

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the Village of Nyack Board of Trustees  
Held at Village Hall at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 9, 2026**

**Present:** Joseph Rand, Mayor  
Pascale Jean-Gilles, Trustee  
Joseph Carlin, Trustee  
Nathalie Riobe-Taylor, Trustee

**Also Present:** Andrew Stewart, Village Administrator  
Dennis Michaels, Village Attorney  
Linda Donnelly, Village Clerk  
Kyle Coimbra, Village Treasurer  
Manny Carmona, Building Inspector

**Absent:** Donna Lightfoot Cooper

**Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Mayor's Introduction**

Mayor Rand highlighted the start of the spring season and noted several upcoming community events:

- Street Fair – Sunday (10 AM–5 PM): First street fair of the year with full street closures and large attendance expected.
- Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday at 2 PM: Rescheduled from Easter Sunday due to rain.
- Restaurant Week – April 13–19: Participating restaurants will offer special menus; residents are encouraged to support local dining.
- Taste of Nyack – April 22: YMCA fundraiser featuring samples from approximately 10 local restaurants. Participants receive a card to visit each location.
- Spring Event Guide: A full list of seasonal events is available at [nyack.link/events](http://nyack.link/events).
- RC Housing Forum – April 24, Fire Training Center in Pomona; full-day event

**COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD**

*Trustee Carlin* – The Greatest American Cleanup will take place on Sunday, May 2, from 9 AM to 12 PM, with volunteers meeting at the YMCA. A registration QR code is available on social media and will be added to the Village website. Individuals and groups are encouraged to participate, and community service hours will be provided.

## **PRESENTATION**

Mayor Rand announced the winners of the Village's annual Holiday Decoration Contest and recognized the Patuto family as the top residential winner, presenting them with a certificate, pins, and a gift card. Congratulations on your spectacular holiday decorating!

Mayor Rand also noted that Hope Wade won the business category of the Holiday Decoration Contest. She was unable to attend this meeting, but she will be recognized at the next meeting with a certificate and gift card.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Robert Lord, 3 Main St* – Reported ongoing issues with extremely loud vehicles on River and Burd Streets. He advised against rumble strips or fences, saying they would worsen the noise. He suggested the Village consider noise-triggered enforcement cameras allowed under the SLEEP Act, which automatically record and ticket vehicles that exceed legal decibel limits.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Tentative Budget for FY 2026-2027**

*Motion by Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles to open the public hearing offered at 7:35 pm.*

Mayor Rand invited public and Board comment.

Mayor Rand directed residents to [nyack.link/budget27](https://nyack.link/budget27), noting that the site provides the full budget in PDF and Excel formats, along with memos, graphs, and other materials for public review.

Treasurer Coimbra reported that the Village stayed within the tax cap and expects non-tax revenues to meet or exceed last year's levels, allowing for modest increases in next year's projections. Major expense changes include routine employee and health insurance increases, the addition of a bus driver and a social worker, higher funding for snow removal after this year's storms, and an expanded celebrations budget for the Fourth of July and the Village's 250th anniversary. All other adjustments were typical.

Mayor Rand highlighted three points:

1. The Village uses conservative revenue estimates, and several revenues (including building fees and cannabis tax) outperformed expectations this year.
2. The budget faces a structural challenge because property taxes capped at 2.9% cannot keep pace with rising costs.
3. Newer non-property revenues — the hotel tax and cannabis tax — now provide about \$700,000 annually, roughly equal to the Village's limited discretionary spending, and without them the budget would face a significant shortfall.

Kamdyn Moore – Asked whether the Village allows short-term rentals such as Airbnb's, and if so, whether those rentals could be included in the hotel tax to generate additional revenue.

Mayor Rand – Explained that short-term rentals like Airbnb's are allowed in the Village, but there are currently too few to make regulation a priority. He noted that if the Village were to act, it would be more likely to impose restrictions on short-term rental duration rather than pursue

hotel-tax revenue. He added that concerns include reducing available long-term housing and the impact of frequent transient visitors on residential buildings.

Minerva Parker – Asked to talk about the social worker.

Mayor Rand – Explained that revenue from the hotel and cannabis taxes was intended to support tourism and youth/support programs, and that part of the cannabis revenue is being used to fund a new outreach worker through Catholic Charities to assist residents facing social or behavioral challenges. The position is structured as a partnership rather than a Village hire to ensure proper oversight and expertise.

