

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY, held on Wednesday, August 20, 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 Daniel Pozin	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. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Trustee Simon made a motion to approve the following *Fiscal Year Vouchers, Claims numbered 26001308-26001828*. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 5-0 Vote.

General Fund	\$951,817.16
Water Fund	\$144,090.47
Sewer Fund	\$44,293.84
Capital Fund	\$183,546.52
Trust Fund	\$71,286.27

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open a Public Hearing on ***the telecommunications special permit application from New Cingular Wireless PCS to co-locate a wireless facility at the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building*** was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Comments:

E-mail from Kelly Nein, Grand Street, advising that she is in support of the AT&T Wireless cellular facility to be located at the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building.

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 5-0 vote.

4. LWRP Consistency Review and EAF Part II Review for Telecommunications
Special Permit Application from New Cingular Wireless PCS to co-locate a
wireless facility at the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building.

EAF Part II

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning Regulations?	√	
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	√	
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	√	
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	√	
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway? .	√	
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	√	
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?	√	
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	√	
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	√	
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	√	
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	√	
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	√	

LWRP Consistency Review

Policy	DEVELOPMENT POLICIES	Applicable Yes/No	Consistent Yes/No	Applicable Yes/No	Consistent Yes/No	Comments
1	Restore, revitalize, and redevelop deteriorated and underutilized waterfront areas for commercial, industrial, cultural, recreational and other compatible uses.	No				
1A	Encourage integrated development of Village property to assure fulfillment of requirements relating to parking and accessory uses of Metro-North train station, while facilitating public access to the bay area and recreational use.	No				
1B	Encourage restoration of deteriorating structures related to railroad use and assure appropriate maintenance and screening to reduce visual impact.	No				
1C	Encourage the appropriate re-use of the old sewage treatment plant site at the intersection of Route 9A and Municipal Place.	No				
2	Facilitate the siting of water dependent uses and facilities on or adjacent to coastal waters.	No				
2A	Encourage water-enhanced commercial uses where such uses complement water dependent uses and do not result in displacement of such uses.	No				
3	Further develop the State's existing major ports of Albany,	No				

	Buffalo, New York, Ogdensburg and Oswego as centers of commerce and industry, and encourage the siting, in these port areas, including those under the jurisdiction of State public authorities, of land use and development which is essential to, or in support of, waterborne transportation of cargo and people.					
4	Strengthen the economic base of smaller harbor areas by encouraging the development and enhancement of those traditional uses and activities which have provided such areas with their unique maritime identity.	No				
5	Encourage the location of development in areas where public services and facilities essential to such development are adequate.	No				
5A	When feasible, development within the Village should be directed within the current service area of existing water and sewer facilities or in close proximity to areas where distribution lines currently exist.	No				
6	Expedite permit procedures in order to facilitate the siting of development activities at suitable locations	No				
6A	To expedite permit procedures, the Village shall coordinate all relevant local laws into a development package for	No				

	applicants and/or make all local laws available to applicants proposing development activities.					
	FISH & WILDLIFE POLICIES					
7	Significant coastal fish and wildlife habitats will be protected, preserved, and, where practical, restored so as to maintain their viability as habitats.	No				
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.	No				
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.	No				
7C	Storage of materials that can degrade water quality and degrade or destroy the ecological system of the Croton	No				

	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.					
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 site	No				
7E	Runoff from public and private parking lots and from storm sewer overflows shall be effectively managed so as to prevent oil, grease, and other contaminants from polluting surface and ground water and impact to the significant fish and wildlife habitats.	No				
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.	No				
7G	Construction activity of any kind must not cause significant	No				

	degradation of water quality or impact identified significant fish and wildlife habitats.					
7H	Habitat-related policies identified in the Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Watershed Conservation Action Plan will be considered in actions proposed for these areas (see Appendix C).	No				
8	Protect fish and wildlife resources in the coastal area from the introduction of hazardous waste and other pollutants which bio-accumulate in the food chain, or which cause significant sub-lethal or lethal effects on those resources.	No				
9	Expand recreational use of fish and wildlife resources in coastal areas by increasing access to existing resources, supplementing existing stocks, and developing new.	No				
9A	Ensure continued recreational use and public access to the rivers through Village owned land adjacent to the railroad parking lot, at Croton Point Park, at Senasqua and Croton Landing Parks, along the Croton River, and at the Croton Yacht Club. Efforts should be made to increase opportunities for public access and enjoyment in these areas.	No				
9B	Encourage passive recreational enjoyment of the wildlife in the	No				

	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.					
10	Further develop commercial finfish, shellfish and crustacean resources in the coastal area by encouraging the construction of new, or improvement of existing onshore commercial fishing facilities, increasing marketing of the State's seafood products, maintaining adequate stocks and expanding aquaculture facilities.	No				
	FLOODING & EROSION POLICIES					
11	Buildings and other structures will be sited in the coastal area so as to minimize damage to property and the endangering of human lives caused by flooding and erosion.	No				
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.	No				
12A	Every effort should be made to protect Croton Point, a natural	No				

	protective barrier to Croton Bay from activities or development that would increase erosion of or flooding of the point.					
13	The construction or reconstruction of erosion protection structures shall be undertaken only if they have a reasonable probability of controlling erosion for at least thirty years as demonstrated in design and construction standards and/or assured maintenance or replacement programs.	No				
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.	No				
15	Mining, excavation or dredging in coastal waters shall not significantly interfere with the natural coastal processes which supply beach materials to land adjacent to such waters and shall be undertaken in a manner which will not cause an increase in erosion of such land.	No				
16	Public funds shall only be used for erosion protective structures where necessary to protect human life, and new development which requires a location within or adjacent to an erosion hazard area to be able	No				

	to function, or existing development; and only where the public benefits outweigh the long term monetary and other costs including the potential for increasing erosion and adverse effects on natural protective features.					
17	Non-structural measures to minimize damage to natural resources and property from flooding and erosion shall be used whenever possible.	No				
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.	No				
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 valuable coastal resource areas	No				
	PUBLIC ACCESS POLICIES					
19	Protect, maintain, and increase the level and types of access to public water-related recreation resources and facilities	No				
19A	Encourage the linkage of open space from upland areas to and along the Hudson and Croton Rivers in the form of a trail or	No				

	walkway system.					
19B	Increase public access to areas that offer physical and visual connections to the Hudson River or Croton River and Bay.	No				
19C	Encourage the improvement of public transportation, when feasible, where water dependent and water-enhanced recreation activities are located.	No				
19D	Improve and maintain access to Croton River and Bay at the Village-owned Echo Canoe Launch south of the Village parking lots at the Croton-Harmon Station	No				
20	Access to the publicly owned foreshore and to lands immediately adjacent to the foreshore or the water's edge that are publicly owned shall be provided and it should be provided in a manner compatible with adjoining uses. 19 Protect, maintain, and increase the level and types of access to public water-related recreation resources and facilities.	No				
21	Water dependent and water enhanced recreation will be encouraged and facilitated and will be given priority over non-water related uses along the coast.	No				
21A	Boating and fishing activities should be encouraged provided that they do not restrict other	No				

	water-related recreational opportunities and are undertaken in a manner compatible with existing water-dependent uses.					
22	Development when located adjacent to the shore will provide for water-related recreation whenever such use is compatible with reasonably anticipated demand for such activities and is compatible with the primary purpose of the development.	No				
	HISTORIC AND SCENIC QUALITY POLICIES					
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.	No				
24	Prevent impairment of scenic resources of statewide significance. (The nearest scenic area of statewide significance (SASS) is the Bear Mountain Park subunit of the Hudson Highlands SASS which is north of the Village)	No				
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.	No				

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.	No				
	ENERGY AND ICE MANAGEMENT POLICIES	No				
26	Conserve and protect agricultural lands in the State's coastal area.	No				
27	Decisions on the siting and construction of major energy facilities in the coastal area will be based on public energy needs, compatibility of such facilities with the environment, and the facility's need for a shorefront location.	No				
28	Ice management practices shall not interfere with the production of hydroelectric power, damage significant coastal fish and wildlife and their habitats, or increase shoreline erosion or flooding..	No				
29	The development of offshore uses and resources, including renewable energy resources, shall accommodate New York's long-standing ocean and Great Lakes industries, such as commercial and recreational fishing and maritime commerce, and the ecological functions of habitats important to New York.	No				

