

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Village of Nyack Board of Trustees
Held at Village Hall at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 23, 2026**

Present: Joseph Rand, Mayor
Pascale Jean-Gilles, Trustee
Donna Lightfoot Cooper
Joseph Carlin, Trustee

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

Absent: Nathalie Riobe-Taylor, Trustee

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor's Introduction

Mayor Rand congratulated the Chamber of Commerce on a successful first street fair of the year and highlighted the presentation of a key to the city to performer Pedro Capó, noting Capó's warm engagement with attendees. He thanked the community members — with a special thanks to Tyrone Yogi Willaims — who organized the Easter Egg Hunt at Memorial Park. He also congratulated Dr. Pratt, present in the audience, on being honored at the upcoming Widow's Breakfast.

COMMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE BOARD

Trustee Carlin – The Great American Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers can register through barcodes on social media or by arriving at the YMCA parking lot at 9 am. He encouraged participation and noted that community service certificates are available.

PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diamond the Unicorn, 1099 Route 9W, Nyack – Asked the Board to consider a 60-day trial of free motorcycle parking downtown, arguing that motorcycles use far less space, generate minimal parking revenue, and that free parking could attract more riders and customers to local businesses.

Roberto Garachana, 70 Wall St., Garnerville – Urged the Board to express empathy for all victims of global and local violence, including Arab and Muslim communities, arguing that failing to do so contributes to dehumanization and unequal recognition of suffering.

Justin Hong, 28 Gail Drive, Nyack – Urged the Mayor and Board to address what he described as a double standard in past public statements, asking them to issue a statement expressing sorrow and support for Palestinians killed or harmed since October 7th, similar to statements previously made for Israeli and Jewish victims.

Rania Hatab, 2 Babcock Ct, Stony Point – Urged the Board to condemn human rights violations against Palestinians and to speak out against anti-Palestinian, anti-Arab, and xenophobic racism with the same clarity used in past statements opposing antisemitism.

Mark Dery, 82 Elysian Ave, Nyack – Argued that the Board created a double standard by issuing statements about some global events but declining to comment on others, and he urged the Board to condemn settler violence and human rights abuses in the West Bank with the same clarity used in past statements opposing antisemitism and other forms of hate.

Andre Smith, 300 Piermont Ave., Nyack – Requested approval to hold the Marcus Daniel Community Festival and a one-mile Walk Against Cancer at Memorial Park, describing it as a fundraising and community event with activities, speakers, and donations to Nyack Hospital's cancer center.

Dr. Frances Pratt – Requests approval for a 15 × 10 memorial plaque for Jerry Koblin and asked if it can be placed on the building's columns. Also, requested a street sign – Koblin's Way.

Vicki Hudson, 117 N. Washington St., Tarrytown – Criticized the board for issuing statements supporting Israel but not calling for a Gaza ceasefire and urged them to condemn all violence and acknowledge Palestinian suffering.

Fay Nham, 125 Main St., Nyack – Stated her business was suddenly told it can no longer use its outdoor seating area—despite prior approval and adequate walkway space—and asked the Board to clarify what code, if any, is being violated because the change is hurting multiple businesses.

Alex Alarcon, 125 Main St., Nyack – Losing outdoor seating hurts his deli, especially in summer when customers enjoy sitting outside.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – 04/09/2026

On motion of Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles. The minutes of the meeting held on 04/09/2026 were accepted as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-72 – ACCEPTING AUDITED VOUCHER SUMMARY

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Carlin, 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 23, 2026.

RESOLVED, the General Fund Claims set forth on Pages 1 through 10 in the below listed amounts are approved for payment:

GENERAL FUND	\$204,756.82
NYACK PARKING AUTHORITY	\$ 14,539.22
WATER FUND	\$ 1,537.46

On roll call the vote was as follows:

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



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-73 – APPROVE THE 2026-2027 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

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

RESOLVED, that the Nyack Village Board hereby approves the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027, and the salaries and wages set forth therein are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the tax levy is hereby set at \$4,520,940.