*Motion by Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Riobe-Taylor to close the public hearing on the Tentative Budget for FY 2026-2027 on 04/09/2026 at 7:48 pm.*

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – 03/12/2026

*On motion of Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles. The minutes of the meeting held on 03/12/2026 were accepted as presented.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-57 – ACCEPTING AUDITED VOUCHER SUMMARY**

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

WHEREAS, the Audited Voucher Summary was presented to the Nyack Village Board of Trustees at its regularly scheduled meeting of April 9, 2026.

RESOLVED, the General Fund Claims set forth on Pages 1 through 16 in the below listed amounts are approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND	\$243,062.10
NYACK PARKING AUTHORITY	\$ 19,905.21
WATER FUND	\$ 20,101.07
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$ 19,980.75
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$ 6,023.28

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-58 – ADOPT A PARK AMENITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE SHORELINE PATH PROJECT**

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Nyack maintains public parks and open spaces for the enjoyment, health, and welfare of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to encourage voluntary private contributions to support the maintenance and improvement of park amenities while preserving the public character of Village property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed a proposed Park Bench, Picnic Table, and Tree Sponsorship Policy, together with a standard Sponsorship Agreement to be administered by the Village Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program provides for limited, non-commercial recognition of sponsors, does not confer ownership or naming rights, and preserves the Village's sole discretion over placement, maintenance, relocation, and removal of sponsored items;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack, as follows:

1. Adoption of Policy. The Park Bench, Picnic Table, and Tree Sponsorship Policy, substantially in the form presented to the Board, is hereby adopted.
2. Approval of Agreement Form. The standard Park Bench, Picnic Table, and Tree Sponsorship Agreement, substantially in the form presented to the Board and approved by the Village Attorney, is hereby approved for use.
3. Administration. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized to administer the sponsorship program, accept sponsorship applications, and execute sponsorship agreements consistent with the adopted policy.
4. Fees and Contributions. Sponsorship contribution amounts shall be established administratively and may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Board of Trustees. Fees for 2026-2027 are the following:
  - 8' Bench: \$4,000
  - 6' Bench: \$3,750
  - 8' Picnic Table: \$4,180
  - 6' Picnic Table: \$3,580
  - Chess Table: \$3,500
  - Tree: \$750

- 5. No Property Rights. Participation in the sponsorship program shall not confer any ownership interest, naming right, easement, or exclusive use of Village property.
- 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Minerva Parker – Asked if there was a catalog people choose from.

Mayor Rand – Only the item and the plaque wording are chosen by the sponsor. The Village has already selected the available items.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-59 – APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FROM LOUISE NEWSOME FOR THE NYACK CRAFT WALK EVENT**

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves the use of Memorial Park Upper Lawn and Hezekiah Easter Veterans Square and adjacent parking lot for a craft vendor event proposed by Louise Newsome, on Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4, 2026, including the closure of the Cedar Street bus layover lane.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-60 – APPROVE A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BERRY BURNERS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF VILLAGE-OWNED HEATING AND COOLING EQUIPMENT**

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves an annual 2026-2027 service agreement with Berry Burners in the amount of \$3,750 for Village Hall and \$1,250 for the Senior Center.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-61 – APPROVE A REFUND BUILDING PERMIT FEE TO KIER LEVESQUE, DUE TO OVERPAYMENT ON PERMIT #26-041**

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves a refund of \$125 to Kier Levesque for an overpayment on Building Permit # 26-041.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-62 – APPROVE STREET CLOSURE EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FROM HOPE WADE FOR DOG FASHION SHOW ON SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026, ON NORTH BROADWAY**

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves an application from Hope Wade to host a dog fashion show on North Broadway, between Lydecker St and High Ave, on Saturday, May 23, 2026, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM (rain date Sunday, May 24, 2026).

Trustee Carlin – Asked if event requires DPW to close the street, and if the village is paying for it.  
Administrator Stewart – It temporarily closes one section of North Broadway on Saturday from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, and she is paying for the closure.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-63 – APPROVE STREET CLOSURE EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FROM HEAD START FOR A SPRING BLOCK PARTY, ON DEPEW AVENUE, FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026**

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves an application from Kira Davenport of Head Start for a Spring Block party street closure on Depew Ave, Friday, May 29, from 8:30 AM to noon, extent of enclosure is frontage of Head Start, leaving driveways for Tallman Towers and Depew Manor accessible.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-64 – APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FROM GO THE DISTANCE FOR AUTISM TO USE MEMORIAL PARK AS A REST STOP FOR CYCLING EVENT, SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026**

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves the use of Memorial Park Upper Lawn benches and bathroom for a rest stop during the Go the Distance for Autism cycling event, Sunday, May 31, 2026, 6:30 AM – 10:30 AM, pending event approval from Orangetown police.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-65 – AUTHORIZE ANNUAL DONATION TO THE ORANGETOWN/NYACK SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB**

