

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY, held on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, in the Georgianna Grant Meeting Room at the Stanley Kellerhouse Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

Mayor Pugh	Trustee Simon
Village Manager Bryan Healy	Trustee Nicholson
Village Attorney Joshua Subin	Trustee Slippen
Village Treasurer Genette Toone	Trustee Nachtaler

1. Mayor Pugh called the regular 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 26004312-26004416*. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 5-0 Vote.

General Fund	\$424,028.42
Water Fund	\$33,781.47
Sewer Fund	\$6,931.91
Capital Fund	\$24,927.63
Trust Fund	\$7,946.20

3. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO THE TOP RESPONDERS FROM CROTON-ON-HUDSON EMS FOR 2025

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. A motion to open the Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. 1 of 2026 to authorize an override of the "property tax cap" enacted by the State Legislature if necessary was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Village Manager Healy explained that this is something we adopt every year as a formality in the event the Board finds itself in a position that we would need to override the Tax Cap due to some unexpected revenue loss or other extenuating circumstances. Village Manager Healy emphasized that the Board does not have any plans nor anticipate overriding the Tax Cap, it is just a law that every municipality must adopt in case a decision needs to be made during the budget process.

COMMENTS:

Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that to his knowledge Croton has not had to override the Tax Cap in many years which is a tribute to the management of our Budget and asked that the Board respond when we are directly impacted by decisions made on the State and Federal level that directly impact Croton.

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 5-0 vote.

**Resolution #11-2026**

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 State Legislature and the Governor enacted legislation that establishes a "property tax cap" on the amount that a local government's property tax levy can increase each year, and

WHEREAS under this law, the total amount to be raised through property taxes charged on the municipality's taxable assessed value of property, will be capped at 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, with some exceptions, and

WHEREAS the state legislation provides for local governments to override the cap to protect the Village from unforeseen financial circumstances, and

WHEREAS state legislation requires that in the event that an override is necessary, the law enabling it must already have been adopted by the Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS Local Law Introductory No. 1 of 2026 has been drafted to override the "property tax cap" law enacted by State Legislature if necessary, and

WHEREAS no decision has been made at this point to override the "property tax cap" for the upcoming fiscal year, and

WHEREAS a Public Hearing was opened and closed on February 4, 2026,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local Law Introductory No. 1 of 2026 to override the "property tax cap" law enacted by the State Legislature, if necessary, which upon adoption will become Local Law No. 2 of 2026.

**DISCUSSION:**

Trustee Slippen stated that every year this comes up and emphasized that the Board does not intend to override the Tax Cap and suggested that we find a way to proactively reassure residents that this is something that all municipalities must do prior to the adoption of their Budget to avoid penalties in the event a municipality finds themselves in a position to have to override the Tax Cap.

Trustee Nachtaler agreed that it would be a good idea to add something to the agenda explaining that this is just a formality so that residents are reassured that this is not the intent of the Board and we will do our best to stay within the Tax Cap.

Trustee Simon stated that over the fourteen years the Tax Cap has been in existence, Croton had to override it once and it is our goal to make sure that we are underneath the Tax Cap this year as well.

- b. A motion to open the ***Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. 2 of 2026 to add Chapter 9, Auditor, Village,*** to the Village Code was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nachtaler and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Village Manager Healy advised that this is just codifying a practice that has existed in the Village where bills are reviewed by staff prior to them being presented to the Board for final approval, it is the Board's intent to appoint him with no additional compensation.

Trustee Simon advised that when he was in Albany, Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli was very complimentary that the Village of Croton is doing everything right.

Trustee Nachtaler stated that our external auditors see no issue with the Village Manager taking on this role.

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.

**Resolution #12-2026**

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 New York State Village Law provides for the Village Board of Trustees to audit all claims presented to the Village for payment, and

WHEREAS Section 5-524 of the Village Law authorizes the Village to establish the office of auditor, which would undertake these duties of the Village Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS Local Law Introductory No. 2 of 2026 has been drafted to create the office of Village Auditor, and

WHEREAS the local law was reviewed and discussed at a work session held on January 14, 2026, and

WHEREAS a Public Hearing was opened and closed on February 4, 2026,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local Law Introductory No. 2 of 2026 to create Chapter 9, Auditor, Village, of the Village Code to establish the office of Village Auditor, which upon adoption will become Local Law No. 3 of 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby appoint Village Manager Bryan Healy to the position of Village Auditor.

5. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY EMAIL - None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, commended our EMS, Fire Department and Department of Public Works staff on their exceptional service during this very rough winter and suggested that when we recognize our emergency responders we do it with a medal rather than a piece of paper. Mr. Riely stated that he supports recognizing our Police, but he has concerns that some members of our community have turned on our Police Officers and encouraged our officers to work with Federal agents on the apprehension of criminals. Mr. Riely asked for an explanation regarding the boarder/roomer fee.

7. REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE MANAGER:

Village Manager Healy recognized the work of our Department of Public Works who have been working all hours addressing snow removal and water main breaks and asked for everyone's patience, advised that residents may skate on the Duck Pond, the skating is not supervised and emphasized that no one

should be skating alone, the Board has developed a Budget priority survey that will be going out to residents via e-mail, reminded everyone that Village offices will be closed for President's Day, the entrance project at Van Cortlandt Manor is slated to start later this week, and Westchester County is waiting for final approval from the Army Corps of Engineers for the replacement work on the Quaker Bridge, 25 South Riverside has submitted their paperwork for a temporary Certificate of Occupancy, advised that some apartments at Bari Manor did not pass inspection and the Village Engineer has been in touch with the Management Company, anticipates meeting with the Recreation Advisory Committee to discuss the Dog Park but he has recommended that the hours of the Dog Park stay as they are at this time. Village Manager Healy addressed a question from Trustee Slippen about finding a way to memorialize the bridge and advised that a site visit took place to see which pieces could be saved and we are waiting to hear back from the Town of Cortlandt and the County.

Trustee Slippen asked if there is an opportunity for the Village to maintain a piece of the bridge and make it a part of our archive, she would not want to see it all demolished and the Village left out.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

On Motion by Trustee Simon and seconded by Trustee Nicholson the Board approved the Consent Agenda. Motion was approved with a 5-0 Vote.

Trustee Slippen thanked the Police Advisory Committee and the Police Chief for the thoughtful consideration they gave to National Police Week activities as well as the cameras that are visible around the Village.

Village Manager Healy explained that the fee for a boarder/roomer is the same as what we have on the books for accessory apartments and accessory cottages because inspections are required to make sure that everything is up to code.

Trustee Nachtaler stated that Local Law #3 of 2026 also involves shifting all Special Permit reviews from the Board of Trustees to the Planning Board to streamline the process, and asked where do the funds go when outstanding taxes are paid.

Village Manager Healy explained that when we prepare our budget we assume that we are going to receive one-hundred percent of the taxes due and we account for that revenue, in February the Treasurer prepares a list of unpaid

taxes and once the Board approves that list and the funds start to come in, that money gets posted to the property taxes that were issued in June.

Trustee Nicholson stated that we are accepting a proposal from a landscape architect to help us with site development plans with respect to Gouveia Park, but we are not making any decisions and this is just another step in the direction in making Gouveia a usable space for our residents, we anticipate holding a meeting in March to answer questions about our plans for the park.

a. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD:

1. Email from Daron Weber resigning from the Zoning Board of Appeals as of January 23, 2026

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-01/b5ce5e4520d36517db9ce7edaead954fd0aa1f45.pdf>

2. Membership changes in the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-01/9db5ab079529e1eebbd9c3b606021b7c103097bd.pdf>

3. Memo from the Police Advisory Committee requesting the Village Board of Trustees mark National Police Week in May 2026 with appropriate activities.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-01/ca4a997dfc9212ce6f5cbd244223069642a40c9f.pdf>

4. Memos from the Bicycle Pedestrian Committee and the Police Advisory Committee regarding the implementation of red-light cameras at certain intersections within the Village of Croton-on-Hudson.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-01/b4cc6e3b884e5c41385ad843e8586701189fc3db.pdf>

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-01/4b2a3d36a1c81527ab4f3a202fb74c3741dbe111.pdf>

b. RESOLUTIONS:

**Resolution #13-2026**

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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby undertakes the following actions:

Accepting the resignation of Daron Weber from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Accepting the following membership change in Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department: Vincent Flynn moved from PAF status to Active Member at Washington Engine Company.

