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

PRESENT	Karen Tarapata Michael Esmay Jeffrey Epstein Kennon Rothchild III (virtual) Alison Crowther	Mayor Deputy Mayor Trustee Trustee Trustee
ALSO PRESENT	Georgia Grandstaff Richard Fortunato PO Chris Kelly	Village Clerk Village Treasurer Clarkstown Police
ABSENT -		

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

- **Proclamation for Laurie Dodge**
- **Police Report (attached)**
- **Code Enforcement Officer Report (see recording).**
- **Treasurer Report**

Discussion: Village may have deficit this year due to infrastructure projects. This is the first year that residents have the option to pay their tax bill online (tax bills go out June 1).

Motion to authorize payment due June 15th, 2023 for the public improvement bond with the principal amount \$95,000.00 and interest \$33,221.88 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

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NOES:

Abstain:

Motion to authorize interest payment due July 15, 2023 for the refinancing bond in the amount interest of \$23,650.00 made by Trustee Epstein, seconded by Trustee Crowther, and so accepted.

On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

- **Public Comment**

Discussion: Village Resident Mort Korn informed the Board of Trustees that the Village Engineer's voicemail does not specifically say that it is the voicemail of the Village Engineer and that the North River Shipyard has applied to the state for a dredging permit. They asked for an update on Village lawsuits regarding the Shipyard.

- **Discuss request to accept offer of dedication of Badi Drive.**

Discussion: Noelle Wolfson, explained the process that has been undertaken to dedicate Badi Drive, 6 lot subdivision on the north side of Midland Avenue, construction has been completed on the road and will be dedicated to the Village which will mean that the Village will be responsible to maintain the road.

- **SEQRA Review of Badi Drive offer of dedication.**

Discussion: Dedication is an unlisted action under SEQRA. The Mayor read through the EAF form.

Motion to adopt a negative declaration for the dedication of Badi Drive based on the information in parts 1, 2, and 3 of the Environmental Impact Form made by Trustee Crowther, seconded by Trustee Esmay, and so accepted.

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On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

- **Set Public Hearing for Badi Drive offer of dedication for June 8, 2023.**

Motion to set a public hearing for the offer of dedication of Badi Drive for June 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm 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:

- **Approve minutes from April 13th, 2023 and April 20th, 2023.**

Motion to adopt the minutes from the April 13th, 2023 special meeting of the Board of Trustees and the April 20th, 2023 regular meeting minutes 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:

- **Accept gift from Friends of River Hook.**

Discussion: The Friends of River Hook has offered to pay for asbestos remediation on the first floor of the carriage house at River Hook preserve.

Motion to accept the gift of asbestos remediation from the Friends of River Hook made by Trustee Epstein, seconded by Trustee Esmay, and so accepted.

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On Call for a Vote:

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

NOES:

Abstain:

- **Discussion of gift of a sculpture by Alberto Marcos Erskine to the Friends of River Hook.**

Discussion: Local artist wants to make a sculpture of a deer made from found materials on the River Hook property.

Motion to accept the gift of a custom sculpture from Friends of River Hook 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:

- **Discussion of food scrap recycling program.**

Discussion: Orangetown has been doing a pilot program on food scrap recycling/composting. We will be looking into the cost of having this program implemented in Upper Nyack. Will be discussed at the next meeting.

- **Discussion of River Hook Film Policy.**

Discussion: Tabled until the next meeting.

- **Discussion of low-carbon concrete initiative.**

Discussion: There is now a company that makes a low-carbon concrete in the Hudson Valley. The Village Board could adopt a resolution to make every effort to use this product as it is beneficial to the environment. The mayor will gather more information and report back to the board.

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- **Green Committee Energy Reduction Initiative.**

Discussion: There is a company that is extending a service that is usually offered to large companies that reduces energy consumption during peak times in the summertime. Rebates are available if you utilize this program. The Green Committee will be promoting this program to residents. It does NOT conflict with current aggregate

- **New resident packet update.**

Discussion: Trustees Crowther and Epstein have been compiling information to create a “new residents” packet. The board discussed what information would be in the packet, its format, and to whom it would be sent.

- **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees 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:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm.