

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY, held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, in the Georgianna Grant Meeting Room at the Stanley Kellerhouse Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Pugh	Trustee Simon
Village Manager Bryan Healy	Trustee Nicholson – arrived at 7:14pm
Village Attorney Joshua B. Subin	Trustee Politi
Village Treasurer Genette Toone	Trustee Slippen

1. Mayor Pugh called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition to Croton Animal Hospital.
3. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Trustee Simon made a motion to approve the following *Fiscal Year* Vouchers, *Claims numbered 24255475-24255616*. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Politi and approved with a 4-0 Vote. (Trustee Nicholson was not present at the time of the vote).

General Fund	\$105,426.73
Water Fund	\$15,188.13
Sewer Fund	\$610.65
Capital Fund	\$127,056.66

4. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY EMAIL - none.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS - none.

Resolution Approving the Consent Agenda

On motion by Trustee Simon and seconded by Trustee Politi the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson approved the Consent Agenda. Motion was approved with a 4-0 vote. (Trustee Nicholson was not present at the time of the vote).

6. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD:

1. Invitation from American Legion Fox-Eklof Post 505 to Memorial Day Ceremony.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-05/920e2d1d84add23f3480cb498e2cebf230445f7e.pdf>

2. Memo from the Arts & Humanities Advisory Council on a Peace Pole Installation

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-05/3885f336db299dfc060f1254b23196a0094a7a94.pdf>

3. Memo from Village Manager Bryan Healy requesting approval for Croton Caring to hold a mahjong fundraiser at the Municipal Building.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-05/8be39bf1b77e134c72a8fa2bb267891041afe20b.pdf>

b. RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #113-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON and seconded by TRUSTEE POLITI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 4-0 vote. (Trustee Nicholson was not present at the time of the vote).

WHEREAS, the Village would like to repeal and replace Chapter 208, Trees, of the Village Code to strengthen provisions related to trees on public and private property, as well as enact stiffer penalties for the illegal removal of, or injury to, trees; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board is considering the adoption of Local Law Introductory No. 4 of 2025, which has been drafted for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has received comments back on the law from the Waterfront Advisory Committee,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby schedules a Public Hearing to be held on June 25, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Georgianna Grant Meeting Room of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building to consider the adoption of Local Law Introductory No. 4 of 2025, to repeal and replace Chapter 208, Trees, of the Village Code to strengthen provisions related to

trees on public and private property, as well as enact stiffer penalties for the illegal removal of, or injury to, trees.

Resolution #114-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE POLITI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 4-0 vote. (Trustee Nicholson was not present at the time of the vote).

WHEREAS the Village Board adopted a resolution on March 19, 2001, establishing the standard workday for all village employees including elected and appointed officials for the purpose of reporting to the New York State and Local Retirement System, and

WHEREAS the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS) has set certain reporting requirements that apply to elected and appointed officials whose terms started on or after August 12, 2009, who are members of the NYSLRS and who do not participate in their employee's time keeping system, and

WHEREAS based on this requirement, the Village must establish a standard workday for each of these elected and appointed offices, specify the expectation of each term, designate the number of days to be reported for each official and certify receipt of record of activities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson hereby establishes the following as standard workdays for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted to the Village Clerk:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

TITLE	NAME	SS #	REG#	STANDARD WORKDAY	TERM BEGINS/ ENDS	RECORDS OF ACTIVITIES RESULTS	NOT SUBMITTED	TIER 1	PAY FREQUENCY
MAYOR	BRIAN PUGH	XX XX	XXX X	7.00	12/04/2023 - 12/01/2025		X	NO	MONTHLY
VILLAGE JUSTICE	SAM WATKINS	XX XX	XXX X	7.00	12/05/2022 - 12/07/2026	3.39		NO	MONTHLY
TRUSTEE	IAN MURTAUGH	XX XX	XXX X	7.00	11/27/2023 - 12/02/2024	3.09		NO	MONTHLY

Resolution #115-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE POLITI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 4-0 vote. (Trustee Nicholson was not present at the time of the vote).

