

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the Village of Nyack Board of Trustees  
Held at Village Hall at 7:30 pm on Thursday, October 9, 2025**

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

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

**Absent:** Donna Lightfoot-Cooper  
Nathalie Riobe-Taylor, Trustee

**Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Mayor's Introduction**

Mayor Rand extended his thanks to County Executive Ed Day and Director of Economic Development Jen Nazario, for their instrumental role in bringing the *Tunnel to Towers Foundation's 9/11 "Never Forget" mobile exhibit* to the village. The exhibit is currently located at the Nyack Marina, where it will be available for public viewing on Friday and Saturday from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mayor Rand strongly encouraged all residents to visit. He emphasized its importance, especially for those too young to remember the events of September 11, 2001.

He also expressed gratitude to Ann Marie Tlsty for her significant role in bringing the exhibit to the community.

In addition, Mayor Rand highlighted the upcoming "Music to Mend" event on Sunday at 6:00 p.m., organized in part by Trustee Donna Lightfoot Cooper. The event will feature a lineup of prominent local musicians and performers from Nyack and aims to raise funds for residents displaced by the Nyack Plaza fire in June. He encouraged the public to attend or consider donating, as there remains an ongoing need for assistance with clothing, furnishings, and other essentials lost due to the fire and resulting damage.

**COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD**

*Trustee Carlin* – Trustee Carlin noted that after the Nyack Plaza fire, the village initially provided funding for hotel accommodations and has since helped with housing deposits to keep displaced residents in the community. He emphasized that Sunday's fundraiser is another important step in

supporting these families, who have endured a great deal, and encouraged everyone to attend and show their support.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Robert Lord, 3 Main St* – Expressed concern over the use of motorized vehicles (bikes/scooters) in Memorial Park, noting they damage walkways and newly seeded grass, pose safety risks, and lack of signage or enforcement.

### **PRESENTATION**

Matt Schiering, Dominican University, Business Survey re: Street Fairs  
Will further be discussed at a Business Council type meeting – date to be determined

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **Amend Chapter 360 (Zoning) of the Code of the Village of Nyack so as to Add, to the Use-Specific Standards, Certain Provisions Regarding Adaptive Reuse of Eligible Religious and/or Educational Buildings and Uses**

*Motion by Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles at 8:29 pm to open public hearing on Amending Chapter 360 (Zoning) of the Code of the Village of Nyack so as to Add, to the Use-Specific Standards, Certain Provisions Regarding Adaptive Reuse of Eligible Religious and/or Educational Buildings and Uses*

Mayor Rand invited public and Board comment.

Barbara Cohig – Concerned that proposed law doesn't provide any zoning regulations.

Mayor Rand – Policy should be subject to the multi-family zoning regulations.

Trustee Carlin – Argues that the authority to grant special use permits should remain with the elected Board of Trustees, not the appointed Planning Board. He believes elected officials, who are accountable to the public, should make final decisions on such matters, not appointed boards.

Mayor Rand – Agrees that this issue should be a special use permit by the Village Board.

*Motion by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Carlin at 8:42 pm to table the public hearing to be re-noticed for a new public hearing on a future date to be scheduled. Motion carried.*

#### **Amend §28-2, of Chapter 28 (Elections), of the Code of the Village of Nyack, so as to Change the Date of the Village Board of Trustees Annual Meeting to the First Monday in December of Each Year**

*Motion by Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles at 8:42 pm to open public hearing on Amending §28-2, of Chapter 28 (Elections), of the Code of the Village of Nyack, so as to Change the Date of the Village Board of Trustees Annual Meeting to the First Monday in December of Each Year*

Mayor Rand invited public and Board comment.

