

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY, held on Wednesday, July 9, 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
Village Attorney Joshua B. Subin	Trustee Politi
Village Treasurer Genette Toone	

The following officials were absent:

Trustee Slippen

1. Mayor Pugh called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Trustee Simon made a motion to approve the following *Fiscal Year Vouchers, Claims numbered 26000608-26000879*. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0 Vote.

General Fund	\$496,104.47
Water Fund	\$73,629.66
Sewer Fund	\$44,330.48
Capital Fund	\$143,781.95
Trust Fund	10,700.00

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Motion to open a Public Hearing on **Local Law Introductory, No. 8 of 2025 to amend Chapter 204, Taxation, to reflect an increase to the senior citizens tax exemption and cleanup of other language** was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Politi and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Village Manager Healy explained that this Local Law would increase Croton's senior citizen tax exemption to match the exemption that is offered by the Town of Cortland, the Village's exemption is a flat fifty percent, up to \$50,000 in income, the Town of Cortlandt works on a sliding scale based on dollar amounts between \$50,000 and \$58,000. To view the entire Local Law, you may click on the following link:

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-06/0866cd3033203a20dd6fa8ee16dcfff58673b3b1.pdf>

There being no comments to come before the Board, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Resolution #169-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS on March 26, 2025, the Village Board of Trustees adopted Local Law 5 of 2025, which codified the decision to no longer serve as an assessing unit, and

WHEREAS Chapter 204, Taxation of the Village Code must be amended to clean up outdated language, and

WHEREAS the Village Board wishes to adopt the same senior citizen exemption language and limits as the Town of Cortlandt; and

WHEREAS the Village Board is considering the adoption of Local Law Introductory No. 8 of 2025, which has been drafted for such purposes, and

WHEREAS a Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. 8 of 2025 was opened and closed on July 9, 2025, and

WHEREAS the Village Board has determined that the adoption of Local Law Introductory No. 8 of 2025 to be a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, requiring no environmental review,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local Law Introductory No. 8 of 2025 to amend Chapter 204, Taxation, of the Village Code to reflect an increase to the senior citizens tax exemption and cleanup of other language, which upon adoption becomes Local Law No. 10 of 2025.

- b. Motion to open a Public Hearing on ***Local Law Introductory No. 9 of 2025 to amend Chapter 122, Fees, Chapter 215, Vehicle & Traffic, and Chapter 225, Waterfront Revitalization, to update***

various definitions and fines was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Village Manager Healy explained that these minor changes are being made as a result of the ongoing process to clean up the Village Code as highlighted by General Code. To view the changes, you may click on the following link:

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-06/26fe02677cedddcc997a09aeeec2caa82a4026087.pdf>

There being no comments to come before the Board, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Resolution #170-2025

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.

WHEREAS various definitions and fines in Chapter 122, Fees, Chapter 215, Vehicle & Traffic, and Chapter 225, Waterfront Revitalization, have been recommended to be updated, and

WHEREAS the Village Board is considering the adoption of Local Law Introductory No. 9 of 2025, which has been drafted for such purposes, and

WHEREAS a Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. 9 of 2025 was opened and closed on July 9, 2025, and

WHEREAS the Village Board has determined that the adoption of Local Law Introductory No. 9 of 2025 to be a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, requiring no environmental review,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local Law Introductory No. 9 of 2025 to update various definitions and fines in Chapter 122, Fees, Chapter 215, Vehicle & Traffic, and Chapter 225, Waterfront Revitalization, which upon adoption becomes Local Law No. 11 of 2025.

- c. Motion to open a Public Hearing on **No. 10 of 2025 to amend Chapter 33, Meetings, to reflect the ability to transmit notices of public meetings and meeting minutes electronically** was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Village Manager Healy explained that this was also an item that was highlighted by General Code, Chapter 33 was adopted in 1977 and we are updating the Code to reflect the changes on how municipalities can send notices. To view the proposed Local Law, you may click on the following link:

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-07/2e4aa0b8bbbed857a2bf8f65bd283d5be3cb39a13.pdf>

COMMENTS

Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that all committees should maintain minutes, and objected to the IDEA Committee holding Zoom meetings and emphasized that all the details to get into that meeting should be provided on the calendar.

