL # 4 of 2011**

B. Refunds

All petitions for refunds shall be made to the Village Board. Refunds of fees will be allowed in proportion to the status of the application and any funds expended in the processing of such applications. In no case shall more than one-half (50%) of the fee be refundable. Where applications are submitted which do not contain the required materials for review, an administrative fee of 10% of the application fee will be assessed with the returned application. **NO FEE IS REFUNDABLE AFTER SCHEDULING OF A REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING.** Where the fee provides for the reimbursement to the Village of the cost of consultant services, such reimbursement shall be made prior to final action on the application.

C. Periodic Review

The Village Board shall periodically review the fee schedule set forth in this local law and shall by resolution, after public hearing for which notice shall be given ten (10) days prior thereto, amend the fees set forth herein.

D. Effective Date This local law shall take effect immediately.

E. Separability

Should any section or provision of this local law be decided by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Local Law as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so decided to be unconstitutional or invalid.

**VILLAGE OF UPPER NYACK
SCHEDULE OF FEES**

Applications to the Building Inspector

1. Tree Maintenance and Management Operations Permit: **\$60**
2. Tent Permit: **\$50**
3. Demolition Permit: **\$150**
4. Building Permit Fees: **1 % of the construction cost, with \$50.00 minimum**
(Cost x .01) or (Cost x 1%)
Example: 25,000 x 1% = 250.00
100,000 x 1% = 1,000.00
200,000 x 1% = 2,000.00

Building Permit Fees include application fee, initial inspection fees, and Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance.
5. Re-inspection fee **\$50.** per re-inspection
6. Renewal of Building or Demolition Permit: **\$100 per 6 months**
7. Certificate of Occupancy and Violation Search:
Fee for a C.O. and Violation Search on an existing building shall be **\$225.**
Physical inspection by the Building Inspector requires written request and a fee of **\$50.**
8. Duplicate Certificate of Occupancy:
Fee for a duplicate C.O. on an existing building shall be **\$15.**
9. Temporary 6 Month Certificate of Occupancy: **\$2500.00** For reference, see § 16:73 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Upper Nyack

Miscellaneous Items

1. Street Opening Permit
 - a. For the purpose of opening the street up to thirty (30) feet of roadway the permit fee shall be **\$350.**
 - b. Sewer line connections must be inspected by the DPW Superintendent. For the purpose of inspection of a connection to a sewer or other utility line the inspection fee shall be **\$100.**
 - c. For the purpose of servicing, repairing or installation by a Utility Company up to thirty (30) feet of roadway the permit fee shall be **\$250.**
2. Request to Film: **\$1,500** per day (days include pre-production set up, post production wrapping as well as actual days of filming. If a helicopter will be used in a scene, an additional, non-negotiable fee of **\$5,000** will be required and all immediate neighbors must agree to the use of the helicopter over their property.
3. Use of Old Stone Meeting House: Event sponsored by Non-Upper Nyack Resident or Organization, and Weddings of Non-Residents: **\$250** for each 4 hour block of time.
4. Fees for small wireless facilities as defined in Local Law # 2 of 2020
\$500 application fee for up to 5 small wireless facilities (SWF) and \$100 per additional SWF on the single application.
\$270 annual Right-of-Way (ROW) access fee per 5G repeater SWF.

By Resolution passed by the Board of Trustees on 9-20-12
Retroactive to the Annual Organization Meeting of 4-2-12

January 22, 2021

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR (C)
JOB CLASSIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