Filing for the record the memos from the Police Advisory Committee and the Bicycle Pedestrian Committee on red-light cameras and the memo from the Police Advisory Committee on National Police Week activities.

**Resolution #14-2026**

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 Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that Village Justices annually provide their court records and dockets to be audited, and

WHEREAS O'Connor Davies, LLP, of Harrison, New York, conducted an independent audit of the Justice Court of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS the Village Board of Trustees has received a copy of the audit report,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act, the Village Board of Trustees acknowledges that the required audit was conducted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of the annual report and a copy of this resolution to the New York State Office of Court Administration.

**Resolution #15-2026**

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 Local Law No. 3 of 2003 was approved at a regular Village Board Meeting held on October 7, 2003, and

WHEREAS this Local Law called for the setting of Village fees through Board Resolutions, and

WHEREAS the Village Board adopted Local Law No. 3 of 2025 to permit one non-transient boarder or roomer in a single-family or two-family home, and

WHEREAS a fee for such permit was not set at the time of adoption,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby amends the 2025-2026 Master Fee Schedule as follows:

**Engineering Department**

<b>Boarder Permit</b>	<b>§230-48.5</b>		<b>\$250.00</b>
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**Resolution #16-2026**

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 Local Law Introductory No. 3 of 2026 has been drafted to address a number of inconsistencies within the Zoning Code, update certain definitions and amend the number of fowl permitted on residential properties, and

WHEREAS the Village Board discussed this local law during a work session held on January 28, 2026, and

WHEREAS the Village has completed Part 1 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and a Coastal Assessment Form (CAF),

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- The Village Board hereby determines that the Proposed Action is an Unlisted Action.

- The Village Board hereby declares itself to be the Lead Agency for SEQRA purposes in connection with the Proposed Action.
- The Village Board hereby issues the EAF and CAF which it has before it in connection with the Proposed Action.
- The Village Board hereby refers the Draft Law, the EAF and the CAF to the Village Planning Board for a recommendation back to the Village Board in accordance with Village Law.
- The Village Board hereby refers the Draft Law, the EAF and the CAF to the Village Waterfront Advisory Committee for a recommendation back to the Village Board in accordance with Village Law.
- The Village Board hereby refers the Draft Law, the EAF and the CAF to the Westchester County Planning Board for review in accordance with law.
- The Village Board hereby directs Village staff to make any other circulations and notifications regarding the Proposed Action as may be required by law.

**Resolution #17-2026**

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 2025, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Board of Trustees requested home rule legislation to enact an occupancy tax on hotel and motel rooms, and

WHEREAS this tax, which is statutorily set at 3%, would also be levied upon short-term rentals within the Village, and

WHEREAS Governor Kathy Hochul signed the legislation requested by the Village into law on October 16, 2025, and

WHEREAS the home rule legislation was discussed at a work session held on December 3, 2026, and

WHEREAS Local Law Introductory No. 4 of 2026 has been drafted for such purposes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby calls for a Public Hearing on February 18, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Georgianna Grant Meeting Room of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building to consider Local Law

Introductory No. 4 of 2026 to amend Chapter 204, Taxation, of the Village Code to enact an occupancy tax on hotel and motel rooms.

**Resolution #18-2026**

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 Board of Trustees has received from the Treasurer of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson an account of unpaid taxes describing each parcel of real property upon which taxes are unpaid and showing the person or persons in whose name the property is assessed and the amount of unpaid tax, together with a verified statement from the Treasurer that the taxes in such account remain unpaid and that he has been unable to collect same, and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has compared the amount of unpaid taxes with the original tax rolls and has found the account to be correct and the total amount of taxes, penalties, and charges unpaid to be \$131,414.25,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby gives notice to these property owners about their unpaid tax balances, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson be and is authorized, empowered and directed to take all action prescribed by law to collect such unpaid taxes through the advertisement and sale of taxes or tax liens pursuant to Section 1455 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees hereby designates March 17, 2026, as the tax lien sale date for the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such sale shall be held on that date at 11 a.m. prevailing time in the Village Treasurer's office in the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building, 1 Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the advertisement of the notice required by law be inserted in The Gazette, the official newspaper of the Village, and that said notice shall be published once a week for three consecutive weeks, and the last date for publication shall be made on or before the 10th day of March 2026.

**VILLAGE OF CROTON ON HUDSON**

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT 2025-2026**

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<b>Bill Name</b>	<b>Parcel ID</b>	<b>Tax Charge</b>	<b>Fees/ Pen</b>	<b>Interest Due</b>	<b>Total Due</b>
118 GRAND AVE LLC	078.08-007-003.00	\$7,180.21	21.96	\$861.63	\$8,063.80
ADAMS RITA	079.09-009-043.00	\$57.21	21.96	\$6.87	\$86.04
AGUSTIN PAUL	067.20-004-013.00	\$7,759.49	21.96	\$931.14	\$8,712.59
BARI MANOR DEVELOPMENT CORP	079.05-001-033.01	\$28.61	21.96	\$3.43	\$54.00
BARI MANOR PROPERTIES INC	079.05-001-033.02	\$28.61	21.96	\$3.43	\$54.00
BERKOWE MARC	079.13-003-053.00	\$4,602.12	21.96	\$546.26	\$5,170.34
BRONX WEST ROCK FUND I LLC	079.13-001-007.00	\$85.82	21.96	\$10.30	\$118.08
BRONX WEST ROCK FUND I LLC	079.13-001-006.00	\$57.21	21.96	\$6.87	\$86.04
BRUCE ROBERT	068.17-001-047.00	\$1,734.07	21.96	\$202.09	\$1,958.12
CIPRIANO ARCANGELO	068.17-004-050.00	\$2,159.78	21.96	\$259.17	\$2,440.91
CIPRIANO ARCANGELO	068.17-004-037.00	\$5,721.28	21.96	\$686.55	\$6,429.79
DONIFRIO FRANCES	078.20-001-001.54	\$1,400.57	21.96	\$168.07	\$1,590.60
GEMMOLA EDMOND A	079.13-001-046.00	\$4,393.94	21.96	\$527.27	\$4,943.17
GORDON JEFFREY	078.16-001-001.126	\$71.52	21.96	\$8.58	\$102.06
HUDSON VALLEY HOSPITAL CENTER	078.08-005-061.00	\$29,326.07	21.96	\$3,513.12	\$32,861.15
KARWASKI EDNA	079.09-003-002.00	\$1,601.96	21.96	\$192.24	\$1,816.16
KLINGNER WILLIAM	079.09-002-052.00	\$3,548.57	21.96	\$419.83	\$3,990.36
KOZIEN MARCUS	078.16-001-001.108	\$71.52	21.96	\$8.58	\$102.06
LEECH JAMES	067.10-003-017.01	\$5,921.45	21.96	\$704.58	\$6,647.99
MANIGLIA ANDREW V	079.13-003-086.00	\$3,253.86	21.96	\$384.46	\$3,660.28