There being no further comments to come before the Board, a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Resolution #171-2025

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.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees adopted Chapter 33, Meetings, of the Village Code in 1977; and

WHEREAS, since that time, state law has been updated to reflect the ability to transmit notices of public meetings and meeting minutes electronically; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board is considering the adoption of Local Law Introductory No. 10 of 2025, which has been drafted for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. 10 of 2025 was opened and closed on July 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that the adoption of Local Law Introductory No. 10 of 2025 to be a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, requiring no environmental review,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local Law Introductory No. 10 of 2025 to amend Chapter 33, Meetings, to reflect the ability to transmit notices of public meetings and meeting minutes electronically, which upon adoption becomes Local Law No. 12 of 2025.

4. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY EMAIL - None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, expressed his concerns that we are allowing homeowners to cut down up to three trees a year and reminded the Board that trees not only affect a homeowner's property but also neighboring properties, and highlighted some of the devastating effects of tree removal on Nordica Drive, asked for a clarification of the cost of the charging stations at the train station, how does it work and who pays for them, does not understand why a temporary bridge has not been put in place while they are working on getting the Quaker Bridge replaced.

Resolution Approving the Consent Agenda

On motion by Trustee Simon and seconded by Trustee Nicholson the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson approved the Consent Agenda with a 4-0 vote.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD:

1. Request from the Croton Rotary Club for use of the Croton-Harmon Train Station parking lot for the 41st Annual Croton Rotary Car Show on September 28, 2025.

2. Memo from the Village Manager regarding the Revised Board Meeting Schedule for July and August

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-07/831a91ed6cf3e2b8adfc11611718d6886aa0714c.pdf>

b. RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #172-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the final assessment roll for 2025 was filed on April 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS the assessment for the property located at 16 Prickly Pear Hill Road, designated on the tax maps as Section 67.15, Block 1, Lot 14, was not reduced in accordance with a decision made by the Village Assessor, and

WHEREAS New York State Form RP-556 has been completed to credit the tax bill in the amount of \$2,291.37 due to this clerical error,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to sign the aforementioned form, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to adjust the tax bill as directed.

Resolution #173-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Croton-on-Hudson Police Department participates in the STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Program, an overtime, added, patrol effort to enforce the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Laws against intoxicated and impaired driving (DWI/DWAI) in Westchester County, and

WHEREAS the latest version of this agreement is effective beginning October 1, 2024, and terminates on September 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Westchester County has provided an amendment to the agreement to ensure funding is available for all municipalities who wish to participate,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute the amendment to the STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign Program Inter-Municipal Agreement with Westchester County for the period between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025.

Resolution #174-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS on July 5, 2022, the Village Board of Trustees adopted a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Policy governing the release of public records in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, and

WHEREAS New York State law has recently changed which requires employees to be notified when their disciplinary records have been requested through the FOIL process, and

WHEREAS the policy has been amended to reflect this change in state law,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the updated FOIL Policy as attached hereto.

c. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 25, 2025, was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0 vote.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on May 21, 2025, was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0 vote.

7. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #175-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village Board of Trustees has introduced 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 enacting stiffer penalties for the illegal removal of, or injury to, trees, and

WHEREAS on April 23, 2025, the Village Board of Trustees declared itself Lead Agency for SEQRA purposes, and

WHEREAS on June 25, 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. 4 of 2025, which was opened and closed on June 25, 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 June 25, 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.

Policy 7: Significant coastal fish and wildlife habitats will be protected, preserved, and, where practical, restored so as to maintain their viability as habitats.

Policy 9B: Encourage passive recreational enjoyment of the wildlife in the designated significant fish and wildlife habitats, on the Audubon Society sanctuaries, Jane Lytle Arboretum, Gouveia Park, and on other public or private lands within the Village where wildlife habitats are located, as well as the protection of such resources.