Homestead - Town of Orangetown	\$ 10.0849 per 1000 Units
Homestead - Town of Clarkstown	\$ 15.0455 per 1000 Units
Non-Homestead – Town of Orangetown	\$ 15.1257 per 1000 Units
Non-Homestead - Town of Clarkstown	\$ 22.5429 per 1000 Units

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack authorizes the issuance of a food truck permit to Muhmad "Mike" Melhees, for the 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 summer seasons, at an increased fee of \$250/season, and with the stipulation that he will provide free ice cream at four events for Nyack youth per season.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-75 – AUTHORIZE A FOUR-YEAR PERMIT TO OPERATE AN ICE CREAM TRUCK IN THE VILLAGE



Trustee Jean-Gilles	Yes
Trustee Lightfoot Cooper	Yes
Trustee Carlin	Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor	Absent
Mayor Rand	Yes

On roll call the vote was as follows:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack authorizes the Village Administrator to coordinate placement of a food truck for the Tuesday, May 5, Cinco de Mayo event, 4 PM – 9 PM, pending fire inspector review and approval of vehicle safety permits prior to the event.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-74 – AUTHORIZE THE LOCAL, 4 S. FRANKLIN STREET, TO PLACE A FOOD TRUCK ON S. FRANKLIN STREET PARKING SPACE FOR CINCO DE MAYO EVENT



Trustee Jean-Gilles	Yes
Trustee Lightfoot Cooper	Yes
Trustee Carlin	Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor	Absent
Mayor Rand	Yes

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Trustee Carlin – Praised Kyle, the Mayor, Andy and staff for their hard work on the budget. Trustee Jean-Gilles – Seconded Trustee Carlin – Congratulations! Trustee Lightfoot Cooper – Thank you! Administrator Stewart – Expressed gratitude for being part of the budget process, said he's proud of the work, and thanked the board for the opportunity.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Trustee Riobe-Taylor Absent
Mayor Rand Yes



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-76 – APPROVE A PERMIT APPLICATION FROM MVP FOR AN EVENT IN MEMORIAL PARK

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack authorizes the issuance of a park use permit to Juliette McKernon of MVP Health Care to conduct a free fitness class for children and caregivers, “Strength and Strollers” Thursdays, from 10-11 AM, April 16- May 21, 2026.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Trustee Riobe-Taylor Absent
Mayor Rand Yes



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-77 – APPROVE A PERMIT APPLICATION FROM RICHARD QUINN FOR AN EVENT IN MEMORIAL PARK

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves the use of Memorial Park lower lawn and gazebo by Richard Quinn for the “Porchfest” event, Saturday, August 22, 2026, to include access to power supply.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Trustee Riobe-Taylor Absent
Mayor Rand Yes



WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is authorized pursuant to New York Village Law § 4-412 to expend Village funds for recreational and youth programming that serves a valid public purpose; and

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-80 – APPROVE FUNDING FOR YOUTH PROGRAMMING AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH THE NYACK CENTER



Trustee Jean-Gilles	Yes
Trustee Lightfoot Cooper	Yes
Trustee Carlin	Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor	Absent
Mayor Rand	Yes

On roll call the vote was as follows:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves the use of Hezekiah Easter Square by Nicole Hines for a "Project Clothesline" event sponsored by the Center for Safety and Change in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 11 AM to 5 PM.

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-79 – APPROVE A PERMIT APPLICATION FROM NICOLE HINES FOR AN EVENT IN HEZEKIAH EASTER SQUARE



Trustee Jean-Gilles	Yes
Trustee Lightfoot Cooper	Yes
Trustee Carlin	Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor	Absent
Mayor Rand	Yes

On roll call the vote was as follows:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves the use of Memorial Park lower lawn and gazebo by William Bird for the "Porchfest" event, Saturday, September 26, 2026, to include access to power supply.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-78 – APPROVE A PERMIT APPLICATION FROM WILLIAM BIRD FOR AN EVENT IN MEMORIAL PARK