	WATER AND AIR RESOURCES POLICIES					
30	Municipal, industrial, and commercial discharge of pollutants, including but not limited to, toxic and hazardous substances, into coastal waters will conform to State and National water quality standards.	No				
30A	Existing rail services and transportation-related facilities shall not dispose of any regulated materials in coastal waters until all such regulated materials have been tested by the State for conformance with water quality standards.	No				
31	State coastal area policies and management objectives of approved local waterfront revitalization programs will be considered while reviewing coastal water classifications and while modifying water quality standards; however, those waters already overburdened with contaminants will be recognized as being a development constraint.	No				
32	Encourage the use of alternative or innovative sanitary waste systems in small communities where the costs of conventional facilities are unreasonably high, given the size of the existing tax base of these communities.	No				
33	Best Management Practices will be used to ensure the control of	No				

	stormwater runoff and combined sewer overflows draining into coastal waters.					
33A	The flow of stormwater discharge shall be controlled to limit the flow of pollutants from street, and parking areas, etc. directly into the rivers and water bodies.	No				
34	Discharge of waste materials into coastal waters from vessels subject to State jurisdiction will be limited so as to protect significant fish and wildlife habitats, recreational areas and water supply areas..	No				
34A	Moored structures or marine vessels shall not discharge ballast water or other releases into the waterway.	No				
35	Dredging and filling in coastal waters and disposal of dredged material will be undertaken in a manner that meets existing State permit requirements, and protects significant fish and wildlife habitats, scenic resources, natural protective features, important agricultural lands, and wetlands.	No				
36	Activities related to the shipment and storage of petroleum and other hazardous materials will be conducted in a manner that will prevent or at least minimize spills into coastal waters; all practicable efforts will be undertaken to expedite the cleanup of such discharges;	No				

	and restitution for damages will be required when these spills occur.					
37	Best management practices will be utilized to minimize the non-point discharge of excess nutrients, organics and eroded soils into coastal waters.	No				
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.	No				
38	The quality and quantity of surface water and ground water supplies will be conserved and protected, particularly where such waters constitute the primary or sole source of water supply.	No				
39	The transport, storage, treatment and disposal of solid waste, particularly hazardous waste, within coastal areas will be conducted in such a manner so as to protect groundwater and surface water supplies, significant fish and wildlife habitats, recreation areas, important agricultural lands and scenic resources.	No				
40	Effluent discharged from major steam electric generating and industrial facilities into coastal waters will not be unduly injurious to fish and wildlife and shall conform to State water quality standards..	No				

41	Land use or development in the coastal area will not cause national or State air quality standards to be violated.	No				
42	Coastal management policies will be considered if the State reclassifies land areas pursuant to the prevention of significant deterioration regulations of the Federal Clean Air Act.	No				
43	Land use or development in the coastal area must not cause the generation of significant amounts of acid rain precursors: nitrates and sulfates.	No				
	WETLAND POLICY					
44	Preserve and protect tidal and freshwater wetlands and preserve the benefits derived from these areas.	No				
44A	Wetlands, water bodies and watercourses shall be protected by preventing damage from erosion or siltation, minimizing disturbance, preserving natural habitats and protecting against flood and pollution.	No				

Comment:

The Board concurred that none of the policies are applicable to this project.

5. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY EMAIL - None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

The following comments were in response to agenda item #16, under Correspondence. To hear comments made in their entirety, you may click on the following link:

<https://play.champds.com/crotononhudsonny/event/1076> (00.06:59)

Michael Eisenkraft, 30 Finney Farm Road, Croton on Hudson, stated that he strongly supports the adoption of the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism. Mr. Eisenkraft stated that this is the same definition which has been adopted by New York State, Westchester County and many of the Towns and Villages throughout Westchester County and emphasized that adopting this definition does not restrict free speech in any way, but rather identifies certain speech as antisemitic. Mr. Eisenkraft stated that antisemitism is a serious problem in this country and encouraged the Board to support it.

Andrew Courtney, Mountain Trail, Croton on Hudson, read a statement by Sherry Horowitz indicating that she is not in support of the Board adopting the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism because she believes it will silence criticism of Israel's policies on Gaza, we already have laws in place to protect people against discrimination, harassment, verbal abuse and violence based on hate and those must be diligently enforced. (To view Ms. Horowitz's full letter, you may reach out to the Village Clerk for a copy).

Michelle Celarier, 1 Nordica Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that she is against the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism, she believes that this definition is not about protecting Jews, but rather Israel.

Taher Shafie, 1 Nordica Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that we all have a right to be critical of our governments policies and believes that the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism will lead to more antisemitism and that this is a terrible approach to the scourge of hatred and antisemitism.

Amber Martin, (resident of Pleasantville) objects to the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism, we all should be committed to fighting antisemitism, but believes that this definition pushes the ideology that support for Gaza is antisemitic and believes that this

definition has been weaponized to threaten and silence people for speaking out against the war in Gaza.

Bethany Basile, 191 Cleveland Drive, Croton on Hudson, urged the Board not to adopt the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism, she states that this is an outdated definition and not appropriate for Croton to adopt.

R. Aaron Lamar, 228 Hession Hills Road, Croton on Hudson, stated that he is frightened by the rise of antisemitism over the last four years and believes that the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism is being used to stifle criticism of Israel and could be used to threaten people who disagree with our government.

Joshua Deutchman, 14 Palmer Ave, Croton on Hudson, stated that he was shocked when members of clergy voiced their concern about the rise in antisemitism, and some people in our community responded with such an astounding lack of empathy and rage. Mr. Deutchman stated that we are in a climate where the extremes in this country are feeding off of each other and bringing about the worst in everyone. Mr. Deutchman stated that we have seen in the past that when a society is in its decline, it starts going after Jews and we are now seeing entire armies of people who are not interested in truth or moral clarity and this is why we need to adopt the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism.

Elisa Silvergrade, Half Moon Bay, Croton on Hudson, stated that she believes the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism will not protect Jews, she has experienced antisemitism her entire life, and is saddened that her children have experienced antisemitism in our schools and community, and while she agrees partially with the definition that there has been a dramatic increase in antisemitism, she is not convinced that this will be helpful in preventing it and is concerned that this definition is weaponizing free speech.

Alison Rosen, Old Post Road North, Croton on Hudson, urged the Village to adopt the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism which has already been adopted by Westchester County, New York State, New York City, and over eight hundred municipalities in the United States and more than forty countries around the world. Ms. Rosen stated that adopting this definition is a vital step in protecting Jewish

members of our community while still allowing for legitimate political debate and criticism.

Kevin Cofsky, 1 O'Riley Court, Croton on Hudson, stated that the definition is about antisemitism, it is not about Israel, and not about trying to stifle anyone's free speech, and is not going to do anything but support your Jewish community and tell your neighbors you care about them.

Erica Laudon, 124 Penfield Avenue, Croton on Hudson, stated that this definition does not prohibit anyone from exercising their first amendment rights, the definition is a tool to identify and address antisemitism, criticism against Israel's policies just like criticism leveled at other countries policies is not antisemitism, the IHRA definition provides guidelines so people can distinguish between criticizing national policies and denying Jews right to self-determination, and many countries have adopted this definition while being critical of Israel.

Michael Lewis, 38 Glengary Lane, Croton on Hudson, stated that he is here to show his support for approving the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism, he is heartbroken and distraught as he stands before everyone and watches his neighbors delegitimize the pain and suffering of his people, if persons from other parts of the world came before the Board with these same concerns, there would not be a full house of people in anguish and frustration because they would allow their voices to be heard and it is horrific that we in the Jewish community in Croton have to stand before you and petition to have the Village understand the ramifications of the deep and unresolved antisemitism that exists in our community.

