

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the Village of Nyack Board of Trustees  
Held at Village Hall at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 26, 2026**

**Present:** Joseph Rand, Mayor  
Pascale Jean-Gilles, Trustee  
Donna Lightfoot Cooper – *Arrived 7:28 pm*  
Joseph Carlin, Trustee  
Nathalie Riobe-Taylor, Trustee – *Arrived 7:24 pm*

**Also Present:** Andrew Stewart, Village Administrator  
Dennis Michaels, Village Attorney  
Linda Donnelly, Village Clerk

**Meeting called to order at 7:16 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Mayor's Introduction**

Mayor Rand reported attending the memorial service for Police Officer Courtney Smith on behalf of the Village and offered condolences to the Smith family. He then thanked Andy, Ann Marie, all staff, DPW, the Parking Authority, the Community Ambulance Corps, the Fire Department, and OPD for their strong response during the Sunday-to-Monday snowstorm. He noted that streets are now clear, alternate-side and metered parking have resumed, Artopee lot will be cleared overnight with no parking allowed there tonight, and the marina lot is available for free overnight parking.

**COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD**

*Trustee Jean-Gilles* – The storm response was much better this time with few complaints, praised the team's work, and asked that Francis and Sixth be checked again, noting it as an observation rather than a complaint.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Jack Dunnigan* – Excellent winter cleanup all the way around.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-39 – APPROVE WEDDING EVENT IN MEMORIAL PARK, OCTOBER 3, 2026**

*The following resolution was offered by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Carlin.*

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves a permit application from Abigail Hammond for a wedding event in the gazebo in Memorial Park, October 3, 2026, noon – 3 pm.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

<i>Trustee Jean-Gilles . . . . . Yes</i>	<i>Trustee Riobe-Taylor . . . . . Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Lightfoot Cooper . . . Absent</i>	<i>Mayor Rand . . . . . Yes</i>
<i>Trustee Carlin. . . . . Yes</i>	



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-40 – APPROVE DRUIDFEST IN MEMORIAL PARK MAY 9, 2026**

*The following resolution was offered by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Carlin.*

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves a permit application from Morgana Brennan for a vendor fair for Druidfest in Memorial Park, May 9, 2026, 8 AM – 8 PM.

Mayor Rand – Thanked Morgana for choosing to bring part of the event to Nyack rather than having it serve only as a departure point, expressed his appreciation for her efforts, and said he is looking forward to the event.

Trustee Jean-Gilles – Trustee Jean-Gilles said she also supports the event, appreciates that prior feedback was heard, and is glad it will be taking place in Nyack.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

<i>Trustee Jean-Gilles . . . . . Yes</i>	<i>Trustee Riobe-Taylor . . . . . Absent</i>
<i>Trustee Lightfoot Cooper . . . Absent</i>	<i>Mayor Rand . . . . . Yes</i>
<i>Trustee Carlin. . . . . Yes</i>	



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-41 – APPROVE A FIELD AND FORAGE FLOWER MARKET IN HEZEKIAH EASTER VETERANS SQUARE IN 2026**

*The following resolution was offered by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Carlin.*

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves a permit application from Field and Forage for a flower vendor fair Saturdays, in Hezekiah Easter Veterans Square in

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation has made funds available from the Federal Highway Administration through the Transportation Alternatives Program to support bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path projects and programs and expand opportunities for non-vehicular transportation choices; and

WHEREAS, the activities of the Project herein improve mobility, provide safe routes for pedestrians to access daily needs, public transportation and recreational opportunities, enhance the character of the village and contribute to its revitalization, and further the Village of Nyack's plans for ADA-compliant sidewalks throughout the entire village; and

WHEREAS, the Village deems it to be in the public interest and benefit under these acts to authorize and direct Joseph Rand, as Mayor of the Village of Nyack, New York, to file an application for funds to the New York State Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Program; and

WHEREAS, because of the importance of the project to the public benefit, the Village intends to expedite the implementation of the project where feasible and advance the project to construction within 24 months of award.

WHEREAS, the projected cost of the project is \$3,886,570.43, 80% of which would be paid by the grant and 20% would most likely be paid by bonds taken out by the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY – the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack:

1. That Joseph Rand, as Mayor, is hereby authorized to file an application for funding in support of the construction of an ADA-compliant sidewalk system in the Village's historic waterfront and central business district
2. That the Municipality will fund as a match at least 20% of the cost of the Project and will pay for all cost overruns should they occur, and that funds will be available to initiate the Project's field work upon execution of a contract with New York State Department of Transportation.

Trustee Jean-Gilles – Is this separate from CDBG money?

Administrator Stewart – Yes

Trustee Carlin – All of Lydecker?

Administrator Stewart – Yes, once the budget is finalized and design begins, the Village may keep sidewalk sections that are still in acceptable condition and focus work on the areas most in need, if funding is awarded. He added that the overall project is substantial, with an estimated total cost of nearly \$4 million.

Trustee Carlin – Asked what the project timeline would be — specifically, when the funding decision would come through and when the Village could expect to begin the work.

Administrator Stewart – The grant timeline is about a year, and if the Village is selected, the Board will still decide whether to accept the funding before any contract is signed; the current resolution only shows interest in applying.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-45 – SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE VILLAGE 2026-2027 BUDGET**

*The following resolution was offered by Trustee Riobe-Taylor, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles.*

WHEREAS, pursuant to NYS Village Law, the Draft Tentative FY 26-27 Budget must be delivered to the Village Clerk for public access by March 20, 2026, a public hearing on the Tentative Budget must take place before April 15, 2026, and the final budget adoption deadline is May 1, 2026,

RESOLVED, the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget public hearing will take place at Village Hall on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 7:30 PM.

*Motion by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper to amend the resolution to add will take place at Village Hall.*

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

*Trustee Jean-Gilles . . . . . Yes  
Trustee Lightfoot Cooper . . . . . Yes  
Trustee Carlin. . . . . Yes*

*Trustee Riobe-Taylor . . . . . Yes  
Mayor Rand . . . . . Yes*



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-46 – SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND CHAPTER 360-3.2(b)(11)(C) TO REPEAL LOCAL LAWS #2 AND #7 OF 2025**

*The following resolution was offered by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Carlin.*

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack sets a public hearing to consider a proposed local law to repeal local laws #2 and #7 to amend Chapter 360-3.2(B)(11)(c) so as to refer and defer to New York State’s preemptive regulations and laws regarding proximity and distances for cannabis dispensaries, to take place at Village Hall on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 8:00 PM.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

*Trustee Jean-Gilles . . . . . Yes  
Trustee Lightfoot Cooper . . . . . Yes  
Trustee Carlin. . . . . Yes*

*Trustee Riobe-Taylor . . . . . Yes  
Mayor Rand . . . . . Yes*

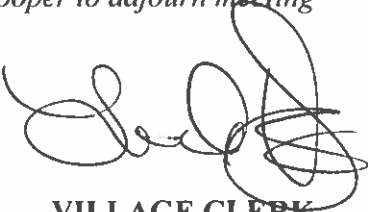


**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion offered by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper to adjourn meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion carried.*



**VILLAGE CLERK**