County, Town, Village, School District, Library or Special District Village of Upper Nyack		Department	Position Title (if established) Asst. Building Inspector
This position requires: <u>40</u> Hours work per week <u>12</u> Months work per year		Rate of Pay \$ <u>25</u> Per <u>hr.</u>	
Persons Supervising this position Name Roy Wanamaker		Title Building Inspector	(Direct, Occasional, General) Type of Supervision General
Persons Supervised by Employee in this position Name none		Title	Type of Supervision
Persons doing substantially the same kind and level of work Name none		Title	Location of Position
PERCENT OF WORK TIME	DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: Describe the work in sufficient detail to give a clear work picture of the job. Use a separate paragraph for each kind of work and describe the more important or time-consuming duties first. In the left column, estimate how the total working time is divided.		
10	Reviews, checks and may pass on plans submitted with building permit applications plans and inspects structures for compliance with local building code, zoning and related ordinances and applicable portions of the Uniform Code, under the general direction of the Building Inspector or Zoning Inspector.		
10	Inspects buildings and structures in the process of construction or repair to ensure their conformity with safety standards and applicable ordinances and laws		
10	Inspects existing buildings and structures to ensure their conformity with safety standards and applicable ordinances and laws		
10	Provides for the removal of illegal or unsafe conditions, and secures necessary safeguards during construction		
20	Inspects for compliance with local codes and investigates complaints. Issues oral instructions regarding violations of local codes and the actions needed to correct/abate the violations		
10	Issues Notices of violation to instruct violators of the actions to be taken to correct/abate the violations		
5	Maintains records of decisions made and actions taken		
5	Reports monthly to the Village Board of Trustees		
20	Related work as required		

The above statements are accurate and complete

Signature: *Karen Terepata Mayor* Date: 3-24-2022

Attach a separate sheet, if more space is needed.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPOINTING OFFICER

Place an (X) mark opposite the item in each group which best describes the work of this position.

<input type="checkbox"/> Repetitive and routine. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine, but involves some judgment to perform the duties. <input type="checkbox"/> Complex, involving decision of order, of tasks and methods. <input type="checkbox"/> Difficult, involving independent decisions as to scope and planning of projects and programs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is under direct supervision. <input type="checkbox"/> Works according to prescribed procedure with supervision available as needed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Is under general supervision as exercised through reports, conferences and job inspection. <input type="checkbox"/> Is subject only to policies and administrative approval.
<input type="checkbox"/> Requires no previous training or special knowledge. <input type="checkbox"/> Requires some basic abilities or knowledges of the general work. <input type="checkbox"/> Requires good knowledge of the primary work. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Requires thorough knowledge of all phases of the work. <input type="checkbox"/> Requires a particular proficiency or skill in a specialized activity.	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises direct supervision. <input type="checkbox"/> Supervises, as required, through review of work. <input type="checkbox"/> Exercises general supervision by means of reports and conferences. <input type="checkbox"/> Regularly supervises 1 to 5 employees. <input type="checkbox"/> Regularly supervises 6 to 15 employees. <input type="checkbox"/> Regularly supervises over 15 employees.

What minimum qualifications do you think should be required for this position?

Education: High school _____ years.
 College Bachelor's Degree _____ years, with specialization in Math, Engineering or Construction Science
 Other _____ years, with specialization in _____

Experience: (List amount and type)
 Minimum three (3) years on-site building construction experience in any work directly involved in the construction process

Essential knowledges, skills and abilities:

Type of license or certificate required: NYS Code Enforcement Official. Valid NYS Driver's License

COMMENTS:
 We need a full-time Assistant Building Inspector to support our Building Inspector and to inspect and investigate violations of our local laws as the Code Enforcement Official.

Signature of appointing officer:
 Signature: [Signature] Date: 3-24-2022

CERTIFICATE OF PERSONNEL OFFICE

In accordance with the provisions of Civil Service Law, Section 22, and the Rockland County Rules, the Rockland County Personnel Office certifies that the appropriate civil service title for the position described is

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR (COMPETITIVE)

Signature: [Signature] Date: 3/31/22
 Lori Gruebel, Commissioner of Personnel

ACTION BY LEGISLATIVE BODY OR OTHER APPROVING AUTHORITY IF A NEW POSITION

The new position described by the title indicated in 8 above was established on _____ at a salary of \$ _____ or at salary grade No. _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Amendment to Section Forty-seven, effective as of April 1, 2022:

The Term of the lease shall be extended year-to-year starting at June 1, 2022.

Further, Section Forty-seven of the primary lease, dated June 1, 2015, as amended from time to time, shall be replaced by the following:

Tenant shall be entitled to exercise five (5) one-year extensions of the primary lease, upon notice to the Landlord to be provided no later than May 1 of the preceding year, starting June 1, 2022 with rent calculated as follows:

- (a) For the year June 1, 2022 through and including May 31, 2023, annual rent of twenty-five thousand eight hundred (\$25,800) or monthly rent of two thousand one hundred fifty (\$2,150) dollars.
- (b) For the year June 1, 2023 through and including May 31, 2024, annual rent of twenty-five thousand eight hundred (\$25,800) or monthly rent of two thousand one hundred fifty (\$2,150) dollars.
- (c) For the year June 1, 2024 through and including May 31, 2025, annual rent of twenty-six thousand four hundred (\$26,400) dollars or monthly rent of two thousand two hundred (\$2,200) dollars.
- (d) For the year June 1, 2025 through and including May 31, 2026, annual rent of twenty-seven thousand (\$27,000) dollars or monthly rent of two thousand two hundred fifty (\$2,250) dollars.
- (e) For the year June 1, 2026 through and including May 31, 2027, annual rent of twenty-seven thousand six hundred sixty (\$27,600) dollars or monthly rent of two thousand three hundred (\$2,300) dollars.

If any other provision of the primary lease and/or any amendments made thereto shall conflict with the terms of this Amendment, this terms of Amendment shall prevail.

Amendment date March ____, 2022

Village of Upper Nyack, Landlord
By:

328 NB, Inc., Tenant
By:


James A. Sarna, Vice President

RESOLUTION REGARDING NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act: H.R. 4677

WHEREAS, New York Congressman Tonko has proposed the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act, a unique federal investment program to authorize \$50 million of federal funds to protect and restore all watersheds, including the Hudson River Watershed, that flow into New York-New Jersey Harbor and

WHEREAS, The Act has unanimous support among the Hudson Valley's Congressional delegation; and,

WHEREAS, the Act would provide benefits to diverse stakeholders such as the protection of fisheries and wildlife, conservation of natural resources and public and private lands, critical urban greenspaces, ocean and coastal resources, and various opportunities to improve the quality of life for community members throughout the region; and

WHEREAS the Village of Upper Nyack is part of the most densely populated and economically important regions in the country, the proposed NY-NJ Watershed Act will provide enormous economic and environmental benefits locally, regionally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, watersheds provide drinking water, tourism and outdoor recreation, economic opportunities, as well as sustain fisheries, critical wildlife and provide vital infrastructure from flooding and rising sea levels; and

WHEREAS, the Act would provide matching funds to achieve the goals of New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Hudson River Estuary Program, a state program that has greatly benefitted Hudson Valley communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Act would fund shoreline management and restoration within the watersheds,

WHEREAS, as an elected body tasked with protection and safeguarding irreplaceable water-connected resources and nature-based flood hazard mitigation measures that are essential to protect human life and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, this Act would direct the Secretary of the Interior to enhance collaboration and coordinate restoration activities at all levels of government to protect fish and wildlife habitats, endangered species, improve water quality, increase public access to the estuary, mitigate flood risks, and develop public outreach and educational activities; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the region of the NY-NJ Watershed live in communities lacking environmental justice, where access to and enjoyment of fish, wildlife, clean water, and other natural resources have been impaired or compromised, federal funding is necessary to mitigate these long overdue environmental and social issues; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Upper Nyack would benefit from the Act as it would establish beneficial programs and award grants to help fund valuable restoration projects in our local community; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Upper Nyack must uphold its duty to protect the community's access to drinking water and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Upper Nyack has an opportunity to be a social and environmental leader of the state, by supporting the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act, we may lead by example and facilitate much needed change; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Upper Nyack supports the passing of the NY-NJ Watershed Protection Act.