*Motion by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Carlin to close the public hearing on 10/09/2025 at 8:45 pm. Motion carried.*

**AMEND §238-4 (PROHIBITED NOISES) AND §238-5 (EXCEPTIONS), OF CHAPTER 238 (NOISE), OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF NYACK, SO AS TO ADD AN EXCEPTION (EXEMPTION), FROM THE PROHIBITION OF GASOLINE-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS, FOR VERY LARGE LOT SIZE PROPERTIES ONLY DURING CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR, DAYS OF THE WEEK AND HOURS OF THE DAY**

*Motion by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Carlin at 8:45 pm to open public hearing on Amending §238-4 (Prohibited Noises) and §238-5 (Exceptions), of Chapter 238 (Noise), of the Code of the Village of Nyack, so as to Add an Exception (Exemption), from the Prohibition of Gasoline-Powered Leaf Blowers, for Very Large Lot Size Properties Only During Certain Times of the Year, Days of the Week and Hours of the Day*

Mayor Rand invited public and Board comment.

John Gromada – Thanked the Board for the current leaf blower ordinance, noting it has improved noise and air quality. He urged them to keep it in place, saying electric alternatives exist and larger property owners can adapt.

Beth Riso – Praised the leaf blower law as a standout achievement for the village, highlighting its environmental impact and broad community support. She urged the Board not to change it, noting that effective electric alternatives are available.

Camille Barone – Thanked the Board for the ordinance but opposed proposed changes, saying they would disrupt her peace.

Barbara Cohig – Stated that electric equipment is effective and much healthier for people and the environment.

Henry Rand – Opposed changing the leaf blower law, warning it sets a bad precedent by rewarding a business that repeatedly violated it and could lead to more exemptions in the future.

Lewis Kriegel, Grounds Care Ltd. – Maintains Oak Hill Cemetery, said electric blowers are nearly as loud as gas but have 50% less power. Due to the cemetery's size, switching would require doubling equipment and time, making the job much harder to complete efficiently.

Bill Batson – Explained that Oak Hill Cemetery needs a gas blower exemption due to its large, leaf-heavy grounds. He argued gas blowers allow faster, less disruptive cleanup, while electric ones would take longer and be louder overall.

Unk Speaker – Thanked the Board but stressed that enforcement of the leaf blower law is weak, with many repeat violations. He argued gas blowers are overused for speed and profit, not necessity, and alternatives like mulching and electric tools are viable—even for cemeteries.

Unk Speaker – Supported keeping the leaf blower law, citing noise issues and quality of life concerns. She suggested mulching and mower collectors as alternatives and warned against setting a precedent that encourages others to break the rules.

Trustee Carlin – Acknowledged both sides of the issue, suggested exploring alternatives like mulching and new tech with Oak Hill, and said any exemption should include a time limit.

Trustee Jean-Gilles – Acknowledged both resident and Oak Hill concerns, supported exploring alternatives, noted ongoing enforcement efforts.

*Motion by Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles to continue the public hearing on 10/23/2025 at 8:00 pm. Motion carried.*

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – 09/10/2025

*On motion of Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles. The minutes of the meeting held on 09/10/2025 were accepted as presented.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-168 – ACCEPTING AUDITED VOUCHER SUMMARY**

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

WHEREAS, the Audited Voucher Summary was presented to the Nyack Village Board of Trustees at its regularly scheduled meeting of October 9, 2025.

RESOLVED, the General Fund Claims set forth on Pages 1 through 18 in the below listed amounts are approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND	\$358,266.81
NYACK PARKING AUTHORITY	\$ 7,114.66
WATER FUND	\$ 15,958.16
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$157,302.45

*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. 2025-169 – RESCIND RESOLUTION NO. 2025-142 THAT APPROVED A CONTRACT WITH CLAYTON CONSTRUCTION REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS ON SECOND FLOOR OF VILLAGE HALL**

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

WHEREAS, the contract was found to be in contravention of section 7(a) the Village’s Procurement Policy, prohibiting contracts in which Village employees have an interest,

RESOLVED, Resolution No. 2025-142 is hereby rescinded.

*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. 2025-170 – APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A HANDICAP PARKING SPACE ON GAIL DRIVE**

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves the installation of an additional handicap parking space on Gail Drive.