Policy 18: To safeguard the vital economic, social, and environmental interests of the State and of its citizens, proposed major actions in the

coastal area must give full consideration to those interests, and to the safeguards which the State has established to protect.

Policy 19B: Increase public access to areas that offer physical and visual connection to the Hudson River or Croton River and Bay.

Policy 23: Protect, enhance, and restore structures, districts, areas, or sites that are of significance in the history, architecture, archaeology or culture of the State, its communities, or the Nation.

Policy 25: Protect, restore, or enhance natural and man-made resources which are not identified as being of statewide significance, but which contribute to the overall scenic quality of the coastal area. (The following scenic areas were noted in the LWRP as having local and regional significance: (1) Distinctive and scenic views of Croton Point, (2) Views of the Hudson River from South Riverside Avenue and Route 9 corridor, and (3) Vegetated slopes and undisturbed ridgelines particularly those in the viewsheds in the Croton Gorge, River and Bay areas.)

Policy 25A: Establish and protect identified public viewsheds of the Hudson River, including but not limited to the public views of the Hudson River from the western shoreline of the Village, and of the Croton River and Gorge. (The following scenic areas were noted in the LWRP as having local and regional significance: (1) Distinctive and scenic views of Croton Point, (2) Views of the Hudson River from South Riverside Avenue and Route 9 corridor, and (3) Vegetated slopes and undisturbed ridgelines particularly those in the viewsheds in the Croton Gorge, River, and Bay areas.

Policy 37A: Control of the development of hilltops, and steep slopes should be exerted in order to prevent erosion and minimize runoff and flooding from new construction.

Policy 41: Land use or development in the coastal area will not cause national or State air quality standards to be violated.

Policy 44: Preserve and protect tidal and freshwater wetlands and preserve the benefits derived from these areas.

Policy 44A: Wetlands, water bodies and watercourses shall be protected by preventing damage from erosion or situation, minimizing disturbance, preserving natural habitats and protecting against flood and pollution.

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 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, 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. 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, which upon adoption becomes Local Law No. 13 of 2025.

DISCUSSION:

Village Manager Healy stated that the law, as it is written, allows a homeowner to remove up to three trees from their property a year as long as they do not fall into any of the other categories that require a permit. Village Manager Healy reminded everyone that under the current law, homeowners could remove an unlimited number of trees from their property as long as they did not fall into one of the special categories and we believes this is an improvement to what we currently have in our Code. To view the entire law, you may click onto the following link:

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-04/6c93604edf340e7afbd1d6f90e57b8133836b669.pdf>

Trustee Simon thanked the members of our Conservation Advisory Council and all those who participated in this journey, it is now our job to implement this and to make sure that we are doing a good job.

Trustee Nicholson thanked the members of the Conservation Advisory Council who went through this law, this law came about because our current was not strong

enough and we saw abuses that were outrageous and while it has taken a long time to get to this place, she is happy to support it.

Resolution #176-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village Board of Trustees has introduced Local Law Introductory No. 5 of 2025 to amend Chapter 227, Wetlands, and Chapter 230, Zoning, of the Village Code to update provisions related to trees, and

WHEREAS on April 23, 2025, the Village Board of Trustees declared itself Lead Agency for SEQRA purposes, and

WHEREA, on June 25, 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. 5 of 2025, which was opened and closed on June 25, 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 June 25, 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 7: Significant coastal fish and wildlife habitats will be protected, preserved, and, where practical, restored so as to maintain their viability as habitats.

Policy 7A: The quality of the Croton River and Bay Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Haverstraw Bay Significant Fish and Wildlife Habitat shall be protected and improved for conservation, economic, aesthetic, recreational, and other public uses and values. Its resources shall be protected from the threat of pollution, misuse, and mismanagement.