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson has contracted with DebtBook to manage the Village's leases, and short- and long-term debt, and

WHEREAS the use of DebtBook fulfills the Village's requirements under the GASB 87 standard, and

WHEREAS a renewal agreement has been submitted to the Village for the upcoming year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is authorized to execute the renewal agreement with DebtBook for the period of June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, at a cost of \$7,770, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for such agreement is available in the following accounts: A1320.4000, F1320.4000 and G1320.4000.

Resolution #116-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE POLITI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 4-0 vote. (Trustee Nicholson was not present at the time of the vote).

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson has contracted with SeamlessDocs of New York, New York, to host the Village's online forms for the Village Manager's office, Village Clerk's office and Village Treasurer's office, and

WHEREAS SeamlessDocs also accepts online payments through a third-party platform for the Village, and

WHEREAS a renewal agreement has been submitted to the Village for the upcoming year,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is authorized to execute the renewal agreement with SeamlessDocs for the period of June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, at a cost of \$4,958.58; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that funding for such agreement is available in A6410.4000.

Resolution #117-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE POLITI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 4-0 vote. (Trustee Nicholson was not present at the time of the vote).

WHEREAS the Village conducted a mailing to all property owners in April regarding the shift to using the Town's assessment roll for Village taxes beginning in 2026, and

WHEREAS the cost of this mailing was not included in the 2024-2025 General Fund budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget transfer in the 2024-2025 General Fund budget:

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Increase:

A1355.4000	Assessment – Contractual	\$1,227.95
A1650.4410	Communications – Postage	\$1,369.61

Decrease:

A1990.4000	Contingency - Contractual	\$2,597.56
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Resolution #118-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE POLITI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 4-0 vote. (Trustee Nicholson was not present at the time of the vote).

WHEREAS the Recreation Department implemented a new online registration system called WebTrac this year, and

WHEREAS the initial funding provided for training and support for the new software has been exhausted,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget transfer in the 2024-2025 General Fund budget:

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Increase:

A7020.4000	Rec. Admin. – Contractual	\$1,325
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Decrease:

A1990.4000	Contingency - Contractual	\$1,325
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c. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 14, 2025, was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Politi and approved with a 4-0 vote. (Trustee Nicholson was not present at the time of this vote).

7. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #119-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE POLITI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village Board of Trustees has introduced Local Law Introductory No. 2 of 2025 to amend Chapter 230, Zoning, of the Village Code to transfer the authority to issue special permits to the Planning Board, and

WHEREAS on February 26, 2025, the Village Board of Trustees declared itself Lead Agency for SEQRA purposes, and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2025, the Village Board of Trustees undertook the process and review described in detail in Parts 2 and 3 of the Short EAF "Determination of Significance" attached hereto, and

WHEREAS the Village Board held a public hearing to consider Local Law Introductory No. 2 of 2025, which was opened and closed on May 14, 2025, and

WHEREAS the Village Board has received a recommendation of consistency from the Waterfront Advisory Committee with the Village's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, and

WHEREAS the Village Board must make its own determination of consistency with the LWRP policy standards and conditions, and

WHEREAS on May 14, 2025, the Village Board reviewed the LWRP policy standards and conditions,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The Village Board of Trustees makes the following findings regarding the applicability of the LWRP policies and the consistency of the Proposed Action with those policies and conditions of the LWRP which it found applicable:

Policy 6: Expedite permit procedures in order to facilitate the siting of development activities at suitable locations.

The remaining policies and conditions of the LWRP not specifically discussed above, were reviewed and found not to be applicable, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based upon the above, the Village Board of Trustees confirms its determination that the Proposed Action, the adoption of a local law to transfer the authority to issue special permits to the Planning Board, complies with the policy standards and conditions set forth in the Village's LWRP, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby issues and adopts the EAF Parts 2 and 3 Determination of Significance attached hereto and adopts a Negative Declaration in connection with this action, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local Law Introductory No. 2 of 2025 to amend Chapter 230, Zoning, of the Village Code to transfer the authority to issue special permits to the Planning Board, which upon adoption becomes Local Law No. 8 of 2025.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Simon thanked the Planning Board for spending a lot of time getting ready for this and becoming more familiar with what their role and responsibilities will be.