Lani Parker stated that she does not currently live in Croton, her children attended the Croton schools and were subject to antisemitic comments during school hours, she supports the adoption of this definition and while we may not agree with everything that Israel does, it is important that we support this definition.

Sydney Regier, Mount Airy Road East, Croton on Hudson, stated that while she is opposed to antisemitism she urged the Board not to adopt the IHRA (Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism, because she believes that this definition fails to effectively combat antisemitism and believes that the definition equates criticism of the State of Israel with antisemitism creating a pretext for criminalizing political speech and protest.

Alejandro Godoy, 9 Lounsbury Road, Croton on Hudson, stated that he does not support the IHRA (Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism and emphasized his opposition about the political climate in the United States and Israel.

Rev. Dr. Justin Johnson, 1 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, Pastor of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, stated that he is one of the several Clergy who signed onto this document and he signed onto this, because this is not a new topic for the Croton houses of worship, we have been talking about this for at least seven years, and asking the Village to adopt anything to stop the on-going attacks against our Jewish citizens, we've held forums, our last Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration was on antisemitism and how to address it in this community, yet we have been faced with silence over and over again, we started creating this document because there were warnings to several Jewish communities saying that there was going to be violence against them, and Christian Clergy were asked to check in on their Jewish Rabbis and Jewish community, and it is the intent of the Christian Clergy to focus on our Jewish neighbors.

Melissa Frey, Cleveland Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated she is here representing the Village of Croton, and we really need to focus on what is happening here in our community, she is a founding member of an organization called "Parents Against School Antisemitism", over and over again we are hearing stories of families and students in our school district who are experiencing antisemitism from not only students but faculty members and Jewish children are afraid to be Jewish, and this is all about protecting our Jewish community.

Abby Cofsky, 1 O'Riley Court, Croton on Hudson, stated that as a Jew she feels like a pawn, but to say that the IHRA definition is to blame is misplacing the blame and encourages everyone here to pull up the definition, let it speak for itself, there is nothing in it that says that criticizing Israel is antisemitic.

Ann Adler, Oneida Avenue, Croton on Hudson, stated that listening to so many speakers, she understands why she felt so uncomfortable growing up in Croton and why she never identified with Croton or the people because as a Soviet Russian Jew she apparently was surrounded by privileged people who have conflated antisemitism with their own fear and ignorance and have surrendered their sense of humanity.

Cheryl Wong, Longview Road, Croton on Hudson, agrees that hate has no place in Croton, but she is against anything that opens the door for conflation of real antisemitism and criticism of a government and it is terrible that a lot of Jewish people feel threatened, she also feels that people who oppose what is happening in Gaza also feel threatened.

Leslie Pollak, 2056 Quaker Ridge Road, Croton on Hudson, stated that she has children in the school district and there has been many instances of discrimination and antisemitism within the Croton schools, and urged the Board to adopt the IRHA definition which provides a clear framework, if you read the definition it does not mention Israel, this definition is all about protecting our Jewish citizens.

Stewart Frey, 26 Cleveland Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that October 7th changed everything for Jews, he would rather not be talking about this definition, but the door has been opened and urged the Board to support the IHRA (Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism and wants everyone to understand how many of us feel abandoned.

Alanna Fraase, 45 Radnor Avenue, Croton on Hudson, read a letter from Ben Faber of Maple Street who cannot be here this evening recommending not adopting the IHRA (Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism but rather accept the Clergy's original recommendation to initiate a collaborative process considering various definitions. (To get a copy of the letter you may reach out to the Village Clerk).

Paolo Rosales-Godoy, Lounsbury Road, Croton on Hudson, believes that the IHRA (Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism is anti-American, and sensors his free speech and according to the definition he would be labeled antisemitic because of his objections to what is happening in Gaza.

Harry Soloway (not a resident of Croton), stated that he is horrified by the actions of the Israeli government and believes that it stifles the right to criticize what is happening in Gaza and feels we do not need any definitions, all hatred is wrong.

Michele Lewis, Glengary Lane, Croton on Hudson, spoke about many of the atrocities that happened in Israel on October 7th, and talked about other movements against Jews that are extremely dangerous to Jews around the

world and urged the Board to support the IHRA (Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism.

An unidentified speaker stated that antisemitism is real and should always be condemned but she does not support the IHRA (Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) definition of antisemitism because we have a right to criticize our country and talked about what her family is going through in Gaza.

Village Manager Healy advised that he received a number of email comments related to the agenda that are listed in the backup material.

On motion by Trustee Politi and seconded by Trustee Nicholson the Board approved removing the following from the Consent Agenda: item #16 and Resolution #2 (190-2025). Motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Resolution Approving the Amended 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 Amended Consent Agenda with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Pugh advised that the Board will have a discussion regarding correspondence #13 at a future work session, the Village will be waiving the fees for the 2025 Harry Chapin Memorial Run Against Hunger, recognized the resignation letters from Daniel O'Connor, Village Engineer and Rocco Mastronardi, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, thanked the Fox-Eklof American Legion Post 505 for their donation of two park benches.

Trustee Simon thanked Cynthia Lippolis, Member of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the annual scarecrow contest.

Trustee Slippen expressed her appreciation to the Arts and Humanities Advisory Council for all their great work and thanked them for initiating the Peace Pole installation.

Village Manager Healy thanked PERMA for their grant of \$19,500 towards the Croton Police Manual redesign and Senator Harckham for a grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the Harmon Firehouse renovations.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

a. **CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD:**

1. Notice from Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services seeking nominations for the Westchester Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.
2. Notice from the Village of Buchanan regarding proposed code amendments.
3. Letter from Cynthia Lippolis, Member of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce Executive Board, requesting permission to conduct the annual scarecrow contest.
4. Letter from Thomas Lewis of Trillium Invasive Species Management requesting the fee for a Wetland Activity Permit be waived for work on behalf of the Village.
5. Letter from Mike Grayeb, Race Director, regarding the 2025 Harry Chapin Memorial Run Against Hunger.
6. Letter from Daniel O'Connor, Village Engineer, announcing his retirement effective September 26, 2025.
7. Letter from the Town of Pelham regarding a request to permanently extend their EMS operation license.
8. Memo from Amy MacNamara, Secretary to the Village Manager, regarding the 2024 Energy Benchmarking Program.
9. Memo from Village Manager Bryan Healy requesting the Village Board accept a donation of \$1,400 from the Fox-Eklof American Legion Post 505 for the purchase of two park benches.
10. Memo from Village Manager Bryan Healy regarding Village initiatives: crosswalk safety signs, renewable diesel fuel for select DPW vehicles, Dobbs Park upgrades and the DPW solar canopy project.
11. Memo from Village Manager Bryan Healy regarding the purchase of signs to identify the Village as a Purple Heart Village.
12. Memo from Village Manager Bryan Healy regarding the Peace Pole Installation by the Arts & Humanities Advisory Council.

13. Memo from Matt Arnold, Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee Chair, regarding the use of pedal bicycles and electric bicycles on the RiverWalk.
14. Email from Rocco Mastronardi announcing his resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective September 30, 2025.
15. Email from John Delaney, Fire Council Secretary, regarding membership changes in the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department.
16. Email from various faith leaders in Croton-on-Hudson and Briarcliff Manor requesting the Village of Croton-on-Hudson adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism.

On motion by Trustee Politi and seconded by Trustee Simon the Board approved opening up a discussion on item #16, International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism. Motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Trustee Simon thanked everyone who came out this evening to speak on this issue. Trustee Simon addressed a June 14th article in the New York Times by the Editorial Board wherein they said the following: "the United States is experiencing its worst surge of anti-Jewish hate in many decades, antisemitic hate crimes have more than doubled between 2021-2023 and appear to have risen further in 2024, on a per-capita basis, Jews face a far greater risk of being victims of hate crimes than members of any other demographic group, American Jews who make up about 2 percent of the country's population are well aware of the threat and feel compelled to hide signs of their faith, synagogues and Jewish schools have hired more armed guards to protect their children and teachers, specialists comb social media looking for signs of potential attacks and these specialists have helped law enforcement in several instances, the response from much of the rest of American society has been insufficient and the upswing of antisemitism deserves outright condemnation, Coner Cruise O'Brian an Irish writer and politician noted that "antisemitism is a light sleeper, it tends to re-emerge when a society has become polarized and people look for someone to blame, this pattern helps explain why antisemitism began rising first in Europe and then here in the United States, the anger pulsing through society has manifested itself through animosity towards Jews, one explanation is that antisemitism has become

conflated with the divisive politics of the current Israel/Hamas war, it is certainly true that criticism of the Israel government is not the same as antisemitism, and this Editorial Board has long defended Israel's right to exist but also criticizes the treatment of Palestinians".