Policy 7B: Materials that can degrade water quality and degrade or destroy the ecological system of the Croton River and Bay Significant Fish and Wildlife Habitat and the Haverstraw Bay Significant Fish and Wildlife Habitat shall not be disposed of or allowed to drain in, or on land within, the area of influence in the significant fish and wildlife habitats.

Policy 7C: Storage of materials that can degrade water quality and degrade or destroy the ecological system of the Croton River and Bay Significant Fish and Wildlife Habitat or Haverstraw Bay Significant Fish and Wildlife Habitat shall not be permitted within the area of influence of the habitat unless best available technology is used to prevent adverse impacts to the habitat.

Policy 7D: Restoration of degraded ecological elements of the Croton River and Bay and Haverstraw Bay Significant Fish and Wildlife Habitats and shorelands shall be included in any programs for cleanup of any adjacent toxic and hazardous waste sites.

Policy 7F: Construction activity of any kind must not cause a measurable increase in erosion or flooding at the site of such activity or impact other locations. Construction activity in the Croton River and Hudson River spawning areas shall be timed so that spawning of anadromous fish species and shellfish will not be adversely affected.

Policy 7H: Habitat-related policies identified in the Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Watershed Conservation Action Plan will be considered in actions proposed for these areas.

Policy 9B: Encourage passive recreational enjoyment of the wildlife in the designated significant fish and wildlife habitats, on the Audubon Society sanctuaries, Jane Lytle Arboretum, Gouveia Park, and on other public or private lands within the Village where wildlife habitats are located, as well as the protection of such resources.

Policy 12: Activities or development in the coastal area will be undertaken so as to minimize damage to natural resources and property from flooding and erosion by

protecting natural protective features including beaches, dunes, barrier islands and bluffs.

Policy 14: Activities and development, including the construction or reconstruction of erosion protection structures, shall be undertaken so that there will be no measurable increase in erosion or flooding at the site of such activities or development, or at other locations.

Policy 17A: Efforts to control erosion along the rivers and on the steep slopes inland shall be of a non-structural nature, wherever possible, to minimize the visual impact of structural measures.

Policy 19: Encourage the linkage of open space from upland areas to and along the Hudson and Croton Rivers in the form of a trail or walkway system.

Policy 23: Protect, enhance, and restore structures, districts, areas, or sites that are of significance in the history, architecture, archaeology or culture of the State, its communities, or the Nation.

Policy 25: Protect, restore, or enhance natural and man-made resources which are not identified as being of statewide significance, but which contribute to the overall scenic quality of the coastal area. (The following scenic areas were noted in the LWRP as having local and regional significance: (1) Distinctive and scenic views of Croton Point, (2) Views of the Hudson River from South Riverside Avenue and Route 9 corridor, and (3) Vegetated slopes and undisturbed ridgelines particularly those in the viewsheds in the Croton Gorge, River and Bay areas.)

Policy 25A: Establish and protect identified public viewsheds of the Hudson River, including but not limited to the public views of the Hudson River from the western shoreline of the Village, and of the Croton River and Gorge. (The following scenic areas were noted in the LWRP as having local and regional significance: (1) Distinctive and scenic views of Croton Point, (2) Views of the Hudson River from South Riverside Avenue and Route 9 corridor, and (3) Vegetated slopes and undisturbed ridgelines particularly those in the viewsheds in the Croton Gorge, River, and Bay areas.

Policy 37A: Control of the development of hilltops, and steep slopes should be exerted in order to prevent erosion and minimize runoff and flooding from new construction.

Policy 38: The quality and quantity of surface water supplies will be conserved and protected, particularly where such waters constitute the primary or sole source of water supply.

Policy 44: Preserve and protect tidal and freshwater wetlands and preserve the benefits derived from these areas.

Policy 44A: Wetlands, water bodies and watercourses shall be protected by preventing damage from erosion or situation, minimizing disturbance, preserving natural habitats and protecting against flood and pollution.

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 update provisions related to trees, 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. 5 of 2025 to amend Chapter 227, Wetlands, and Chapter 230, Zoning, of the Village Code to update provisions related to trees, which upon adoption becomes Local Law No. 14 of 2025.