Mayor Pugh explained that it is unusual for a Legislative Body such as the Board of Trustees to be tasked with reviewing Special Permits, this came to his attention during a Westchester Municipal Planning Federation Seminar where they discussed the separation of powers. Mayor Pugh explained that the Board of Trustees adopts the laws and makes policy and a quasi-judicial body like the Planning Board does the review according to the laws set in place by the Board. Mayor Pugh advised that the Planning Board will now have Legal Counsel and a Planning Specialist at

their meetings to provide technical assistance with their fees being paid by the applicants.

Resolution #120-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE NICHOLSON, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson is a member community of the Westchester County Urban County Consortium, making it eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, and

WHEREAS Westchester County, in cooperation and agreement with the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, has been awarded CDBG funding in the amount of \$200,000 for the removal and replacement of the playground equipment and basketball court in Dobbs Park, and

WHEREAS in connection with the aforementioned grant, the County will receive grant funds and desires to provide such funds to the Village of Croton-on-Hudson to provide the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Village of Croton-on-Hudson and the County of Westchester, pending approval of the Village Attorney.

Resolution #121-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE NICHOLSON, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson sought a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for the purchase of a recycling truck, and

WHEREAS the Village has been notified that it was selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$62,150.50 to partially fund the purchase of the recycling truck, and

WHEREAS the NYSDEC recently visited the DPW Garage to inspect the truck and approved the Village to receive the grant funds,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Village of Croton-on-Hudson and the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation in the amount of \$62,150.50 to partially fund the purchase of a recycling truck.

DISCUSSION:

Village Manager Healy explained that Superintendent Balbi had applied for this grant about seven years ago, even though we have had this truck for quite some time, we were still eligible to receive these funds.

Resolution #122-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE POLITI, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS the historic qualities of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, as described in the corridor management plan, and the surrounding areas have been appreciated and celebrated for over a century by the residents of New York State, as well as tourists, historians, artists, authors, and other visitors to the region; and it is this unique combination of the journeys of Harriet Tubman and those Freedom Seekers who traveled on the Underground Railroad that create the special sense of place that is vital in telling the New York story of the human desire for freedom and the historic sites they created during their journey to emancipation, and

WHEREAS the Steering Committee of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, composed of representatives of 22 municipalities along the proposed scenic byway route, committed to work cooperatively to protect and promote the historic, scenic, recreational, and economic well-being of the 544-mile Corridor throughout the state and agreed to pursue the nomination of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, and

WHEREAS under the leadership of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Steering Committee, each of the 22 counties contributed to the development of this corridor management plan by forming local byway groups, encouraging public participation, and leading individual meetings of the Collaborative, and

WHEREAS the Advisory Committee of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway, consisting of relatives of Harriet Tubman, descendants of

Freedom Seekers, Harriet Tubman and/or Underground Railroad historians, representatives from state and federal agencies has strengthened the historic integrity, representation, and the principles of the corridor management plan, and

WHEREAS in the process of developing this corridor management plan, the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Steering Committee has strengthened the bonds of inter-municipal cooperation, and the involved entities envision further benefit through scenic byway designation including sustained collaborative progress, increased funding opportunities for recommendations identified in the plan, enhanced partnerships with agencies responsible for the stewardship of resources along and adjacent to the byway route, and an improved transportation experience that preserves, interprets, and promotes the corridor's intrinsic qualities and resources, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Board of Trustees supports the designation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway which includes programs for stewardship and enhancement of the scenic byway and guidance to manage future activities along its corridor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson confirms that they will not approve any requests for new off-premise outdoor advertising signs along the designated Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway route, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson will work in partnership with the other municipalities along the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway and local and regional stakeholders in order to support future Byway program development and collaborate with these interested entities to explore opportunities for cooperation and methods to advance the Scenic Byway.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Simon stated that he is excited to see what we can do with this in the future to possibly incorporate interesting activities and programs that will help us to learn history and have a better understanding of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.