Trustee Simon stated that the norm now is locked doors and armed guards at our Jewish institutions, and our Croton Clergy asked the Board to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism. Trustee Simon emphasized that there is nothing in the IHRA definition that precludes criticism of Israel. (to view the definition, you may click onto the following:

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2025-08/b16c4aa844291f6ed5c76b4c7f125836dfaf6094.pdf>

Resolution

On motion by Trustee Simon and seconded by Trustee Slippen the Board approved adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of antisemitism. The motion was approved with a 3-2 vote with Trustee Politi and Trustee Nicholson voting Nay.

Trustee Nicholson thanked everyone for coming out this evening and sharing their comments. Trustee Nicholson stated that it pains her deeply to hear about her Jewish neighbor's experiences with antisemitism, and that her vote tonight can make neighbors and friends feel unsupported and unwelcome in the Village, it also pains her to hear that any of our residents feel abandoned or that we have not been listening, hatred in any form has no place in our Village, but she will not be endorsing the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism, because it is not the role of a Village government to weigh in on non-local issues and she believes supporting this is divisive. Trustee Nicholson stated that our Village has made it very clear in our statements and policies that we aim to be inclusive and a safe place for all people and what we need most as a Board and a community is to come together, acknowledge everyone's feelings and commit to real actions that will make our community safe and welcoming for everyone.

Trustee Politi thanked everyone for coming out this evening and sharing their comments. Trustee Politi stated that her rejection of this definition is based on her love of her Jewish friends and neighbors and in solidarity

with all marginalized groups, not supporting this, is not a denial of the existence of antisemitism, but she believes that adopting this definition does not help Jewish people in our community, nor does it do anything to combat antisemitism, she believes this is going to be used to weaponize and silence protestors, and arrest and deport protestors. Trustee Politi stated that she is proud of the protections that we have in place in Croton that cover every manner of hate speech including antisemitism. Trustee Politi stated that her colleagues were all in agreement and decided not to adopt the anti-genocide bill at our last meeting so not to engage in national politics and to turn around and adopt this would be hypocritical. Trustee Politi stated that the beauty of Croton is our diversity of opinions and believes adopting this will tear us apart.

Trustee Slippen thanked everyone for coming to speak tonight. Trustee Slippen stated that although this is a global issue, and she is disgusted what is happening on the national level, she also knows that her Jewish neighbors, her husband and children are deeply affected by antisemitism. Trustee Slippen stated that whether we pass this or not, it is not going to fix this conflict. Trustee Slippen stated that this statement is not binding, it is just a statement that we stand with our Jewish community, and we have been asked to do something by our highly respected Clergy and they have all come together and she feels compelled that we do something.

Mayor Pugh stated that these are tough conversation and thanked everyone for coming out as well as our faith leaders who have been courageous for standing up for our shared values. Mayor Pugh stated that there is a lot more that needs to be done in terms of educational measures and while the Board agreed that we need to continue this discussion with a view towards putting out a resolution that the entire community can support in the future, this statement is an important step and one that we should adopt.

On motion by Trustee Nicholson and seconded by Trustee Politi the Board approved taking a short break. Motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

b. RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #189-2025

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 of Croton-on-Hudson recognizes the need for improved pedestrian infrastructure to enhance safety and accessibility for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Westchester County has announced a grant program called the Complete Streets Municipal Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Village has identified two projects to submit under this grant program: the installation of a sidewalk along South Riverside Avenue between Municipal Place and Maple Street, and the installation of a sidewalk along Municipal Place between Maple Street and South Riverside Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to schedule a public hearing to hear from members of the public on the merits of these projects,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby schedules a Public Hearing to be held on September 10, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Georgianna Grant Meeting Room of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building to consider the project submission for the Westchester County Complete Streets Municipal Assistance Program.

Resolution #190-2025 – (resolution tabled)

On motion made by Trustee Simon and seconded by Trustee Politi the Board approved removing resolution #190-2025 from the consent agenda. Motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Resolution #191-2025

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 of Croton-on-Hudson Board of Trustees recently adopted Local Law 10 of 2025 to replace Chapter 208, Trees, of the Village Code; and

WHEREAS, as part of this new legislation, a Tree Preservation Fund was established; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board provided additional guidance at the work session held on July 23, 2025, regarding the implementation of this fund; and

WHEREAS, Local Law Introductory No. 12 of 2025 has been drafted to reflect these conversations,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby schedules a Public Hearing to be held on September 10, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Georgianna Grant Meeting Room of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building to consider the adoption of Local Law Introductory No. 12 of 2025 to update provisions of Chapter 208, Trees, of the Village Code related to the Tree Preservation Fund.

Resolution #192-2025

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, on June 11, 2025, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 161-2025 to accept a proposal from Lexipol LLC to revise the department policy manual and provide daily training bulletins; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, the Village's workers compensation carrier, PERMA, announced a grant program for Lexipol customers; and

WHEREAS, the Village has been awarded a five-year grant from PERMA to help defray the annual costs associated with the Lexipol agreement in the annual amount of \$3,919.05,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute the grand disbursement agreement with PERMA in the amount of \$3,919.05.

Resolution #193-2025

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 of Croton-on-Hudson has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) to help fund the renovation of the Harmon Firehouse for Croton EMS; and

WHEREAS, the funding has been granted under the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology (CREST) Program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to sign the Grant Disbursement Agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and to execute any additional documents necessary for the acceptance and administration of the grant funds.

Resolution #194-2025

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 Inter-Municipal Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan Agreement between Westchester County and the Village has expired; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this plan is to establish procedures for the Police Departments of Westchester County to provide uninterrupted delivery of police service during situations that exceed the resources of any individual department; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to continue participating in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the commencement date of this agreement is July 31, 2025, and terminates on July 30, 2030,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Inter-Municipal Agreement pertaining to the Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan for the Police Departments of Westchester County.

Resolution #195-2025

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 of Croton-on-Hudson is undertaking the Harmon Firehouse Addition project located at 30 Wayne Street; and

WHEREAS, the Village entered into a contract with Construction Plus Services LLC for the completion of this project under Bid No. 04-2024; and

WHEREAS, an additional scope of work, the installation of Tyvek and metal sheeting, was added to the bid, necessitating a change order; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the additional work outlined in Change Order No. 4 totals \$18,067; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has reviewed the proposed change orders and has determined that the additional work is necessary for the successful completion of the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to approve Change Order No. 4 in the total amount of \$18,067.

Resolution #196-2025

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, Well No. 4 at the Water Department has been placed out of service due to an issue with the motor; and

WHEREAS, the well rehabilitation company has recommended that the motor be repaired to place the well back into service; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of this repair was not included in the 2025-2026 Water Fund budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget transfer in the 2025-2026 Water Fund budget:

WATER FUND EXPENSES

Increase:

F8320.4000	Supply – Contractual	\$6,767.50
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Decrease:

F1990.4000	Contingency - Contractual	\$6,767.50
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Resolution #197-2025

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's sanitary sewer truck recently underwent emergency repairs; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of these repairs was \$16,351.28; and

WHEREAS, this cost was not included in the 2025-2026 Water Fund & Sewer Fund budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget transfer in the 2025-2026 Water Fund & Sewer Fund budgets:

WATER FUND EXPENSES

Increase:

F8340.4710	Distribution – Vehicle Repairs	\$6,351.28
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Decrease:

F1990.4000	Contingency - Contractual	\$6,351.28
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SEWER FUND EXPENSES

Increase:

G8120.4000	Sewers – Vehicle Repairs	\$10,000
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Decrease:

G1990.4000	Contingency - Contractual	\$10,000
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Resolution #198-2025

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 has leased the landscaped areas adjacent to the Croton-Harmon Train Station from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority since 1985; and

WHEREAS, a number of trees south of the station house need to be removed or trimmed due to disease; and

WHEREAS, due to the proximity of the location to the train tracks, MTA is requiring the use of flaggers for the work at a total cost of \$2,000; and

WHEREAS, this cost was not included in the 2025-2026 General Fund budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Village Treasurer is hereby authorized to make the following budget transfer in the 2025-2026 General Fund budget:

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

Increase:

A8560.4000	Shade Trees – Contractual	\$2,000
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Decrease:

A1990.4000	Contingency - Contractual	\$2,000
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Resolution #199-2025

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, there are a number of capital projects that have been completed throughout the past fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, upon discussion with the Village Manager, the Village Treasurer recommends closing the capital accounts associated with these projects as follows:

12242	Security Camera Croton Landing	\$ 1,451.25
15305	Shed for Equipment – Muni. Bldg.	(\$2,765.17)
18340	DPW Vehicles 2017/18	-

19351	DPW Equipment	-
20366	6 Wheel Dump Truck Spreader	-
21382	Security Improvement 2 nd Floor	-
21385	Upgrade Phone System	\$ 499.57
22391	DPW Vehicles	-
23439	Grand Street Wall Replacement	\$ 4,162.00
23441	DPW Vehicles	(\$185,000)
23442	Fire Boat Marine 12	\$ 194,477.81
23443	WEFH Solar Project	-
23449	Planner Affordable Housing	(\$14,940)
24473	Electric Bikes	\$ 399.04

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Treasurer to close the above listed accounts as of May 31, 2025, and transfer \$1,715.50 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance to make the accounts listed above whole.

Resolution #200-2025

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 onsite audit has been scheduled for the 2024-2025 fiscal year end; and

WHEREAS, the following budget transfers are required as detailed in the attached schedules,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following budget transfers to the 2024-2025 General, Water, and Sewer Fund budgets as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Increase Expenses

Dept	Item	Description	Amount
A1010	1100	BOT-PERSONNEL SRVCS PT	\$440.00
A1010	1200	BOT-PERSONNEL SRVCS TAPE MEETI	\$375.00
A1210	1000	MAYOR-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$0.04
A1325	4200	TREASURER-PERSONNEL SRVCS PT	\$130.17
A1325	1000	TREASURER-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$21,602.58
A1325	1100	TREASURER-PERSONNEL SRVCS PT	\$3,409.03
A1325	1200	TREASURER-PERSONNEL SRVCS OT	\$11,024.43
A1410	1200	CLERK-PERSONNEL SRVCS OT	\$18.01
A1420	1100	LAW-PERSONNEL SRVCS PT	\$1.15
A1420	4000	LAW-CONTRACTUAL	\$739.98
A1420	4200	LAW-SUPPLIES	\$13,745.36
A1440	1100	ENGINEER-PERSONNEL SRVCS PT	\$1,116.80
A1440	4710	ENGINEER-VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$50.11
A1450	4200	ELECTIONS-SUPPLIES	\$1.98
A1620	1000	BUILDINGS-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$40,857.67
A1620	4300	BUILDINGS-NATURAL GAS	\$529.55
A1640	1999	GARAGE-PERSONNEL SRVCS COMP	\$1,428.05
A1640	4200	GARAGE-SUPPLIES	\$42.32
A1640	4600	GARAGE-BLDGS & GROUNDS MAINT	\$35,473.66
A1650	4400	COMM-ENERGY ELECTRICITY	\$1,925.67
A1650	4500	COMM-TELEPHONE	\$4,072.72
A1680	4000	DATA PROCESSING-CONTRACTUAL	\$2,750.55
A1680	4200	DATA PROCESSING-SUPPLIES	\$65.32
A1910	4000	INSURANCE-CONTRACTUAL	\$2,689.99
A1950	4000	TAXES & ASSESSMENTS-CONTRACTUA	\$4,555.57
A1960	4000	REFUNDS ON REAL PROP-CONTRACTU	\$12,629.36
A1980	4000	MCTM TAX PAYROLL-CONTRACTUAL	\$1,542.08
A3120	1200	POLICE-PERSONNEL SRVCS OT	\$201,351.30
A3120	1210	POLICE-PERS SRVCS OT INVESTIG	\$33,340.17
A3120	1230	POLICE-PERS SRVCS OT OPS	\$22,903.10
A3120	1241	POLICE-PERS SRV OT YOUTH OUTRE	\$22,170.25
A3120	4200	POLICE-SUPPLIES	\$562.95
A3120	4210	POLICE-VEHICLE MAINT SUPPLIES	\$17.00
A3120	4260	POLICE-UNIFORMS	\$654.24
A3120	4500	POLICE-TELEPHONE	\$1,591.49
A3189	1200	AUXILIARY-PERSONNEL SRVCS OT	\$2,257.34
A3310	4000	TRAFFIC-CONTRACTUAL	\$322.86

A3410	1200	FIRE-PERSONNEL SRVCS OT	\$304.90
A3410	4000	FIRE-CONTRACTUAL	\$3,428.84
A3410	4220	FIRE-EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES	\$1,157.21
A3410	4400	FIRE-ENERGY ELECTRICITY	\$2,355.42
A3410	4710	FIRE-VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$46,276.51
A3410	4711	FIRE-VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$13.88
A3410	4730	FIRE-RADIO REPAIRS	\$8,125.97
A4020	1000	REGISTRAR-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$2,076.00
A4540	4000	AMBULANCE-CONTRACTUAL	\$7,829.09
A4540	4030	AMBULANCE-ADMIN AND OUTREACH	\$7.38
A4540	4200	AMBULANCE-SUPPLIES	\$96.00
A4540	4230	AMBULANCE-FIRST AID SUPPLIES	\$61.66
A4540	4240	AMBULANCE-VEH CLEAN	\$9.49
A4540	4260	AMBULANCE-UNIFORMS	\$2.28
A5010	1200	DPW ADM-PERSONNEL SRVCS OT	\$5,024.15
A5010	1999	DPW ADM-PERSONNEL SRVCS COMP	\$3,375.68
A5010	4000	DPW ADM-CONTRACTUAL	\$402.87
A5110	1999	ST MAINT-PERSONNEL SRVCS COMP	\$7,944.07
A5110	4710	ST MAINT-VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$47.66
A5140	1000	BRUSH-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$2,116.60
A5140	1100	BRUSH-PERSONNEL SRVCS PT	\$60.40
A5142	1000	SNOW- PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$2,232.45
A5142	1200	SNOW- PERSONNEL SRVCS OT	\$2,264.87
A5182	1000	LIGHT-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$2,741.90
A5183	1000	PUBLIC WRKS-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$87,173.05
A5650	1999	PERSONAL SERVICES COMP	\$248.62
A5650	4500	PARKING-TELEPHONE	\$422.81
A5650	4710	PARKING-VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$50.11
A7020	1000	REC-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$2,360.26
A7020	1200	REC-PERSONNEL SRVCS OT	\$3,076.64
A7020	4000	REC-CONTRACTUAL	\$375.25
A7110	1200	PARKS-PERSONNEL SVRCS OT	\$109.56
A7140	1000	COM REC-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$2,838.56
A7140	1100	COM REC-PERSONNEL SRVCS PT	\$881.15
A7180	4500	SPEC REC-TELEPHONE	\$72.31
A7550	1200	CELEBRATIONS-PERS SRVCS OT	\$8,386.38
A7550	4200	CELEBRATIONS-SUPPLIES	\$1,396.35
A8090	1000	RECYCLING-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$70,889.98
A8090	4150	RECYCLING-DISPOSAL FEES	\$13,946.26
A8090	4210	RECYCLING-VEHICLE MAINT SUPPLI	\$22.96
A8090	4710	RECYCLING-VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$196.70
A8140	1000	STORM SEWR-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$5,493.80
A8160	1000	REFUSE-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$58,455.90

A8160	4000	REFUSE-CONTRACTUAL	\$0.62
A8170	1000	ST CLEAN-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$7,010.11
A8510	1100	BEAUTIFICATION-PERS SRVCS PT	\$27.33
A8560	1000	SHADE TREES-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$7,454.44
A8560	1200	SHADE TREES-PERS SRVCS OT	\$1,421.95
A9030	8000	SOCIAL SECURITY-UNDISTRIBUTED	\$33,542.93
A9031	8000	MEDICARE-UNDISTRIBUTED	\$8,098.34
A9060	8030	INSURANCE-MEDICARE REIMBURSE	\$2,160.20
A9060	8040	PHYSICALS/INNOCULATIONS	\$192.00
A9060	8050	EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$1,387.50
Total Increase			\$ 862,131.20

Decrease Expenses

	Item	Description	Amount
A1110	1000	JUSTICE COURT-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$14,985.31
A1230	1000	MANAGER-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$6,311.79
A1355	1100	ASSESSOR-PERSONNEL SRVCS PT	\$79.79
A1410	1000	CLERK-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$4,520.10
A1410	1100	CLERK-PERSONNEL SRVCS PT	\$4,940.25
A1420	4000	LAW-CONTRACTUAL	\$5,595.02
A1440	1000	ENGINEER-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$4,770.81
A1440	1200	ENGINEER-PERSONNEL SRVCS OT	\$5,140.50
A1620	4000	BUILDINGS-CONTRACTUAL	\$4,575.50
A1640	4310	GARAGE-HEATING OIL	\$3,988.68
A1640	4800	GARAGE-FUEL GAS & DIESEL	\$8,479.83
A1640	1000	GARAGE-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$35,868.78
A1990	4000	CONTINGENCY- CONTRACTUAL	\$35,803.90
A3120	1250	POLICE-PERS SRV OT PATROL BOAT	\$8,540.15
A3120	1000	POLICE-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$98,560.27
A3189	1100	AUXILIARY-PERSONNEL SRVCS PT	\$30,186.38
A3410	4202	FIRE-RETENTION	\$5,971.71
A3410	8000	FIRE-SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM	\$103,670.00
A5010	1000	DPW ADM-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$128,519.40
A5110	1000	ST MAINT-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$183,383.50
A5142	4200	SNOW-SUPPLIES	\$6,808.46
A5650	4000	PARKING-CONTRACTUAL	\$4,386.00
A5650	1100	PARKING-PERSONNEL SRVCS PT	\$8,814.18
A7310	4000	YOUTH-CONTRACTUAL	\$7,492.61
A8160	4150	REFUSE-DISPOSAL FEES	\$11,455.55
A9050	8000	UNEMPLOYMENT-UNDISTRIBUTED	\$3,888.24
A9060	8010	INSURANCE-HOSPITAL/MEDICAL INS	\$125,394.49
Total Decrease			\$ 862,131.20

WATER FUND

Increase Expenses

Dept	Item	Description	Amount
F1650	4000	COMM -CONTRACTUAL	\$423.78
F1650	4410	COMM-POSTAGE	\$1,176.99
F1650	4400	COMM-ENERGY ELECTRICITY	\$19,611.24
F1910	4000	INSURANCE-CONTRACTUAL	\$2,929.34
F1950	4000	TAXES & ASSESSMENTS-CONTRACTUA	\$194.90
F1980	4000	MCTM TAX PAYROLL-CONTRACTUAL	\$2.17
F8310	1200	WTR ADM-PERSONNEL SRVCS OT	\$410.38
F8320	4500	SUPPLY-TELEPHONE	\$71.31
F8320	1200	SUPPLY-PERSONNEL SRVCS OT	\$1,813.44
F8340	1999	DISTRIB-PERSONNEL SRVCS COMP	\$1,975.52
F8397	2000	WTR CAPITAL PROJECTS-EQUIPMENT	\$1,514.60
F9030	8000	SOCIAL SECURITY-UNDISTRIBUTED	\$1,297.18
F9031	8000	MEDICARE-UNDISTRIBUTED	\$303.80
F9045	8000	LIFE INSURANCE-UNDISTRIBUTED	\$0.20
F9060	8010	INSURANCE-HOSPITAL/MEDICAL INS	\$5,237.12
Total Increase			\$ 36,961.97

Decrease Expenses

Dept	Item	Description	Amount
F1320	4000	AUDITOR-CONTRACTUAL	\$257.76
F1650	4500	COMM-TELEPHONE	\$54.67
F1990	4000	CONTINGENCY-CONTRACTUAL	\$12,498.00
F8310	4000	WTR ADM-CONTRACTUAL	\$7.77
F8310	4200	WTR ADM-SUPPLIES	\$257.61
F8310	1000	WTR ADM-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$2,808.13
F8320	4301	SUPPLY-PROPANE	\$1,174.14
F8320	4600	SUPPLY-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MAI	\$217.45
F8320	1000	SUPPLY-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$228.39
F8320	4700	SUPPLY-EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$445.24
F8320	4000	SUPPLY-CONTRACTUAL	\$905.82
F8340	4170	DISTRIB-PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT	\$0.82
F8340	4700	DISTRIB-EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	\$74.92
F8340	4210	DISTRIB-VEHICLE MAINT SUPPLIES	\$194.28
F8340	2000	DISTRIB- EQUIPMENT	\$215.78
F8340	1000	DISTRIB-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$1,338.89
F8340	2020	COMPUTERS	\$1,500.00
F8340	4000	DISTRIB-CONTRACTUAL	\$2,006.12

F8340	1200	DISTRIB-PERSONNEL SRVCS OT	\$3,901.47
F9040	8000	WORKERS COMP-UNDISTRIBUTED	\$7,370.58
F9060	8030	INSURANCE-MEDICARE REIMBURSEME	\$92.20
F9060	8020	INSURANCE-DENTAL INSURANCE	\$876.84
Total Decrease			\$ 36,426.88

Increase Revenues

Dept	Item	Description	Amount
F1000	2401	INTEREST & EARNINGS	\$535.09
Total Increase			\$ 535.09

SEWER FUND

Increase Expenses

Dept	Item	Description	Amount
G1650	4400	ENERGY-ELECTRICITY	\$24,387.93
G1650	4500	CENTRAL COMM-TELEPHONE	\$184.07
G1650	4000	CENTRAL COMM-CONTRACTUAL	\$164.49
G1950	4000	TAXES & ASSESSMENT-CONTRACTUAL	\$248.25
G8120	1000	SEWER-PERSONNEL SRVCS	\$15,015.26
Total Increase			\$ 40,000.00

Decrease Expenses

Dept	Item	Description	Amount
G1990	4000	CONTINGENCY-CONTRACTUAL	\$ 40,000.00
Total Decrease			\$ 40,000.00

c. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 9, 2025, was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Politi and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on July 9, 2025, was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Politi and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session held on July 23, 2025, was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Politi and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on July 23, 2025, was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Politi and approved with a 5-0 vote.

8. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #201-2025

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 has been working with New Cingular Wireless PCS in consideration of a lease agreement and special permit to co-locate a wireless facility at the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building, 1 Van Wyck Street; and

WHEREAS, this application is considered an Eligible Facilities Request under federal law, which requires the Village Board to render a decision within 60 days of receiving the application; and

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

WHEREAS, on August 20, 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 the telecommunications special permit application from New Cingular Wireless PCS, which was opened and closed on August 20, 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 August 20, 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:

None of the policies and conditions of the LWRP were found 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 issuance of a telecommunications special permit to New Cingular Wireless PCS for the co-location of a wireless facility at the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building, 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 issues the telecommunications special permit to New Cingular Wireless PCS for the co-location of a wireless facility at the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the permit shall expire on August 20, 2030, and must be renewed in accordance with the Telecommunications Chapter of the Village Code.*
- 2. That New Cingular Wireless PCS shall apply for a building permit from the Village for the proposed work. The applicant shall fund the cost of any outside engineering assistance needed during plan review in accordance with Section 86-7(E) of the Village Code.*
- 3. That the telecommunications facility shall at all times during the life of the facility comply with the applicable FCC regulations pertaining to radio frequency emissions, including such regulations as applicable to cumulative radio frequency emissions. Any necessary mitigation measures to ensure compliance shall follow FCC requirements, procedures and protocols.*
- 4. That in accordance with Section 206-5(B) of the Village Code, antennas shall*

be subject to state and federal regulations pertaining to nonionizing radiation and other health hazards related to such facilities. The owner of the antenna shall submit to the Village Engineer evidence of compliance with the FCC standards on a yearly basis. If new, more restrictive standards are adopted, the antennas shall be made to comply, or continued operations may be restricted or prohibited by the Board of Trustees. The cost of verification of compliance shall be borne by the owner and operator of the wireless facility.