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

WHEREAS, the Village recognizes the importance of programs and services that support the well-being and social engagement of senior residents; and

WHEREAS, the Orangetown/Nyack Senior Citizen Club provides valuable recreational, educational, and community-building activities that benefit Village seniors, and the Village has historically supported these efforts through an annual contribution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes an annual donation in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) to the Orangetown/Nyack Senior Citizen Club; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer is authorized and directed to issue payment from Budget Line, Program for the Aging.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-66 – APPROVE PURCHASE OF A LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC 6-PASSENGER VEHICLE FOR USE AS A SHUTTLE WITHIN VILLAGE AREA**

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

WHEREAS, the Village has a commitment of funding up to \$50,000 from the County of Rockland for purchase of the vehicle, which is available on a federal purchase contract,

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves the purchase of a low-speed vehicle (LSV) Gem 6 passenger vehicle for use as a local free shuttle, for a total price of \$45,600, as described in the referenced cost quote FCC260318-GEM1 from Federal Contracts Company.

- Jack Dunnigan – Asked about the hours of operation.
- Mayor Rand – Would prefer to run as much as possible.
- Trustee Jean-Gilles – Asked where it will be stored.
- Mayor Rand – One of our charging stations.
- Trustee Carlin – Suggested that the trolley driver should also point out local landmarks to riders, essentially serving as a tour guide.
- Minerva Parker – Asked if there a fee.
- Mayor Rand – No
- Unk – Asked if a child can ride.
- Mayor Rand – Will explore

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-67 – AUTHORIZING A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL SOLAR PARTNERS FOR PROCUREMENT OF ROOFTOP SOLAR ARRAYS FOR VILLAGE-OWNED BUILDINGS**

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

WHEREAS, the Village has obtained funding commitment of \$262,000 from NYS to pay for installations of roof top solar arrays on Village buildings,

WHEREAS, Village Hall, DPW and Head Start, have, or shortly will have, new roofs suitable for solar array installation, and in the face of rising energy costs, rooftop solar is expected to save the Village on electricity costs,

WHEREAS, rooftop solar projects will aid the Village in fulfilling the goals of its Climate Action Plan in reducing greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change exacerbating extreme weather events that harm Village residents and infrastructure,

WHEREAS, the Village requires the services of technical experts to conduct feasibility analysis of each site and assemble contracts for construction to be bid competitively,

WHEREAS, Municipal Solar Partners has the expertise to provide this procurement service and has proposed doing so for a lump sum fee of \$6000 to be paid by the winning construction company,

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack authorizes the Village Administrator to engage the services of Municipal Solar Partners in a consulting agreement subject to review by the Village Attorney, to develop a competitive bidding package for roof top solar installations.

Steve Cea – Reported that the Village received \$262,000 in Clean Energy Communities grant funding for rooftop solar on three municipal buildings. Because the original contractor option was not suitable, the Village plans to use Municipal Solar Partners, a nonprofit with solar-project expertise, to prepare the RFP so the project can be bid properly and cost-effectively, with all costs covered by the grant.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-68 – AWARD CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO NYACK MIDDLE SCHOOL SIDEWALK PROJECT TO PALADINO CONCRETE CREATIONS FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,435,677.50**

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

WHEREAS, the Village has obtained funding commitment of \$4,304,000 from New York State, with \$1,076,000 in Village matching funds, for improvements to sidewalks on Depew Ave, Upper Depew Ave, (upper) Main Street, and various connecting streets,

WHEREAS, GPI/Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., designed the project, facilitated community meetings about the project, and bid the project for the Village, and the bid opening occurred on March 24, 2026 at Village Hall,

WHEREAS, GPI has analyzed all three bids received and recommends award of the construction contract to Paladino Concrete Creations, Corp., for base bid and alternates, for a total of \$3,435,677.50, in a letter dated April 3, 2026, pending NYS approval of the bid analysis,

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack authorizes the Village Administrator to sign a construction contract with Paladino Concrete Creations, Corp., for base bid and alternates, for a total of \$3,435,677.50, in a form acceptable to the Village Attorney.

Trustee Carlin – Asked whether a safer pedestrian crossing could be added on Route 9W closer to Upper Depew, since the only current crossing is at Main Street. He also asked if adding a stop sign at the Upper Depew/9W intersection could improve safety for children walking to school.

Administrator Stewart – Explained that NYS will not allow a crosswalk at Upper Depew and Route 9W because there is no traffic signal or other infrastructure to make it safe. He noted that the only approved crossings are farther south, including the one near the school with a crossing guard and pedestrian signal, and that children walking from Depew are expected to use those established crossings.

Trustee Jean-Gilles – Noted that the only improvement the Village might be able to add at that intersection would be flashing pedestrian-crossing signs, similar to those used near the hospital.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-69 – REQUEST A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR WEST SHORE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE**

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

WHEREAS, the west side of the Hudson River in Orange, Ulster, and Rockland Counties lacks sufficient public transportation infrastructure, limiting mobility and economic opportunity for residents; and

WHEREAS, the CSX River Subdivision (West Shore Line) presents a unique opportunity for a new passenger rail corridor connecting Newburgh, Cornwall, and other west-of-Hudson communities to New York City and the greater metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, All Aboard Hudson Valley envisions implementing passenger rail service along the West Shore Line to support regional goals related to smart growth, access to transportation, economic development, and reduction of carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, recent developments such as the proposed implementation of New York City's congestion pricing plan and the cancellation of the Newburgh-Beacon Ferry have underscored the urgent need for viable commuter alternatives on the west side of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, a restored and upgraded West Shore rail corridor would not only increase access to jobs and housing but would also support critical hubs such as Stewart International Airport and the potential Newburgh Intermodal Transportation Center, including multimodal connections with ferry, bus, rideshare, and future housing development; and

WHEREAS, such service could also provide future connections for tourism to the Catskills, improved access to West Point for events and ceremonies, and long-term opportunities for transit-oriented development in Towns like Orangetown; and

WHEREAS, a feasibility study is the critical first step to assess operational, engineering, ridership, and economic viability of such service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nyack Village Board of Trustees hereby formally requests that New York State, in coordination with relevant regional planning agencies and transportation authorities, and at no cost to the Village, fund and initiate a feasibility study to evaluate the restoration of passenger rail service on the CSX River Subdivision (West Shore Line) with a stops in Orangetown and Clarkstown; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Kathy Hochul, Congressman Michael Lawler, State Senator William Weber, Assemblyman Patrick Carroll, the New York State Department of Transportation, and other relevant agencies and officials to express our full support and urge immediate action.

Trustee Carlin – Asked how the commercial and commuter lines would co-exist.

Trustee Jean-Gilles – Still an unknown. More than likely add more tracks. Commercial runs in the evening when commuter is not.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-70 – APPROVE THE EXISTING RESTAURANT BUMP-OUT POLICY AND ESTABLISHING UPDATED MONTHLY FEE**

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves the existing bump-out policy with an increase of the monthly cost from \$125 to \$150 per space per month for 2026 and increasing to \$175 per space per month for 2027.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-71 – AUTHORIZE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH WESTERN PEST, INC.**

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack authorizes Administrator Stewart to enter into a service contract with Western Pest, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS (based on availability)**

*Orangetown Police Department* – The mayor noted ongoing noise and safety issues when Maraj closes, as large crowds spill into the street. The owner asked for police presence at closing time to prevent problems. He clarified that the recent gun incident involved someone who had not been inside the bar, though the person targeted had been. He said further questions should be handled outside the meeting.

*Village Administrator* – Paving is scheduled next week on Jefferson and Marian, along with a small section on Sickles near the hospital. Sidewalk work will resume in about a month on Third and Franklin, and unfinished sections near Jefferson and Marian will be completed. A major project is underway on High Avenue. The Village Hall roof replacement begins around the 21<sup>st</sup> and will require temporary closures on Lydecker Street. The DPW salt shed is finished, with paving around it to follow soon.

*Village Clerk* – None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Draft Local Law Amending Chapter 360 (Zoning) of the Code of the Village of Nyack, so as to Add Provisions Regarding Adaptive Reuse and/or Tear-Down of Eligible Religious and/or Educational Buildings and Uses, for the Purpose of Constructing Multi-Family Dwellings

Board agreed to moving draft law forward by keeping the first section, removing the tear-down portion, and scheduling public hearing at next meeting.

### **Nyack Porchfest**

The speaker explained that their group has been planning an event for several months and, after reorganizing their team, they are ready to move forward. They have submitted a permit application for August 22 to hold a family-friendly day of activities in Memorial Park and at the gazebo, including kite flying, music, performers, and participation from local organizations.

Mayor Rand said the Village's only real role in the porch-performance event would be allowing portable restrooms on the street, since hosts can't be expected to provide bathrooms. The Village would grant that permission, and no other formal involvement is anticipated. He also stressed the fact that some type of umbrella policy should be considered on the part of the event organizers.

### **Restaurant Bump-Out Policy**

Board agrees to keep the policy with a fee increase from \$125 to \$150 – Resolution added.