Resolution #123-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON and seconded by TRUSTEE NICHOLSON, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village Board of Trustees approved the execution of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement ("Agreement") with Maple Commons, and

WHEREAS the first payment under this Agreement was received in April 2025, and

WHEREAS the Village received the full payment and is responsible for paying out the other taxing entities under the terms of the Agreement, and

WHEREAS Resolution 112-2025 did not fully allocate the funds received,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer is authorized to amend the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget as follows:

GENERAL EXPENSES

Increase

A1955.4000	Payments in Lieu of Taxes – Contractual	\$7,807.41
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GENERAL REVENUES

Increase

A1000.1081	Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$7,807.41
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Resolution #124-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON and seconded by TRUSTEE NICHOLSON, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS Con Edison requested police services for their gas-main repair work last year, and

WHEREAS the Croton-Harmon Union-Free School District requested police services for certain events at school buildings, and

WHEREAS Historic Hudson Valley requested police services for the Great Jack Blaze, and

WHEREAS police officers are assigned to conduct traffic control, as well as to ensure safety for residents and visitors to the Village, and

WHEREAS all entities agreed to pay the cost of the overtime for these officers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Treasurer is authorized to amend the General Fund 2024-2025 budget in the amount of \$15,321.33,

GENERAL EXPENSES

Increase Expense

A3120.1200	Personnel Services - Overtime	\$15,321.33
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GENERAL REVENUES

Increase Revenues

A3120.1520	Police Fees	\$15,321.33
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Resolution #125-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON and seconded by TRUSTEE NICHOLSON, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village Board of Trustees has authorized the Village Manager to declare Village property as surplus once it has reached the end of its useful life, and

WHEREAS the Village recently auctioned off a number of vehicles and pieces of equipment which were determined to be surplus, and

WHEREAS the total proceeds from this auction were \$13,970, and

WHEREAS these funds will be re-invested into the Village's fleet maintenance and computer systems,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer is authorized to amend the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget and 2024-2025 Capital Fund Budget in the amount of \$13,970 as follows:

GENERAL REVENUE

Increase

A1000.2665	Sales of Equipment	\$13,970
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GENERAL EXPENSES

Increase

A3120.4200 – Police – Supplies	\$ 2,700
A9901.9030 – Transfer to Capital Fund	\$11,270

CAPITAL REVENUE

Increase	
H1000.5031.24467 – Transfer from General Fund	\$11,270

CAPITAL EXPENSES

Increase	
H5110.2010.24467 – DPW Equipment	\$11,270

Resolution #126-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON and seconded by TRUSTEE NICHOLSON, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson has requested authorization for the adjudication of traffic control signal indications, commonly known as a red-light camera system, and

WHEREAS on May 14, 2025, the Village Board adopted Resolution 109-2025 in support of this request, and

WHEREAS the legislative text of the bill needed to be modified, requiring the re-introduction of the revised bill, and

WHEREAS Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg has introduced bill A8360A in the State Assembly to authorize the adjudication of traffic control signal indications in the Village, and

WHEREAS State Senator Peter Harckham has introduced companion bill S7791A in the State Senate regarding same, and

WHEREAS the Village is required to formally submit a home rule request to the legislature,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby requests authorization for the adjudication of traffic control signal indications, commonly known as a red-light camera system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this home rule request be sent to State Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg and State Senator Peter Harckham.

Resolution #127-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON and seconded by TRUSTEE NICHOLSON, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village Law and the Public Officers Law of New York State require that public officers of a municipality reside within the boundaries of the municipality or within the county containing the municipality, and

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson has requested authorization for the Assistant Village Engineer to reside outside the boundaries of Westchester County, and

WHEREAS the state authorizes municipalities to make such requests through the home rule process, and

WHEREAS Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg has introduced bill A8558A in the State Assembly to authorize the Assistant Village Engineer to reside in a county adjacent to Westchester County or within Dutchess County, and

WHEREAS State Senator Peter Harckham has introduced companion bill S7853A in the State Senate regarding same, and

WHEREAS the Village is required to formally submit a home rule request to the legislature,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby requests authorization for the Assistant Village Engineer to reside in a county adjacent to Westchester County or within Dutchess County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this home rule request be sent to State Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg and State Senator Peter Harckham.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Dave Lowell, 52 Farrington Road, Croton on Hudson, addressed his concerns regarding enforcement of the Village's ban on gas-powered blowers. Mr. Lowell stated that he believes it is impossible to enforce this law, even if someone reports it, by the time the Code Enforcement Officer arrives the person using the gas-powered blower has typically left the property. Mr. Lowell stated that he is not comfortable being an enforcer, having to take a picture of the name on a truck could potentially put him or any other resident

in a precarious situation. Mr. Lowell also requested that there be no exceptions, and that it apply to all properties all year round.