- 5. That as required by the Telecommunications Chapter of the Village, the applicant must post a bond in an amount to be determined by the Village Engineer to cover the cost of removing and disposing of the tower, antenna and associated facilities.*
- 6. That proper radio frequency and antenna location warning signs be posted and maintained at the wireless facility compound at 1 Van Wyck Street.*

Resolution #202-2025

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 of Croton-on-Hudson has been working with New Cingular Wireless PCS in consideration of a lease agreement and special permit to co-locate a wireless facility at the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building, 1 Van Wyck Street; and

WHEREAS, these negotiations have been ongoing for a number of years in order to enhance cellular service for those who live and work in Croton-on-Hudson; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Building is presently home to two wireless facilities for T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless; and

WHEREAS, New Cingular Wireless PCS has agreed to bear the cost of replacing the Village's generator at the Municipal Building in order to provide auxiliary power to their wireless facility, saving the Village a considerable sum; and

WHEREAS, this application is considered an Eligible Facilities Request under federal law, which requires the Village Board to render a decision within 60 days of receiving the application,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute a lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS for the requested

space at the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building for the initial term of August 21, 2025, through August 20, 2030, at an initial annual rent of \$32,958, subject to the final approval of the Village's special counsel.

Resolution #203-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE NICHOLSON, seconded by TRUSTEE SIMON, 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 ("the Village") recognizes the critical importance of a diverse and adequate housing supply to support its economic vitality and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Comprehensive Plan, the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update and the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Amendment highlight the need for increased housing options, including multi-family, affordable, and mixed-use developments, to address the growing needs of seniors, families and the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Westchester Housing Needs Assessment and the Croton Housing Taskforce Report of November 2021, indicated a substantial number of households (200 renter and 345 owner) being severely cost-burdened (spending over 50% of income on housing); and

WHEREAS, the Village declared a housing emergency under the New York State Emergency Tenant Protection Act of 1974 (ETPA) in 2003 and 2024; and the current vacancy rate for rental housing accommodations remains under 5%, indicating a continued housing emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Village seeks to proactively manage and guide housing development to ensure sustainable growth that aligns with its comprehensive planning goals and infrastructure capacity,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson hereby sets a housing unit growth target of 10% over a 10-year period, with a base year of 2020, aiming for a maximum growth of 11% over the same 10-year period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village encourages the development of diverse housing types, including multi-family, single-family, market-rate, affordable, and mixed-use units, in alignment with the goals of increasing housing access, choice, and opportunity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees intends to arrange for a holistic review and update of the Comprehensive Plan following the 2030 decennial census, leveraging the most current demographic and housing data to inform future planning decisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Manager and relevant departments are directed to monitor housing unit growth against these targets and to report periodically to the Board of Trustees on progress and any necessary adjustments.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Nicholson stated that this is in response to a lot of community feedback and puts a cap on our growth over the next ten years (2020-2030), we also look forward to opening up a Comprehensive Plan discussion after the 2030 Census.

Trustee Simon thanked Trustee Nicholson for working on this concept, every developer or landlord needs to understand that we are serious about these standards and Croton's future housing developments.

Mayor Pugh stated this has been a long-standing Village policy, the practice goes back to our 2003 Comprehensive Plan, the 2017 Plan Update, the work of our Housing Task Force, our declaration of Croton as a Pro-Housing Community in harmony with the State's Pro-Housing Communities Program and consistent with our neighboring communities. Mayor Pugh emphasized that it is the Board's intent that we grow in an intelligent and deliberate manner and we look forward to an update from our Planner.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Slippen stated that the most important aspect of this is that we are going to have an in-depth conversation with our Planner on how we make this all make sense and doing it in a way that is thoughtful and intentional is what will make the difference.

Resolution #204-2025

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 annually resurfaces roadways to ensure safe roadways for motorists and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson solicited sealed bids for resurfacing work under Bid No. 10-2025; and

WHEREAS, seven bids were submitted by the deadline of July 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid received was from Pat Paving Inc., of Dobbs Ferry, New York, in the amount of \$525,175; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent of Public Works Frank Balbi has reviewed the submitted bids and has recommended awarding the contract to Pat Paving Inc.,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to award Bid No. 10-2025 to Pat Paving Inc., of Dobbs Ferry, New York, in the amount of \$525,715; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that funding for this project has been allocated in capital account H5110.2106.26516.

Resolution #205-2025

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, in 2022, Croton EMS vacated the EMS House at 44 Wayne Street due to unsafe conditions; and

WHEREAS, a working group of representatives from the Fire Department, EMS, Village and community have determined that putting an addition onto the Harmon Firehouse for Croton EMS to use as their headquarters would be the most economical and wise use of Village resources; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2022, the Village Board accepted a proposal from Sullivan Architecture ("Sullivan") of White Plains, New York, for pre-design services and schematic design at a cost not to exceed \$32,000; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2023, the Village Board accepted an additional proposal from Sullivan for the drafting of construction documents related to the addition at a cost not to exceed \$25,500; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan has now provided an additional proposal for construction administration in the amount of \$12,000,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to accept the proposal from Sullivan Architecture at a cost not to exceed \$12,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that funding for such expense is available in the following account: H4540.2107.23445.

Resolution #206-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE SLIPPEN, 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 was bequeathed the property known as Gouveia Park in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Village also received an endowment in the amount of \$1,000,000 to care for the 16-acre property; and

WHEREAS, successive Village Boards appointed Gouveia Park committees to develop plans for the property; and

WHEREAS, the most recent iteration, the Gouveia Park Working Group, convened numerous times in 2024 to develop a plan of action to enhance the public's use of the property; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2025, the Village Board approved a proposal from Sullivan Architecture ("Sullivan") of White Plains, New York, for pre-design services and schematic design alternates related to the Ann Gallelli REAL Center at Gouveia Park in the amount of \$28,000; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan has now submitted an additional proposal to obtain an existing conditions scan, a feasibility assessment for structural engineering and the development of construction documents in the amount of \$80,000; and

WHEREAS, Frank Balbi, P.E., Superintendent of Public Works, has recommended that the proposal be accepted,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Manager to accept the proposal from Sullivan Architecture of White Plains, New York, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$80,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that funding for such work is available in the Gouveia Park Endowment Account: T93997.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Nicholson advised that the Gouveia Working Group continues to meet to talk about what it will take to transform the current building to a public space. Trustee Nicholson also asked that the drawings be placed on the Gouveia Project Page so that the public can see the initial sketches.

Trustee Slippen stated that utilizing that space for the community has been a goal for Croton for over a decade, and these are important steps to move this forward.

Resolution #207-2025

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 Board of Trustees, in accordance with the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative, adopted a Police Reform Plan ("the Plan") on March 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identified Priority 2 as developing a plan for the Croton-on-Hudson Police Department to become an accredited police department through the New York State Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program; and

WHEREAS, numerous steps have been undertaken since the adoption of the plan towards this goal, including the renovation of police headquarters at the Municipal Building, the creation of a dedicated space for the storage and tracking of evidence, and the development of juvenile areas to comply with the New York State Raise the Age Act; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2025, the Village Board accepted a proposal to retain Lexipol LLC to assist in revising the department's existing Policy Manual for sworn officers and civilian staff; and

WHEREAS, Lexipol LLC has now provided a proposal in the amount of \$3,362.40 for additional services related to the manual revision as well as a tool to track progress on the department's accreditation process,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to accept the proposal from Lexipol LLC in the amount of \$3,362.40.