Resolution #177-2025

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.

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson desires to place additional electric vehicle charging stations at the Croton-Harmon Train Station parking lot, and

WHEREAS grant funding from the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation has been secured to fund this cost, and

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to 43 contractors on May 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS two proposals were submitted by the deadline of June 6, 2025, and

WHEREAS the low proposal received was rejected as it did not comply with the requirements of the RFP, such as submitting necessary documentation and certifications, and

WHEREAS the lowest responsive proposal received was from PlugIn Stations Online (PISO) of Valatie, New York, in the amount of \$152,355, and

WHEREAS Sustainability Committee Chair Lindsay Audin has recommended that the proposal from PISO be accepted,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to accept the proposal from PlugIn Stations Online of Valatie, New York, in the amount of \$152,355, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for this project has been allocated in capital account H5650.2000.25509.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Simon stated that there has been a lot of preparatory work not only in the procurement but in the development of the solar array and we are grateful to Lindsay Audin for all his hard work in getting us to this point.

Resolution #178-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village has been seeking to identify ways to improve traffic safety along Old Post Road North between Hunter Place and Michaels Lane, and

WHEREAS, AKRF Inc. has provided a proposal to conduct a traffic engineering study in this area, and

WHEREAS the Village Board funded the traffic study in the 2025-2026 Capital Budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson hereby authorizes the Village Manager to accept the proposal

from AKRF Inc. to conduct a traffic study along Old Post Road North in the not-to-exceed amount of \$46,500.

To view the proposal and area to be surveyed, you may click on the following:

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-07/95a93ee6d1ac13d70fe872eb61803113dfd87e80.pdf>

DISCUSSION:

Village Manager Healy stated that there is a lot of pedestrian activity in this area and they will be studying stop signs and intersections to assist the Village to better understand how all this activity interacts with each other and to hopefully make some changes to make it safer for pedestrians.

Resolution #179-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the air conditioning system in the Municipal Building is outdated and in need of replacement with a modernized, energy-efficient system, and

WHEREAS the Village Board funded the replacement of the system in the 2025-2026 Capital Budget, and

WHEREAS the Village issued an Invitation to Bid on June 19, 2025, for the project, and

WHEREAS four bids were received at the time of the bid opening on July 3, 2025, and

WHEREAS the four bids received were higher than anticipated and outside the approved funding scope for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson hereby rejects the bids received on July 3, 2025, for the Municipal Building HVAC Improvements project.

Resolution #180-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS the Village of Croton-on-Hudson owns the staircase that connects Farrington Road to Brook Street, having purchased the property in 1930, and

WHEREAS the Village Board funded the replacement of the staircase in the 2025-2026 Capital Budget, and

WHEREAS the Village issued an Invitation to Bid on June 5, 2025, for the project, and

WHEREAS three bids were received at the time of the bid opening on July 3, 2025, and

WHEREAS the three bids received were higher than anticipated and outside the approved funding scope for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson hereby rejects the bids received on July 3, 2025, for the Farrington Road Staircase Replacement project.

DISCUSSION:

Village Manager Healy explained that we put in a strict deadline for the work to be completed by Labor Day and fines were built into the bid if that did not happen, we believe that the contractors built that into their bid which may have contributed to increasing the bid numbers.

Trustee Nicholson stated that we need to have this work done during the summer so that the it does not impact the school year.

Village Manager Healy stated that we can put this out again late winter and hopefully have it awarded late spring so that they would be ready to go the end of June.