WHEREAS, the Village of Nyack has, since 2008, supported the provision of youth programming through a partnership with the Nyack Center, a nonprofit organization with experience providing such services to Village residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that the continuation of youth programming serves an important public purpose by providing structured, supervised, and accessible programming for Village youth; and

WHEREAS, the services, to be provided by the Nyack Center, are in the nature of professional services that require specialized expertise, technical or special skills or training, the exercise of professional judgment and/or a high degree of creativity in the performance of the services; and are specifically designed to provide educational programs promoting the health, safety and welfare of children who reside in the Village, which programs the Village is currently unable to provide with the Village's own in-house staffing.

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2026, the Board of Trustees approved funding for such programming for Fiscal Year 2026–2027 at a level consistent with the prior fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Nyack Center is responsible for the design, staffing, and operation of the youth programming and supplements Village funding with private fundraising and other resources; and

WHEREAS, the Village's role is to provide financial support for a community-based program, and not to directly operate or control such programming; and

WHEREAS, the Village has previously issued Requests for Proposals for youth programming, and only the Nyack Center has responded, demonstrating a lack of alternative qualified providers capable of delivering comparable services within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that, based on the history of prior solicitations, the demonstrated capacity of the Nyack Center, and the need for continuity of programming, it is appropriate to proceed without issuing a new Request for Proposals for Fiscal Year 2026–2027; and

WHEREAS, this determination is made in accordance with the Village's procurement policy adopted pursuant to New York General Municipal Law § 104-b, which permits the use of alternative procurement methods, including sole-source or single-response procurement, when justified by the circumstances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves funding for youth programming to be provided by the Nyack Center for Fiscal Year 2026–2027 in the amount of \$125,000 for general program and \$153,500 for Camp Nyack; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Nyack Center, in a form approved by the Village Attorney, setting

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-82 – APPROVE A PERMIT APPLICATION FROM KAMDYN MOORE FOR A ROLLER SKATING EVENT IN MEMORIAL PARK, OCTOBER 17 AND OCTOBER 18, 2026



Trustee Jean-Gilles	Yes
Trustee Lightfoot Cooper	Yes
Trustee Carlin	Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor	Absent
Mayor Rand	Yes

On roll call the vote was as follows:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves the closure of Jackson Avenue for a Night Market event hosted by the Pride Center on July 10, 2026, 6 – 9 PM, event sponsor to pay costs of DPW labor.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-81 – APPROVE A PERMIT APPLICATION FROM BROOKE MALLOY FOR CLOSURE OF JACKSON AVE FOR A PRIDE MARKET EVENT, JULY 10, 2026



Trustee Jean-Gilles	Yes
Trustee Lightfoot Cooper	Yes
Trustee Carlin	Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor	Absent
Mayor Rand	Yes

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Motion by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Carlin to amend the resolution to reflect in the "Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved . . ." in the amount of \$125,000 for general program and \$153,500 for Camp Nyack. Motion carries unanimously.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees reserves the right to solicit proposals for youth programming in future years should additional qualified providers emerge or circumstances change.

forth the terms of such funding, including appropriate reporting and accountability provisions to ensure that the expenditure serves a valid public purpose; and

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves the application for a park event permit from Kamdyn Moore for her “Skate the Dip” roller skating event in Memorial Park, including the gazebo, on October 17 and 18 (rain date), 2026.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Trustee Riobe-Taylor Absent
Mayor Rand Yes



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-83 – APPROVE A PERMIT APPLICATION FROM SHELLEY GAZES FOR THE ANNUAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS EVENT IN MEMORIAL PARK, JUNE 5, 2026

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack approves the application for a park event permit from Shelley Gazes for the Annual Gun Violence Awareness Event in Memorial Park, June 5, 2026.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Trustee Riobe-Taylor Absent
Mayor Rand Yes