Resolution #208-2025

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 and Westchester County own adjoining properties along Grand Street, namely the Village Well Fields and Croton Gorge Park; and

WHEREAS, Westchester County has approached the Village to establish a permanent easement through a portion of the well fields in order to run electrical service lines to the caretaker's cottage in the park; and

WHEREAS, as part of the terms of the agreement, Westchester County will be responsible for 50% of future maintenance costs for the utility poles in the well fields; and

WHEREAS, while the permanent easement is prepared, a license agreement has been drafted for the term of one year to allow the proposed work to take place,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to execute the license agreement with Westchester County for the purpose of running a new electrical service to the caretaker's cottage at Croton Gorge Park.

Resolution #209-2025

On motion of TRUSTEE NICHOLSON, 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 Croton Business Council is desirous of holding an "Oktoberfest" festival on Grand Street between Old Post Road S. and Mt. Airy Road on September 27, 2025, with a rain date of October 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson has provided the Croton Business Council with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that delineates the respective rights and obligations of the parties and defines their relationship for the "Oktoberfest" event,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Croton Business Council related to the "Oktoberfest" event.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Joan Damico, 5 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, strongly objects to no parking on Truesdale Drive and asked why residents were not consulted, with no warning they discovered no parking signs permanently installed in front of their homes that is creating problems for residents, many of whom are elderly, not only does this affect residents on Truesdale Drive, but attendees of Our Saviour Lutheran Church as well as other groups who frequent the Church are also greatly affected.

Rev. Dr. Justin Johnson, 1 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, addressed his concerns that the Church was not informed about the construction in front of the Church as well as the elimination of ten to fifteen parking spaces, many different organizations and groups use the Church and the inability to not find parking is unacceptable. Rev. Dr. Justin Johnson stated that he is disappointed that the Village did not consult with them before moving forward with this project.

Philip Carter, 7 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, thanked the Board for installing a stop sign on Morningside, but now with the no parking signs, people are parking directly across the street and to the left of his driveway making it impossible to safely exit his driveway.

Gary Eisinger, 210 Cleveland Drive, Croton on Hudson, thanked the Board for finally addressing the cellular issue, thanked the Board for postponing the retaining walls and asked that when the issue comes back they will communicate with the community. Mr. Eisinger emphasized that the Board needs to consider how growth will impact our community, while one percent sounds unobtrusive, parking and Village life is being chipped away one percent at a time. Mr. Eisinger stated that the community was assured ten years ago that the Gouveia property would not be a money pit, but it seems like the Trust Fund is dwindling.

Matthew Schuerman, 53 Old Post Road North, Croton on Hudson, advised that in 2019 the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee surveyed the Croton community about their biking and walking habits, we received five hundred responses from a wide variety of residents as well as complaints about the

Gotwald Circle. Mr. Schuerman explained that a lot of thought was put into this plan, they did it meticulously and transparently and they gave a lot of consideration how this would affect the community. Mr. Schuerman went on to explain the difficulties pedestrians had attempting to cross the street in this area and understands that some may have problems with a specific detail and encouraged them to speak out and he knows that the Village is already addressing some of these concerns. To hear the entire discussion, you may log onto to the following, to receive a copy of the 2019 survey you may reach out to the Village Clerk. <https://play.champds.com/crotononhudsonny/event/1076> (section 02.52.21)

Anamika Bhatnagar, 80 Cleveland Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that she appreciates the traffic calming measures to improve pedestrian safety at Gotwald Circle and addressing the concerns about parking and access. Ms. Bhatnagar stated that as a daily walker and driver through the circle, she appreciates that the area has become easier to navigate with clearly marked crosswalks, living further down Cleveland, she appreciates that traffic headed toward Olcott and Park, a major crosswalk to the middle school, has slowed as a result. Ms. Bhatnagar also thanked those that spoke earlier this evening for respectfully listening to everyone's concerns.

Eva Thaddeus, 9 Darby Avenue, Croton on Hudson, as a member of the Croton Garden Club, we were asked to contribute a garden to that location, and thanked the Board for asking the Garden Club to participate in the beautification of this area.

Steven Krisky, 49 Sunset Drive, Croton on Hudson, serves on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, he is just learning tonight how severe some of the parking issues are, he was told that Scott Marsh from our Department of Public Works had gone around to everyone to talk about the project as it was progressing and hopefully the Village will address some of these parking concerns, the area is much safer and more beautiful than it was before and the fact that cars cannot park on either side of the medium makes it much safer, site lines are better and hopefully we can find solutions to create more parking.

Marilyn Grantner, 115 Cleveland Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that the Senior Bus and Westchester Bee-Line buses now have difficulty going around Gotwald Circle because of the additional elevated curbed areas that are on Truesdale and Cleveland Drives.

Alanna Fraase, 45 Radnor Avenue, Croton on Hudson, stated that she appreciates the improvements made at Gotwald Circle, it does slow down drivers and it has become much safer for pedestrians.

10.REPORTS:

Village Manager Healy read a report he prepared regarding the Truesdale Drive project.

Trustee Slippen commended the Arts and Humanities Advisory Council on the artist street banners, the Committee will be celebrating more artists going forward and we look forward to more artists being recognized in the future.

Trustee Politi advised that the IDEA Committee will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage month on October 11th at the Croton Library.

Trustee Nicholson advised that last night the Friends of Croton Parks held their first meeting, it was a successful meeting and they discussed inviting Westchester Parks Foundation to an upcoming meeting.

Trustee Simon advised that data for Croton's Project Mover showed that for the month of July there were 249 rides, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has created a Ride Clean e-bike program that would provide an immediate 50% rebate to anyone buying an e-bike, up to \$1,100. For more information you may log onto the following site: <https://nyrideclean.org/>, at a reception on July 24th the Village recognized members of our volunteer Boards and Committees, on July 26th Fit Point Croton held their ribbon cutting, the Arts Banner Celebration was wonderful, had the opportunity to represent the Village at a press conference where Senator Harckham awarded Croton \$100,000 from the State's "Community Resilience Economics and Sustainability Program" where we will be using some of those funds towards the Dobbs Park rehab and renovation project, on August 5th National Night Out was held, met with the Town of Cortlandt to discuss the possibility of extending our Riverwalk, and a ribbon cutting was held for the clock at the pocket park at Maple Commons and thanked Steve Krisky for leading us on this project.

Mayor Pugh thanked the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee for all their hard work on the Gotwald project, as indicated by members of the Bicycle Pedestrian Committee who spoke this evening and Village Manager Healy's report, this is a project that is the product of a deliberate public process as

well as the involvement of a Traffic Engineer and the guidance from Frank Balbi, our Superintendent of Public Works who is a licensed Professional Engineer, but also apologized to the residents who felt they were not properly consulted and for the inconvenience this has caused them and thanked the staff for their quick response to the concerns that have been raised.

Resolution:

On motion by Trustee Simon and seconded by Trustee Slippen the Board approved the Mayor's appointment of William Goldsmith to the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a term to expire December 2026. Motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Village Manager Healy advised that we are expecting higher than normal tides due to Hurricane Erin, the Village has posted signs at the train station and emails were sent to permit holders, installation of the rapid flashing beacon at Wood Road and Grant Street is scheduled for this Friday, as part of the Capital Budget we will be filling in sidewalk gaps in various locations, proposed Con-Edison rate increase discussions are ongoing, on September 9th the Westchester County Clerk's mobile van will be at the Village Hall from 10am-1pm, also on September 9th Congressman Michael Lawler's staff will be at Village Hall from 10am-12pm to help residents with any Federal issues, and on September 4th the New York State Comptrollers Office is coming for an Unclaimed Funds workshop.

There being no further comments to come before the Board, a motion to close the meeting was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:01pm.

Respectively submitted,

Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk