

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Village of Nyack Board of Trustees held at 7:30pm on Thursday, June 23rd, 2011 at Nyack Village Hall, 9 North Broadway, Nyack New York

Hon. Richard Kavesh presiding:

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

ALSO PRESENT:	Walter Sevastian	Village Attorney
	Jim Politi	Village Administrator
	Mary E. White	Village Clerk

ABSENT:	Louise Parker	Trustee
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Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Minutes:

Minutes of the June 9th Regular meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Trustee Laird-White, seconded by Mayor Kavesh and passed by unanimous vote.

Minutes of the June 16th Special meeting were approved as presented with a motion from Trustee Knowlton, seconded by Trustee Foster and passed unanimously.

Special report from the Nyack Water Board

Water Board Commissioner Mike Kaneletz presented a written report of the incidents related to Nyack's recent 'boil water advisory' issued by the Rockland County Department of Health (see attached). The report in also included the procedural actions of the Water Department which lead to the RCDOH's action, and the subsequent failure of the 'E-911 Alert system' to properly notify customers of the Water Department. Due to the aforementioned system failure, suggestions of a local/Village alert system be looked into.

The following persons were given opportunity to comment/inquire on the presentation: Saletta DeCort, Andrew DeCort, Roger Cohen, Henry Rand, Beth Riso (via letter-attached), Carlo Pellegrini, Lori Brown, Paulette Ross, Jack Dunnigan, Trustee Laird-White, Mayor Kavesh.

Carlo Pellegrini (Chamber of Commerce), Lori Brown (Spice of India) inquired as to what, if any restitution was available for items purchased as a result of the 'boil water order'. The Village Attorney advised that private insurance claims should be submitted.

Nyack Water operator, Thomas Lynch clarified the duties of the Water Department employees and explained that proper testing of the water samples occurs regularly.

After discussion, the Board and Commissioner Kaneletz publically commended the efforts of the Water Department employees during this incident.

Mayor Kavesh announced that the Public Works Committee of the Rockland County Legislature has scheduled a Public Hearing on Tuesday, 6/28/2011 @ 7pm to discuss the failures of the 'E-911 System'.

Public Comment

Saletta DeCort, Andrew DeCort, Noir Dean Dalil (59 Catherine St) commented on property damages sustained as a result of today's excessive rainfall and subsequent flooding. Trustee Knowlton commented that the amount of rainfall (4-5 inches in 27 minutes) was in no way normal and was impossible to anticipate. The board was asked to investigate/research the issue of proper drainage at the Nyack Public Works facility. The Village Administrator will facilitate this matter with the Village Engineer.

Frank Mancione (Hudson Ave) reported on the "lack of response" for evacuation assistance from Fire and Police during the rain/flood emergency. Trustee Laird-White, as liaison to the Orangetown P.D., will pass on these concerns to department officials.

The issue of 'creek erosion' as a cause for the excess flooding was also discussed. Carlo Pellegrini, Lori Brown, and Roger Cohen also commented on this issue.

Paulette Ross thanked the Board for their support during ArtWalk 2011.

Reports to the Board

Orangetown Police Department

-Brief report given by Trustee Laird-White

Village Administrator

Village Treasurer

Village Attorney

Zoning code amendment (Building Dept fees) Public Hearing was scheduled for 7/28 @ 8pm.

Village Clerk

-2011-2012 Tax collection update

- Trustee Laird-White made a motion to approve the Village's participation in the Rockland County Youth Bureau's Youth Employment Program. Trustee Knowlton seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

- Agenda procedures for Board meetings was discussed..

Parking Authority

The Village Administrator reported that Parkeon training is currently taking place.

Water Department

(see above Special report)

Public Hearing

At 8:12pm, Trustee Foster moved to open public hearing to discuss adoption of proposed Special Events law as part of the Village Code. After the Village Attorney's brief description,

the following persons commented on the proposed draft of the law: Carlo Pellegrini, Jack Dunnigan, Roger Cohen, Paulette Ross, Henry Rand.

Public Hearing will remain open to a date certain of 7/14/2011.

At 8:17pm Mayor Kavesh moved to open public hearing to discuss creation of a law to adopt the newly revised Village Code. Trustee Knowlton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 8:47pm Mayor Kavesh moved to close public hearing. Trustee Laird-White seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Trustee Laird-White made a motion to adopt by resolution the approval of the proposed law. Trustee Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The adoption was named a Type II action under SEQRA with a motion by Trustee Knowlton. The motion was seconded by Mayor Kavesh and it passed by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

Public Works & Building

-Status of flooding at 63 Catherine St.

Infrastructure

- Streetscape update

- Marina update

Economic Development

Trustee Foster gave a brief report on the 'Superblock' RFEI process.

Information Technology

Status of recent website transformation and procedure for posting was given.

Residential

Trustee Laird-White reported on proposed 'workout area' at Nyack Plaza

Housing

No report

Inter-Governmental Relations

Trustee Laird-White reported on recent meeting with residents on the Hospital expansion.

Parks & Recreation

Trustee Knowlton reported on the damages to Memorial Park as a result of today's excess rain.

Mayor Kavesh reported on a recent vacancy in the Parks Commission.

Budget, Finance, and Administration

No report

Old Business

-Decibel meter

Deferred

-MuniMeter policy

Defective meter report form on website is being used successfully

-Boxing Ring

No report

-20% Affordable Housing requirement

6/27 @ 11am with Joseph Abate

-23 Main St

Deferred
-*RRA Boat shelter*
Deferred for amendments
-*Nyack Hospital*
Meeting report

Communication

Nyack Senior Center – Letter of thanks
Information only
The Handle Institute - Yoga Event
Deferred for additional information/change of date due to possible conflict

New Business

Catherine Street (speed hump)
The Village Administrator will contact the Village Engineer to research the cost of an engineering study.

Executive Session

At 9:39, Trustee Knowlton moved to go into Executive Session, Trustee Laird-White seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 9:44, it was moved by Trustee Knowlton, seconded by Trustee Laird-White to come out of Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, nor anyone present wishing to be heard, Mayor Kavesh moved to close the Regular meeting. Trustee Foster seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary E. White, Village Clerk