Resolution #181-2025

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS in or about July 1979, the County of Westchester and the Village agreed that portions of land known as the Croton Gorge Situate (including portions now known as "Black Rock Park"), in the Town of Cortlandt and in the Village would be dedicated to the Village for use "solely and exclusively for municipal park and recreational purposes and for no other purpose, and

WHEREAS such dedication was effectuated by deed dated July 26, 1979 (the "Original Deed"), and

WHEREAS the legal description of property described in the Original Deed is more particularly described in Schedule A attached hereto, and

WHEREAS the County inadvertently transferred to the Village, and the Village inadvertently accepted portions of the Croton Gorge Situate related to the continued maintenance of the Quaker Bridge, and

WHEREAS both parties acknowledge this error and wish to file a correction deed so that the County can properly maintain said bridge (the "Correction Deed"), and

WHEREAS the legal description of the property as amended is described in the Correction Deed and is more particularly described in Schedule B attached hereto, and

WHEREAS the Village also wishes to execute related easements to help facilitate repair work to and maintenance of the Quaker Bridge to be undertaken by the County,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Correction Deed and related recording forms, and the Easement Agreements relating to the Quaker Bridge, subject to the final approval of the Village Attorney.

DISCUSSION:

Village Manager Healy explained that this was an unexpected delay, they did not realize that this paperwork needed to be done, the project still needs to go before the Water Control Commission for a Wetlands Permit, they have circulated their Intent to Be Lead Agency, but we still have not received the paperwork for SEQRA. Village Manager Healy stated that he believes they are working very diligently but it does seem that it is taking longer than anticipated.

Village Attorney Subin stated that their legal counsel has been very responsive, they are working with the State to make sure that we are all doing the right things and they are moving as quickly as they can.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Michelle Celarier, 1 Nordica Drive, Croton on Hudson, presented a petition to the Board asking them to adopt a resolution calling for an immediate cease fire in GAZA. (A copy of the petition can be obtained by reaching out to the Village Clerk).

Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, advised that there is a boycott against the CVS drugstore regarding an abortion drug, to hear more comments regarding this issue you may log onto the following website: <https://play.champds.com/crotononhudsonny/event/1066> (under Public Comment/Non Agenda Items (00.45.34), addressed an incident where someone's car was damaged for having a Trump sign on their car, encouraged communities to reach out to ICE if they suspect someone in their community has committed a crime and is undocumented, addressed his concerns regards flags flying at Village Hall as well as Sustainable Westchester's increase in electric rates.

9. REPORTS:

Trustee Politi stated that the Village of Croton does not have a say on National issues, and does not believe it is appropriate to undertake this resolution, emphasized that people are not being victimized by undocumented immigrants and hopes that people feel safe in our Village where our Police will not be targeting them.

Trustee Nicholson stated that there are many sensitive things and atrocities taking place around the world, as a Village Board we do not have control of what is happening around the world and as a local Village Board we work on issues that affect our Village, the Friday night concert series has begun, we are running the shuttle bus and will be working on getting a tracker on the bus, and the Lorraine Hansberry Committee is working on some events for October 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Trustee Simon advised that the July 4th celebration at Van Cortlandt Manor was wonderful; we launched the Project Mover program today at Dobbs Park and thanked everyone involved with getting this up and running and looks

forward to receiving feedback from the community, and thanked the American Legion for hosting a wonderful dinner thanking Grace Richards, the Manager of Shoprite, who will be moving to another location.

Mayor Pugh advised that he attended the Conservation Advisory Council's meeting this month; trail work will take place on July 19th and August 9th, advised that he is appointing Jason Mencher and Madalyn Bozinski from the CAC and Geoff Haynes and Steven Krisky from the Planning Board to the National Resource Inventory Task Force that we are conducting in conjunction with the Town of Cortlandt, thanked Duane Jackson and Marc Cheshire for putting together the July 4th Revolutionary History Re-enactment at Van Cortlandt Manor.

Village Manager Healy advised that Con Edison will be relining, a small gas main in the area of the Circle and at Our Saviour Lutheran Church as well as Kuney Street, we had a site walk with them last week and as soon as we receive their notification letter we will forward it to the community, water bills are due next week, and DOT is preparing to do the "final striping on Riverside Avenue and we look forward to the completion of their work within the next couple of weeks.

There being no further comments to come before the Board, a motion to close the meeting and enter into an Executive Session to discuss matters involving particular personnel was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectively submitted,

Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk