

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Nyack Board of Trustees held at 7:30pm on Thursday, February 24th, 2011 at the Nyack Senior Center, 90 Depew Avenue, Nyack NY

Hon. Richard Kavesh presiding:

PRESENT:	Richard Kavesh	Mayor
	Doug Foster	Trustee
	Steve Knowlton	Trustee
	Louise Parker	Trustee
	Jen Laird-White	Trustee and Deputy Mayor

ALSO PRESENT:	James Politi	Village Administrator
	Mary E. White	Village Clerk

ABSENT:	Walter Sevastian	Village Attorney
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Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Frances Pratt.

Adoption of Minutes:

Trustee Knowlton made a motion to approve minutes for regular meeting of February 10, 2011 with necessary corrections. Trustee Laird-White seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Daniel Jean-Gilles - Hizzoner's Hike for Haiti

-Not present.

Marianne Olive - Earth Day/Vending Cart

-Presentation was made to the board regarding proposed Earth Day event. After discussion, it was decided that additional clarification was needed (Village sponsored?, Parks Commission involvement?, associated costs?) Workshop with Parks Commission scheduled for 3/10/11 @7pm.

Trustee Laird-White made a motion to approve the date for this proposed event (April 20, 2011- rain date of May 1, 2011). Trustee Knowlton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

-Request to have a mobile vending cart in front of Sour Kraut Restaurant was referred to the Building Department and the Village Attorney.

L. Saaby(Hopper House)- Building permit fee waiver

-Trustee Knowlton moved, Trustee Laird-White seconded request from the Hopper House to have the building permit fee waived (retroactively) in connection with the installation of a HVAC system. Motion passed unanimously.

The following persons signed up to speak during the **public comment** session:

Salahudin Rahim spoke regarding the proposed Superblock project and against a "parking garage." Trustee Knowlton assured Mr. Rahim that "no decision has been made".

Drew Burke spoke regarding the Senior Center property (use by outside groups, amount of rent charged, maintenance).

Jennie Chien asked for the status of the Oak Hill Cemetery court case (tree replacement). Mayor Kavesh and Trustee Knowlton addressed this matter and advised Ms. Chien to make herself known if she is not able to hear during the court case, as it is her right.

Walter Khan addressed the issue of dogs being walked through the Nyack Plaza property and the associated issues that come as a result (dog waste). Trustee Laird-White will contact Community Housing Management.

-Buffalo Soldiers Awards dinner is scheduled for 2/26/11 @6pm, members of the board and those present were invited to attend (\$20/person).

Joann Saunders expressed her thoughts on the proposed Superblock project. She advised others present not “to worry, it is not going to happen”.

Dottie Harris asked who was responsible for clean-up when the mounted police patrolled through Nyack and the Plaza. Trustee Laird-White will discuss this matter with the OPD.

Marilyn Kaskel spoke regarding the Superblock (MOU process) and implored the board to think carefully when making decisions regarding the planner for this project.

Reports to the Board

Orangetown Police Department

Trustee Laird-White gave a brief report to those present.

Village Administrator

Department of Public Works

Parking Authority

Village Clerk

The Village Clerk reported on the following:

-General Code/Zoning Code revision project, *should be complete approximately March 31.*

-Marina Bid, *announcement in the Journal News today – bid documents available.*

Public Hearing

8pm- To discuss amendment of section 48-10 of the Village code entitled, “Snow removal”.

After discussion, at 8:12pm Trustee Knowlton moved, Trustee Parker seconded motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Knowlton moved to approve amendment of the law, Trustee Parker seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Knowlton declared this a “Type II” action under the Environmental Conservation Law with a negative declaration, Trustee Foster seconded and it passed by unanimous vote.

8:15pm- To discuss amendment of section 59-5.11(G) of the Village code entitled, “Prohibited Signs”.

After discussion, at 8:19pm Trustee Knowlton moved, Trustee Parker seconded motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Knowlton moved to approve amendment of the law, Trustee Parker seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Knowlton declared this a “Type II” action under the Environmental Conservation Law with a negative declaration, Trustee Laird-White seconded and it passed by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

Public Works & Building

Trust Knowlton reported on:

-Marina update

-Streetscape update

Infrastructure

Trust Knowlton reported on:

-Culvert

Economic Development

Trustee Foster reported on:

-Riverspace meeting re-cap (Trustees Knowlton, Laird-White also spoke on this issue)

Information Technology

Residential

Trustees Parker (and Trustee Laird-White) reported on:

-upcoming Jobs Forum (3/4/2011 at the Nyack Library from 11am-1pm)

Housing

Mayor Kavesh advised of a vacancy on the Nyack Housing Authority.

Inter-Governmental Relations

Trustee Laird-White reported on:

-proposed bi-annual meeting between the Orangetown board and the Nyack Village board

Parks & Recreation

Budget, Finance, and Administration

Mayor Kavesh reported on:

- Per state law, the Village Administrator will present the first draft of the 2011-2012 budgets to the Village Clerk by March 18th. The board will set budget workshop dates at its March 24th meeting.

-Mayor Kavesh moved, Trustee Laird-White seconded the motion to appoint Bruce Kenney as member of the Parks Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

-23 Main Street

Trustee Laird-White reported on the current status of this property. She will report additional findings to the board in the near future.

- R.C. Office of the Aging

‘Senior Citizen of the Year’ nominations deadline is March 31st, 2011.

Communication

-Mayor Kavesh publicly thanked the Living Christ Church in South Nyack for supplying us with refreshments (for our employees at Village Hall and during our board meetings). It is greatly appreciated.

-Mayor Kavesh read a note of thanks to the board for its support of the upcoming 40th anniversary events that was received from Edward Hopper House Board of Trustees.

New Business

-**John Shields** reported on the issue of ‘missing’ sidewalks throughout the Village. This matter was referred to the Village Administrator and the DPW to research and report findings to the board for potential inclusion in the 50/50 sidewalk program.

-**Laura Pakaln** spoke on quality of life issues in the Village (bars, downtown cleanliness).

Trustee Laird-White will meet with her to discuss these issues further.

-Trustee Knowlton moved, Trustee Foster seconded motion to issue a letter supporting Orangetown Police’s referral of Black Bear Saloon to the NYS Liquor Authority. Motion passed unanimously pending Village Attorney review of legality.

Executive Session

Adjournment

There being no further business nor anyone present wishing to be heard, Trustee Knowlton moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Trustee Laird-White seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously at 8:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. White
Village Clerk