

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Upper Nyack Board of Trustees held at  
7:00 pm on Thursday, July 20th, 2023 held as a hybrid meeting.**

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

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Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

- **Police Report (see recording).**
- **Code Enforcement Officer Report (see recording).**
- **Approve minutes from June 8th, 15th, and 26th Board of Trustees meetings.**

Motion to accept the minutes from the June 8th, 2023 Board of Trustees Special Meeting made by Trustee Crowther, seconded by Trustee Esmay, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

AYES: Mayor Tarapata, Trustees Crowther, and Esmay

NOES:

Abstain:

Motion to accept the minutes from the June 15th, 2023 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:

Motion to accept the minutes from the June 26th, 2023 meeting made by Trustee Esmay, seconded by Trustee Crowther, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

- **Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #6 of 2023 to allow for the use of best value procurement within the Village of Upper Nyack.**

Discussion: This Local Law would allow the Village to accept bids for projects of a certain size (up to \$35,000.00) for municipal projects based on optimize quality cost and efficiency, unlike the lowest responsible bidder standard.

Motion to open the public hearing on proposed Local Law #6 of 2023 made by Trustee Epstein, seconded by Trustee Rothchild, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

Motion to close the public hearing on proposed Local Law #6 of 2023 made by Trustee Rothchild, seconded by Trustee Crowther, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

Motion to adopt proposed Local Law #6 of 2023 made by Trustee Esmay, seconded by Trustee Epstein, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

- **Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #7 of 2023 amending the Parking Law.**

Motion to open the public hearing for proposed Local Law #7 of 2023 made by Trustee Rothchild, seconded by Trustee Epstein, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

Discussion: Residents Linda Bean, Chase Altneu, and Cassie Vursta came to show their support for the local law and “No Parking” on Badi Drive. They additionally requested “no outlet” signage and strict enforcement. They also expressed that the hiking trails that cut through the properties located on Badi Drive need better markings.

Motion to close the public hearing for proposed Local Law #7 of 2023 made by Trustee Crowther, seconded by Trustee Rothchild, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

Motion to adopt Local Law #7 of 2023 made by Trustee Rothchild, seconded by Trustee Crowther, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

- **Low-Carbon Concrete Resolution (attached).**

Discussion: Resolution to use low-carbon concrete for new projects in the Village (if it is not cost prohibitive).

Motion to adopt a low-carbon concrete resolution made by Trustee Epstein, seconded by Trustee Rothchild, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

- **Tax exemptions.**

Discussion: Tabled until next meeting.

- **Gift from the friends of River Hook**

Discussion: The Friends of River Hook are gifting the Village the lease cost of two sculptures by local artist Conrad Levinson for a term of one year to be installed on the River Hook preserve in the Fall of 2023. The cost to insure them will not go up as they are replacing two existing sculptures on the property. Additionally, the Friends want to make a donation of \$20,000.00 to help create the start of a natural play area at the River Hook Preserve and to repaint the ice house structure on the property due to a donations from Welles Remy Crowther Charitable Trust and Alison Remy Crowther.

Motion to accept gift of two sculptures from the Friends of River Hook made by Trustee Crowther, seconded by Trustee Esmay, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

Motion to accept donation of \$20,000.00 from the Friends of River Hook for restoration work on the property made by Trustee Epstein, seconded by Trustee Rothchild, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

- **LWRP Update Discussion**

Discussion: The Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan gives water-facing communities in New York a way to protect or revitalize their waterfront lands (many waterfront municipalities have them). The Department of State grants communities more control over their waterfronts based on various aspects, depending on what different communities qualify for. The process is similar to a Comprehensive Plan process and involves committees and citizen participation and would take a few years. The grant would cover 75% of the cost of hiring a firm to draw up the proposal.

Motion to commit to pay 25% (up to \$20,000.00) as the Village of Upper Nyack's required contribution towards the cost of a LWRP from next year's budget made by Trustee Epstein, seconded by Trustee Esmay, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

- **Adjournment**

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

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.**