*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. 2025-171 – APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF TWO ADDITIONAL STREETLIGHTS ON SIXTH AVE**

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

RESOLVED, pending approval from O&R, the Village will install two additional streetlights on Sixth Ave between Francis and Central Streets.

*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. 2025-172 – APPROVE A PERMIT APPLICATION FROM DJ MORGANA ZILARRA FOR A MUSIC EVENT IN MEMORIAL PARK, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 3-6 PM**

*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 DJ Morgana Zilarrra for a three-hour dance music event at the Gazebo in Memorial Park, on October 12, 3-6 PM, to coincide with the upcoming ACADA street fair, pending applicant providing sufficient certificate of liability insurance.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-173 – TO DETERMINE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MEMORIAL PARK SHORELINE PATHWAY IS A TYPE II PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT AND THEREFORE EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER SEQRA**

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

WHEREAS, the Village has NYS grant funds to design and build a shoreline path from the Park’s gazebo north to the Inlet Bridge, connecting Memorial Park to the Village Walkway in the Marina, and this 570 linear foot pathway will be enhanced with new landscaping, seating and overlook areas, improved lighting, and designated spaces for public art, memorials, and other site amenities, a project that is in alignment with the Village’s Nyack Comprehensive Plan, the Memorial Park Master Plan and is a high priority on the list of the Village’s Local Waterfront Revitalization projects, and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline currently has a loose gravel surface, which is not adequate for ADA access. The project will resurface the shoreline area and install permeable pavers, ADA-complaint benches, picnic tables, park amenities and a Public Art Pad for installations. The Project is being designed by Weston & Sampson landscape architects in coordination with a project advisory committee composed of village staff and park stakeholders, and

WHEREAS, the Village secured funding from the New York State Department of State in the amount of \$412,276 to develop the Memorial Park Shoreline Pathway. The Village Board of Trustees recognized the importance of including saline-resistant landscaping to increase the stability of the shoreline and make it more resilient to frequently occurring heavy rain events, sea level rise and storm surge. An additional \$139,092.00 will be provided as a village match with construction expected to begin in late 2025 or early 2026, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Nyack Board of Trustees is convinced that the enhancement and protection of the waterfront is essential to the revitalization of the Village of Nyack. The project will provide the final segment of uninterrupted pathway connecting the Village’s waterfront and the historic adjacent business district. The Memorial Park section of the shoreline pathway will better stabilize the shoreline and connect the park to the recently constructed Marina pathway, provide enhanced and uninterrupted access to the river, and contribute to Nyack’s revitalization and position as a regional tourist destination, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Part 617 of the SEQRA Regulations, there being no other SEQRA Involved Agency besides the Nyack Village Board, the Village Board hereby Declares

itself to be the Lead Agency in the environmental quality review of the proposed land use action, as per SEQRA Regulation 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(5)(v), and

WHEREAS, the Village Planner prepared a recommended SEQRA Narrative dated 9/22/25 to be considered by the Village Board. The SEQRA determination indicated that the Memorial Park Shoreline Pathway was a Type II action based on 617.5(c)(9) “*construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, non-residential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls.*” The total footprint of the pathway is less than 3,000 sf., and, therefore, no further SEQRA review is required, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, after reviewing the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (“LWRP”) *Waterfront Assessment Form*, prepared and recommended by the Village Planner, dated 9/22/25 determined that the proposed action is consistent with Chapter 342 and the policies of the LWRP. Specifically, the proposed action furthered Policies: 1, 2A, 19, 21, 24, and 25A.: See policies below:

1. RESTORE, REVITALIZE, AND REDEVELOP DETERIORATED AND UNDERUTILIZED WATERFRONT AREAS FOR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, AND OTHER COMPATIBLE USES.; 2A. PRESERVE AND RETAIN EXISTING WATER DEPENDENT USES IN THE COASTAL AREA.

19. PROTECT, MAINTAIN, AND INCREASE THE LEVEL AND TYPES OF ACCESS TO PUBLIC WATER RELATED RECREATION RESOURCES AND FACILITIES.

21. WATER-DEPENDENT AND WATER-ENHANCED RECREATION WILL BE ENCOURAGED AND FACILITATED AND WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY OVER NON-WATER-RELATED USES ALONG THE COAST.

24. PREVENT IMPAIRMENT OF SCENIC RESOURCES OF STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE AS IDENTIFIED ON THE COASTAL AREA MAP.

25A.PROTECT AND ENHANCE VIEWS FROM ROUTE 9W, TALLMAN PLACE, FOURTH AVENUE, SECOND AVENUE, FIRST AVENUE, AND MEMORIAL PARK.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on all of the documentation and information before the Village Board, and the findings and determinations made herein;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the construction of the Memorial Park Shoreline Pathway is considered a Type II action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act based on 617.5(c)(9) “*construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, nonresidential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls.*” The total footprint of the pathway is less than 3,000 sf. “Type II” Action means that it’s exempt from environmental review under SEQRA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Joe Rand, as Mayor of the Village of Nyack, is authorized and directed to complete any required documents and implement the tasks under Contract C1002625 with the Department of State, Office of Planning and Development. The Village agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of the Project.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-174 – APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE NYACK QUARTER MILLENNIAL 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves the Mayor’s nomination of the following individuals to volunteer on the Nyack Quarter Millennial 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:

- Joe Carlin, Trustee, Committee Chair, Liaison to Board of Trustees
- Minerva Parker - Parks Commission / Nyack Library Liaison
- Paul Adler - Fundraising for Special Events
- Tristan Dunnigan - Chamber of Commerce Liaison
- Brianne Higgins - Music Liaison
- Timothy Morales - Marketing Specialist
- Ann Marie Tlsty - VON Liaison
- Mark Mangan - Event Coordinator
- Thomas Schneck - Visit Nyack

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-175 – APPROVE A PERMIT APPLICATION FROM JOHN VITALE TO USE MEMORIAL PARK LOWER LAWN FOR GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL PRACTICE**

*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 John Vitale, Flag Football practice for 10 girls, 7-8 years old, Wednesdays and Fridays, 4 PM- 5:15 PM, though October 26, 2025, pending applicant providing sufficient certificate of liability insurance.



*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-176 – APPROVE PUBLICATION OF A COMPETITIVE BID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGH AVENUE**

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

RESOLVED, in consideration of the fact that the Village has obtained grant funding from FEMA for to replace drainage on High Avenue, including a 10% match from the General Fund and Weston and Sampson/Brooker Engineering has developed design and bid specifications, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves the publication of the completed bid package as soon as possible, subject to review by the Village Attorney, and with a deadline for responses as per recommendation of Village Engineer.

*On roll call the vote was as follows:*

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

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



**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-177 – AMEND §28-2, OF CHAPTER 28 (ELECTIONS), OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF NYACK, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE TRUSTEES ANNUAL MEETING TO THE FIRST MONDAY IN DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR**

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

At 8:05 PM, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack (“Village”), convened on October 9, 2025 (“Public Hearing date”), the below-described Public Hearing was (i) opened, *or* (ii) was opened at, and continued from, a prior meeting (or meetings), *or* (iii) was opened at, continued from, and closed at, a prior meeting (or meetings); and the following Resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees (“Village Board”) is the duly elected legislative body of the Village and authorized to adopt Local Laws amending the Village Code, including amendments to the provisions embodied in Chapter 28 (Elections) thereto.

WHEREAS, the Village Board has published a Notice of Public Hearing in the Journal News, digitally posted said Notice on the Village’s website, and physically posted the Notice on the Village’s official bulletin board, in accordance with NYS Municipal Home Rule Law §20, with regard to proposed text amendments to the Village Code, which amendments are summarized as follows: the proposed Local Law, if adopted by the Village Board, will amend Village Code §28-2, so as to change the date of the Village Board’s Annual Meeting (a/k/a re-organizational, or organizational, meeting) to the first Monday in December of each year, instead of the first Monday of January of each year (or the first Tuesday, if the first Monday is January 1), the purpose and intent of which change is to comport with NYS Village Law §3-302(1), and with the recommendations of the New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) as instructed in the *NYCOM Handbook for Village Officials* (Revised March 2023); which Local Law is appended hereto, made a part hereof and marked as “ATTACHMENT B.”

WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed Local Law was provided to the Village Board, in accordance with NYS Municipal Home Rule Law §20.

WHEREAS, following compliance with all public notice requirements as mandated by the applicable NYS statute(s) and the Village Code, and distribution of the proposed Local Law to the Village Board as per NYS Municipal Home Rule Law §20(4), on the Public Hearing date the Village Board (i) opened, *or* (ii) previously opened at a prior meeting, and held open/continued, *or* (iii) previously opened and held open/continued, and closed, at a prior meeting (or meetings), a Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law.

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds, after reviewing the proposed Local Law, and after hearing from the Village Attorney, the Village Clerk and the Village Administrator, that this Local Law will modify Village Code §28-2 so as to comport with NYS Village Law §3-302(1), and with the recommendations of the *NYCOM Handbook for Village Officials* (2023), and will be a more pragmatic, sensible and logical date for the Annual Meeting, such as, for example, allowing recently elected Mayors and Trustees, rather than outgoing Mayors and Trustees, to appoint Village officials, officers and board members who will function during the upcoming year(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, based on all of the documentation and information before the Village Board, and the findings and determinations made herein;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board finds that this Local Law will fulfill, or be a significant step toward achieving, its legislative intents and purposes, and that the Village Board hereby adopts the Local Law in the form and substance as appended hereto as “ATTACHMENT B,” and as same may have been amended “by-hand” during the Public Hearing.

*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. 2025-178 – AMEND §238-4 (PROHIBITED NOISES) AND §238-5 (EXCEPTIONS), OF CHAPTER 238 (NOISE), OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF NYACK, SO AS TO ADD AN EXCEPTION (EXEMPTION), FROM THE PROHIBITION OF GASOLINE-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS, FOR VERY LARGE LOT SIZE PROPERTIES ONLY DURING CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR, DAYS OF THE WEEK AND HOURS OF THE DAY.**

*The following resolution has been tabled and the public hearing to be re-noticed for a new public hearing on a future date to be scheduled.*

At 8:10 PM, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack (“Village”), convened on October 9, 2025 (“Public Hearing date”), the below-described Public Hearing was (i) opened, *or* (ii) was opened at, and continued from, a prior meeting (or meetings), *or* (iii) was opened at, continued from, and closed at, a prior meeting (or meetings); and the following Resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees (“Village Board”) is the duly elected legislative body of the Village and authorized to adopt Local Laws amending the Village Code, including amendments to the provisions embodied in Chapter 238 (Noise) thereto.

WHEREAS, the Village Board has published a Notice of Public Hearing in the Journal News, digitally posted said Notice on the Village’s website, and physically posted the Notice on the Village’s official bulletin board, in accordance with NYS Municipal Home Rule Law §20, with regard to proposed text amendments to the Village Code, which amendments are summarized as follows: the proposed Local Law, if adopted by the Village Board, will amend Village Code §238-4 and §238-5 so as to add an exception (i.e., exemption), from the prohibition against gasoline-powered leaf blowers, for very large lot size properties, and only during certain times of the year, days of the week and hours of the day; which Local Law is appended hereto, made a part hereof and marked as “ATTACHMENT C.”

WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed Local Law was provided to the Village Board, in accordance with NYS Municipal Home Rule Law §20.

WHEREAS, following compliance with all public notice requirements as mandated by the applicable NYS statute(s) and the Village Code, and distribution of the proposed Local Law to the Village Board as per NYS Municipal Home Rule Law §20(4), on the Public Hearing date the Village Board (i) opened, *or* (ii) previously opened at a prior meeting, and held open/continued, *or* (iii) previously opened and held open/continued, and closed, at a prior meeting (or meetings), a Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law.

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds, after reviewing the proposed Local Law, and after hearing from affected property owners/managers, Village residents, and business operators in the Village, that these amendments are pragmatically necessary, until such future time that battery-powered leaf blowers are substantially improved and available, so as to enable very large properties to clear their land of fallen leaves and vegetation, which has been very difficult to accomplish with the currently available battery-powered leaf blowers, which amendments are a

practical balancing of ameliorating the unavoidable hardships of these property owners, and preserving and protecting the quality of life of Village residents and businesses, and their guests, invitees and customers, and the tourists of the Village (“legislative intents and purposes”).

NOW, THEREFORE, based on all of the documentation and information before the Village Board, and the findings and determinations made herein;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board finds that this Local Law will fulfill its legislative intents and purposes, and that the Village Board hereby adopts the Local Law in the form and substance as appended hereto as “ATTACHMENT C,” and as same may have been amended “by-hand” during the Public Hearing.



**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-179 – APPROVE A PERMIT APPLICATION FROM MORGANA BRENNAN FOR A STREET CLOSURE ON SOUTH BROADWAY FOR THE SPIRIT OF SOUTH BROADWAY EVENT ON OCTOBER 17, 2025.**

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves an application from Morgana Brennan of Modern Druid to close South Broadway from Hudson Ave to Murray’s Deli driveway, for a Halloween “Spirit of Nyack South Broadway” event, Friday, October 17, 2025, from 5 PM to 9:30 PM, and contributes \$500 to the cost of DPW labor, contingent on event sponsor providing a valid certificate of liability insurance naming the Village of 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. 2025-180 – AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF ASSOCIATE JUSTICE COURT CLERK WITHIN THE JUSTICE COURT**

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

WHEREAS, the Village Justice Court has experienced two recent staff resignations, resulting in a critical shortage of administrative support during a period of sustained high caseloads and increasing operational demands;

WHEREAS, the Village Justice has recommended the creation of an Associate Justice Court Clerk title to provide essential assistance with court operations, improve workflow efficiency, and ensure continuity of service to the public;

WHEREAS, the FY 25–26 budget includes funding to support the creation of this new position at a wage rate of \$27.02/hour, with anticipated costs remaining within the department’s overall personnel budget;

RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees approves an application to Rockland County Civil Service for the creation of an Associate Justice Court Clerk title in the Village of Nyack at a wage rate of \$27.02/hour and authorizes the canvassing and hiring of a qualified candidate to fill this position, subject to further negotiation of the title into the applicable labor agreement.

*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. 2025-181 – APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KATE BUGGELN TO THE PLANNING BOARD TO COMPLETE THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MATTHEW CROUSSOLOUDIS**

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves appointment of Kate Buggeln to the Planning Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Matthew Coussouloudis, expiring December 31, 2027.

The Board thanks Matthew Coussouloudis for his years of service.

*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>	



**DEPARTMENT REPORTS (based on availability)**

*OPD* – Discuss issues with bikes and motorcycles. Trustees will meet with police department personnel, either individually or in pairs, to discuss a range of topics.

*Village Administrator* – Esther White is now leading the court office and doing an excellent job. He praised the recent Trade and Prosper event, noted progress on the sidewalk project, and announced a new state grant for shoreline work at Memorial Park, with more details to come as the design process begins.

**OLD BUSINESS** (*carried over to 10/23/2025 meeting*)

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of July 4, 1776, organizing committee

Nyack Rat Control Project

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nyack Outdoor Fitness Park

Have further conversations and prepare a conceptual plan

Use of Cannabis Sales Tax Funds for a PT social work contract

Help address community needs; scope of role to be defined; explore hiring through agency or independent contract

Use of NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) \$30K grant to fund Nyack youth access to sports and recreation via free tuition at the YMCA

Village Board authorizes entering into an Agreement

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Grand Fondo NY “Thank you” letter and plaque

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion offered by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Carlin to adjourn meeting at 9:52 pm. Motion carried.*

**VILLAGE CLERK**