### **July 2-5, 2026 Events Planning**

Trustee Carlin reported that planning for the USA 250 event is on track, major activities are booked, fundraising and vendor participation are strong, only a couple of items remain unresolved, and a full schedule with artwork will be ready by the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Western Pest, Inc., Rat Control Service Contract**

Administrator Stewart explained that the proposal is for roughly \$15,000 in rat-control services using a high-end company that would place 20–25 smart monitoring devices downtown, track rodent activity, provide weekly reports and strategy adjustments, take over the village's existing pest-control contract at a savings, and overall triple the current rat-control budget while greatly expanding coverage due to

public-health and quality-of-life concerns – Resolution added.

### Update on Nyack Plaza

Building Inspector Carmona explained that the fire-repair project, originally expected to be a small, limited job, became a full gut renovation after asbestos abatement led to removal of the entire interior, triggering major code-compliance requirements, extensive redesign, and at least a year of additional work. The fire's cause has no final report yet, though it likely involved a bathroom vent issue that may affect other buildings and require costly but necessary fixes. A roof permit is active, and work is underway to prevent further damage.

### Appointment of Kamdyn Moore to the Planning Board

Still under consideration by Ms. Moore.

### NexAmp Partnership to Promote Community Solar Access in the Village.

Steve Cea explained that NexAmp offers a community-solar program where residents can subscribe to a share of an off-site solar array and receive a 10–20% discount on their electric bills, with higher savings for low- and moderate-income households. There's no equipment required, sign-up is simple, and the Village can earn referral funds for outreach. He noted the program is well-timed given rising utility costs, with the only drawback being that participants receive a second monthly bill.

Trustee Carlin – Asked whether the NexAmp discount applies only to the energy-supply portion of the electric bill rather than the full bill, confirming that the 10% reduction does not apply to delivery charges. – Confirmed by Steve Cea.

Administrator Stewart – Noted that to help residents access the NexAmp savings, the Village would need to partner in promoting the program, including co-branding outreach materials. He emphasized that raising awareness would both save residents money and support the Village's greenhouse-gas reduction goals.

Trustee Carlin – Asked if there was a benefit to the village. What is the fee?

Administrator Stewart – Small, one time - \$200 per low or moderate, \$100 per all others. Benefit is really to help village residents reduce their bills.

Mayor Rand – Funds would go toward sustainability.

### Runcible Spoon Bicycle Parking

Administrator Stewart informed the Board that he approved use of one parking space for bicycle racks again this summer, and board members agreed it's an appropriate use without a fee since it serves general bicycle parking rather than a private business purpose. Building Inspector Carmona noted they are working with bike-related businesses to position racks, so they don't block sidewalks, as congestion has been an issue in some locations.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### Arbor Day Foundation Recognition

Administrator Stewart reported that the village was recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City, announced the April 18 tree-planting day with strong volunteer and DPW support, described efforts to add shade trees along 9W to address future heat conditions, and noted that the village will also receive a county planning award for its climate-change adaptation plan.

Chef Tony Scotto re: benefits of the Village's outdoor dining policy allowing conversion of some parking spaces to outdoor dining.

### Koblin's Pharmacy – Dr. Pratt

Not present

MVP Health Care – park permit application for free fitness class for new parents and caregivers  
“Strength and Strollers”

Weekly, hour-long fitness class for caregivers and young children over several months. The group would be small and low-impact, and although the program is free, the board noted it likely provides brand visibility for a health-related company – resolution for next meeting.

Kamdyn Moore, park permit application, roller skating event.

Kamdyn Moore presented a proposal for a pop-up roller-skating event at Memorial Park on October 3 (rain date October 4). The event would feature a temporary skate floor, rentals, music, DJs, and food trucks, with a nominal skate-rental fee and sponsorships sought to keep it “pay what you can.” She requested Village support including use of park space, lighting, police or security presence, bathroom access, EMT availability, and promotional assistance, with liability covered through her LLC and the vendor’s insurance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Riobe-Taylor to enter into executive session at 9:41pm.*

*Reason for session: Personnel Matter*

*Motion by Trustee Riobe-Taylor, seconded by Trustee Carlin to end executive session at 10:19 pm. Motion carried unanimously.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Jul Cummings, Owner Maraj Lounge – Explained that the serious incident occurred after closing and outside her business operations. She expressed deep concern as a retired NYPD detective, noted her full cooperation with investigators, and described steps she is taking to improve safety – such as adding lighting and exploring additional security – to show her commitment to supporting public safety and the community.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion offered by Trustee Riobe-Taylor, seconded by Trustee Carlin to adjourn meeting at 10:20 pm. Motion carried.*

**VILLAGE CLERK**