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-84 – APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH CATALIS PAYMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF DIGITAL PAYMENTS FOR VILLAGE SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Village and our customers spend a substantial amount annually on fees for processing credit card transactions, currently a user fee of 2.39% on credit and debit cards, and the Village Parking Authority pays a fee of \$0.50 on all customer credit card transactions via Flowbird (parking kiosks) and ParkMobile (phone app for parking), the latter fees totaling about \$180,000 annually, and

WHEREAS, Catalis Payments has offered an attractive cost proposal for administering these payments, saving the Village Parking Authority a projected \$53,000 per year, and users a projected \$10,000 per year,

Village Clerk – None

- Announced Rockland County Planning Federation is honoring Nyack for its climate adaptation planning April 30th, 6:30 pm.
- Paving Tuesday and Wednesday next week.
- Explained that the county-funded FFA project (about \$35–40k) is being developed with Jem Nazario and coordinated through the Chamber by Bill Batson with several local collaborators. The plan involves using businesses as viewing venues, along with public-space activities like games, music, and dancing. The goal is to build a month-long effort to draw people to watch matches socially. A more complete plan will be presented at the next meeting once final approval is received.

Trustee Jean-Gilles – Asked if we are still seeking a social worker.
 Administrator Stewart - Catholic Charities has the information posted on their website and the village will likely promote on our website as well.
 Trustee Carlin – Asked how the safety patrol was working out and requested a report of their actions.
 Administrator Stewart - program seems to be running smoothly, people are used to it, and there's now a routine around it. Will request a report.

Village Administrator –

Orangetown Police Department – Administrator Stewart is increasing efforts to address people sleeping on the streets and is coordinating with the police to identify who now handles social outreach after recent staffing changes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (based on availability)



Trustee Jean-Gilles Yes	Trustee Carlin Yes
Trustee Lightfoot Cooper Yes	Mayor Rand Yes
Trustee Riobe-Taylor Absent	

On roll call the vote was as follows:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nyack authorizes the Village Administrator to execute a contract with Catalis Payments and implement any related tasks to transition the Clerk, Parking and Building Departments over to Catalis.

WHEREAS, Catalis proposes transaction fees of 2.29% on credit card and debit card transactions, 2.75% on digital wallet transactions (Venmo, PayPal, etc.), and \$0.15 plus 2.85% on Flowbird and ParkMobile transactions, with an expected savings to the Village on Flowbird and ParkMobile transaction fees of \$94,000,

NEW BUSINESS

Funds from the County have been approved for the “Hoppy” Shuttle.

OLD BUSINESS

July 2-5, 2026 Events Planning

Trustee Carlin reported that fundraising is going well, with \$25,000 raised from donors. Donations are being processed through the Community Fund or Orange, Rockland and Sullivan Counties which issues tax-deductible receipts and will reimburse the village for event expenses, making the celebration largely self-funded. A major two-day event is being planned, with details now posted on the village website. He thanked the mayor, the committee, Mark Mangan, and Ann Marie for their contributions.

Memorial Park Shoreline Path Amenity Sponsorship Program

COMMUNICATIONS

Andre Smith, Permit Application for Memorial Park for Annual Community Festival and Walk Against Cancer, August 16, 2026, 10 AM – 6 PM

Mayor Rand suggested a rain date

Louise Parker – Working in conjunction with NAACP in combining the back-to-school/school supply give away;

Resolution next meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

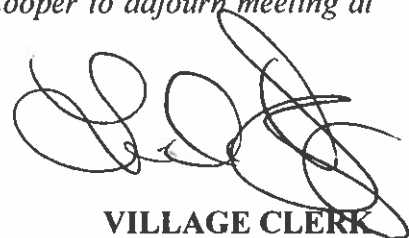
Motion by Trustee Jean-Gilles, seconded by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper to enter into executive session at 8:45 pm.

Reason for session: Personnel Matter

Motion by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper, seconded by Trustee Jean-Gilles to end executive session at 8:54 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion offered by Trustee Carlin, seconded by Trustee Lightfoot Cooper to adjourn meeting at 8:55 pm. Motion carried.



VILLAGE CLERK