9. REPORTS:

Mayor Pugh asked for a moment of silence for Croton Fire Department Deputy Chief Tex Dinkler.

Trustee Slippin expressed her gratitude to Tex Dinkler for everything that he has done for Croton, congratulated the Library on a successful book and bake sale, thanked the and Humanities Advisory Council for putting together a great proposal for a Peace Pole, thanked all the voters for coming out to vote on the school budget, thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for taking care of our fields and getting them ready for the season, and asked the Manager to put something on our website advising residents where they can make their comments heard regarding the Con-Ed rate increases.

Trustee Politi stated that the Library sale was a huge success, thanked the community for supporting our schools, the IDEA Committee's Pride Flag will be raised after Summerfest, Juneteenth celebrations will take place on June 19th and encouraged everyone to refer to the Village's website for more information.

Trustee Nicholson thanked Mr. Lowell for his comments, we have been discussing with the Conservation Advisory Council on how to improve enforcement, we also need to do a better job of communicating with landscaping companies and she hopes that the additional staffing in our Code Enforcement Department will make it better, the Hoedown was a huge success and looks forward to seeing everyone at our Memorial Day ceremony.

Trustee Simon explained that when the Board adopted the gas-powered blower regulation four years ago, it was after two years of lengthy discussions trying to come to some kind of compromise, but everyone on the Board at that time knew this was something that we would have to return to and hopefully we will get to a good place soon. Trustee Simon advised that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee met on May 17th and talked about re-instituting the "Slow Down Croton" campaign, sidewalk gaps, and the bike share program, thanked the organizers who put together a successful Hoedown, on May 18th the HEART Committee honored Ed Rondthaler with a plaque recognizing his contributions to the community, thanked Village

Manager Healy for speaking at our Rotary meeting yesterday, the Planning Board met yesterday and held their 3rd Public Hearing on the 1 Croton Point Avenue project, approved two ADU apartments, and discussed MJ Auto Repair's Special Permit. Trustee Simon expressed his condolences on the passing of Chief Tex Dinkler. Mr. Dinkler served for 56 years in the Croton Fire Department and was instrumental in running the LOSAP program. Trustee Simon also advised that Rose Noonan, longtime Executive Director of the Housing Action Council passed away on May 19th.

Mayor Pugh advised that a compost giveaway will be held at Croton Point Park this Tuesday, thanked Mr. Lowell for his comments regarding gas-powered blowers, there are still some policy questions to be reviewed but more resources are being directed towards enforcement which has been stepped up over the last couple of months since we added staff to that department.

Village Manager Healy advised that more time will be devoted to Code Enforcement now that we have a full-time Code Enforcement Officer, we have also increased outreach to landscaping companies who do business in Croton and, in the past, we have asked residents to send us the name of their landscaper so we can add them to our list, we can also consider a requirement where landscapers would register with the Village, similar to what other municipalities have done. Village Manager Healy also talked about the possibility of adding a clause similar to what is in our Dog Ordinance which allows residents who witness a violation to come and make a complaint with the Village Court and a summons would be sent to the offending person. Village Manager Healy advised that the Village did issue one appearance ticket last year, and while there are no blanket exemptions for businesses, we have some exemptions on properties that are 40,000 square feet or larger when gas-powered blowers can be used.

Village Manager Healy advised that Croton had the lowest Tax Rate Increase for 2025/26 compared to ten other Villages along the River. To view the chart, you may click on the following:

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-05/61eaacfbcdff0b88bad00a739b09e94a659a15c6.pdf>

Village Manager Healy advised that they are working on an appreciation event for our Boards and Committees and reminded everyone it is time to renew weekend parking permits for the Croton-Harmon Train Station.

There being no further comments to come before the Board, a motion to close the meeting was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectively submitted,

Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk