

**Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Nyack Board of Trustees held at 7:30pm on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Nyack Senior Center, 90 Depew Ave., Nyack New York**

Hon. Richard Kavesh presiding:

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

ALSO PRESENT:	Walter Sevastian	Village Attorney
	John Cincotta	Village Treasurer
	Sgt. C. Strattner	Orangetown P.D.
	Mary E. White	Village Clerk

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Mr. Nazir Williams and Miss Raneisha Williams.

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Adoption of minutes for regular meeting of January 14, 2010 - approved as presented with a motion by Mayor Kavesh. Motion seconded by Trustee Knowlton and passed with a unanimous vote.

**Public Comment**

**Marianne Olive** (118 Main St) – Various property issues (drainage, etc.)

Ms. Olive made a presentation to the board regarding a variety of issues pertaining to her properties in the Village, including drainage problems and damage due to tree roots/bark. Trustees Foster, Knowlton and Mayor Kavesh spoke on this matter.

After discussion, this matter was referred to the Building Department and Public Works for further review.

**Margaret Wickstrom** (103 Gedney) – Handicapped Parking

Not present

**Martha Woodhouse** (Gail Drive) – Handicapped Parking

Not present

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

**-Salahudin Rahim (507 Nyack Plaza)**

Nyack Housing Authority procedural concerns (election process, role of Tenant representative.) Trustee Parker spoke on this matter and advised that the by-laws are currently under review. Housing Authority is aware of concerns and they will be addressed. Mr. Rahim also questioned

CDBG processes (complaints pertaining to the former board's actions), including lack of noticed solicitation for projects, etc. Mayor Kavesh defended that process and advised that the Village is dedicated to making the process better for all.

**-Lakeeba Johnson (703 Nyack Plaza)**

Inquiry as to the status of bus shelter on Artopee Way was presented to the board. Trustee Laird-White suggested a temporary fixture until plans are decided on.

**-Queneta Gulifield (11 Highview Court)**

Requested clarification on the role of Tenant representative who is also a Board member of the Housing Authority. Trustee Parker spoke on this matter and advised that the by-laws are currently under review. The Large rock placement at the intersection of Waldron Ave./Pine St. will be reviewed by Victor Overton for safety. This may fall under the jurisdiction of the Town of Clarkstown.

**-Kim Cross (Nyack Center)**

Youth Police Initiative ceremony scheduled 2/11/2010 @ 5:30pm

**-Carlo Pelligrini (Chamber of Commerce/Amazing Grace Circus)**

Clarification given to board on Chamber event dates.

Confirmation of workshop scheduled for 2/2/2010 @ 6:30pm to discuss Amazing Grace Circus

**Reports to the Board**

Orangetown Police Department

-Brief report given to the Board.

Village Treasurer

-Mayor Kavesh made a motion to adopt amended resolution for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Amendment pertains to addition of Rockland Housing Action Coalition's application for loan in the amount of \$300,000 to build two housing units on Depew Avenue. Trustee Knowlton seconded the motion subject to written clarification as to why the original application, previously approved by the Zoning Board, now references 2 housing units instead of 3. Motion passed unanimously. Bert Hughes was later contacted by phone and explained that the amount of land being used for this project was less than expected and could not support the original plan. He also agreed to provide this explanation in writing.

-Trustee Knowlton made a motion to accept recommendation of the Treasurer to renew contract with alternative energy supplier for a 36-month period. Trustee Parker seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Village Attorney

-Report of pending court cases presented to the Board.

Village Clerk

-Mayor Kavesh motioned to approve request Royal Ambassador Productions to use Memorial Park to hold their fourth annual Gospel Music in the Park event (8/7/2010 – 12noon to 8pm). Trustee Parker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

-Village Clerk asked for direction pertaining to the village's community service project. Jack Dunnigan gave a status report. After discussion, it was decided to place this project on hold pending further review/clarification.

Parking Authority

**Handicapped Parking Spaces**-Moved by Mayor Kavesh, seconded by Trustee Laird-White to accept recommendation of the Parking Authority for placement of 6 additional handicap parking spaces throughout the Village. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Water Department

## **Public Hearing**

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Public Works & Building*

Trustee Knowlton recommended approval of promoting Don Yacopino to the position of Building Inspector. Motion made by Mayor Kavesh, seconded by Trustee Laird-White and passed unanimously

#### *Infrastructure*

#### *Economic Development*

#### *Information Technology*

Trustee Foster advised those present of the upcoming changes in the Village website ([www.nyack-ny.gov](http://www.nyack-ny.gov))

#### *Residential*

#### *Housing*

#### *Inter-Governmental Relations*

Trustee Laird-White gave a brief report on:

- meetings with Nyack Hospital regarding community outreach ideas
- Upcoming meetings in Washington DC with Congressman Engel and Senator Gilibrand to discuss capital projects in the village

#### *Parks & Recreation*

#### *Budget, Finance, and Administration*

Mayor Kavesh reported on:

- current interview process
- upcoming Budget draft due by 2/28/2010
- workshop meeting with Fred Devan (Piermont Treasurer)

## **Old Business**

## **Communication**

## **New Business**

### **Mayor Kavesh** – *‘SuperBlock’ Feasibility Study options*

Trustee Foster moved to approve the hiring of Robert Geneslaw to draft RFP for ‘Superblock’ at a cost of \$2,000. Mayor Kavesh seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

#### *Street Survey*

Mayor Kavesh recommended a village-wide, prioritized review of streets in the village needing repair, etc. After discussion, it was decided that this matter be referred to Victor Overton/ Trustee Knowlton

**Trustee Knowlton** - *Downtown Streetscape plans*

Special presentation will be made by Michael Hakim (Hakim Associates) and Eve Mancuso (Brooker Engineering) at next regular meeting on 2/11/2010.

*Temporary Banner Application*

For review, to be discussed at a later date.

**Drew Burke (62D Depew Ave) –**

Mr. Burke asked the board to look into the current procedure for ‘renting’ the Nyack Senior Center, including rate determination/fees received/cost to the village, etc. This issue will be reviewed and discussed at a later date.

**Executive Session**

At 8:42pm, Trustee Knowlton moved to go into executive session to discuss matter of personnel. Trustee Foster seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

At 9:00pm, Trustee Laird-White moved to come out of executive session Trustee Parker seconded the motion which passed unanimously

Village Attorney was directed to compose suspension notice for Lorenza Parker (DPW laborer), to be delivered by Victor Overton tomorrow.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, nor anyone present wishing to be heard, Mayor Kavesh moved to close the Regular meeting. Trustee Knowlton seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously at 9:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary E. White  
Village Clerk