MCGINN SEAN	078.16-001-004.21	\$1,630.85	21.96	\$195.70	\$1,848.51
MILANO ANGELO	068.17-001-080.00	\$171.64	21.96	\$20.60	\$214.20
MISITI GREGORY A	079.09-005-001.00	\$5,944.41	21.96	\$713.33	\$6,679.70
NARDELLA PAUL	078.16-001-001.090	\$71.52	21.96	\$8.58	\$102.06
NORTH RIVERSIDE LLC	067.20-004-038.01	\$357.58	21.96	\$42.91	\$422.45
OLES JOHN L	068.17-001-074.00	\$3,276.85	21.96	\$387.22	\$3,686.03
PEREZ MARCUS	078.08-004-056.00	\$44.34	21.96	\$5.32	\$71.62
PETERSON MATTHEW	079.09-009-002.00	\$3,322.24	21.96	\$392.67	\$3,736.87
SALKIN JONATHAN	078.16-001-001.121	\$71.52	21.96	\$8.58	\$102.06
SALKOW MARIA	078.08-005-017.00	\$300.37	21.96	\$36.04	\$358.37
SCHAUM PHILLIP	079.09-004-010.00	\$4,899.42	21.96	\$587.93	\$5,509.31
SCHILK JO ANN	079.09-006-032.00	\$529.22	21.96	\$63.51	\$614.69
SENA BROTHERS LLC	079.09-003-016.00	\$5,234.97	21.96	\$628.20	\$5,885.13
SILVER NATHANIEL R	067.19-002-001.00	\$1,315.89	21.96	\$157.91	\$1,495.76
STEFANOFF LISA	078.16-001-007.51	\$1,422.02	21.96	\$170.64	\$1,614.62
TERPOORTEN MARY ELIZABETH	068.13-002-023.00	\$2,817.73	21.96	\$338.13	\$3,177.82
VIZNAY MAYRA	078.08-008-041.00	\$6,060.20	21.96	\$721.23	\$6,803.39
WILLIAM STREET ESTATES LLC	078.16-001-001.101	\$71.52	21.96	\$8.58	\$102.06
YEE LILY L	078.16-001-001.044	\$71.52	21.96	\$8.58	\$102.06
		\$116,617.68	\$856.44	\$13,940.13	\$131,414.25

**Resolution #19-2026**

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 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 in 2025, the Village Board approved retaining Sullivan Architecture for pre-design services, schematic design alternates, an existing conditions scan, a feasibility assessment for structural engineering and the development of construction documents, all related to the Ann Gallelli REAL Center at Gouveia Park, and

WHEREAS Quality Environmental Solutions & Technologies Inc. of Wappingers Falls, New York, has submitted a proposal for pre-renovation testing for asbestos and lead paint in the house in the amount of \$5,415, and

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

WHEREAS the Village Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed this proposal at a work session held on January 28, 2026,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Manager to accept the proposal from Quality Environmental Solutions & Technologies Inc. of Wappingers Falls, New York, in the amount of \$5,415, and

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

**Resolution #20-2026**

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 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 in 2025, the Village Board approved retaining Sullivan Architecture for pre-design services, schematic design alternates, an existing conditions scan, a feasibility assessment for structural engineering and the development of construction documents, all related to the Ann Gallelli REAL Center at Gouveia Park, and

WHEREAS Imbiano-Quigley (IQ) Landscape Architects of White Plains, New York, has submitted a proposal for the creation of a site development plan of the Gouveia Park grounds in the amount of \$23,500, and

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

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed this proposal at a work session held on January 28, 2026,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Manager to accept the proposal from Imbiano-Quigley Landscape Architects of White Plains, New York, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$23,500, and

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

**Resolution #21-2026**

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 Historic Hudson Valley requested police services for the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze this year, and

WHEREAS police services were also requested by Croton-Harmon High School and Temple Israel this fall, and

WHEREAS police officers conducted special patrol details for New York State, and

WHEREAS Historic Hudson Valley, Croton-Harmon Union Free School District, Temple Israel and New York State have agreed to pay the cost of the overtime for these officers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer is authorized to amend the General Fund 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$76,583.57.

GENERAL EXPENSES

Increase Expense

A3120.1200	Personnel Services - Overtime	\$76,583.57
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GENERAL REVENUES

Increase Revenues

A1000.3089	State Aid – Other	\$9,788.21
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A3120.1520	Police Fees	\$66,795.36
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**Resolution #22-2026**

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 has retained the services of Nelson Pope Voorhis (NPV) to serve as planning consultant and grant writer, and

WHEREAS during the fiscal year, NPV has assisted with multiple grant applications, as well as reviewing local laws and various applications within the Engineering Department, and

WHEREAS additional funds need to be allocated towards these expenses,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following interfund transfer in the General Fund:

GENERAL EXPENSES

Increase

A1230.4000	Manager-Contractual	\$15,000
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Decrease

A1990.4000	Contingency	\$15,000
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**Resolution #23-2026**

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 Water Department has requested to purchase three pieces of equipment to enhance their operations, and

WHEREAS these pieces of equipment include a hydrant meter, leak kit and hydrant flow test kit, and

WHEREAS the funds for these pieces of equipment were not included in the 2025-2026 Water Fund Budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following budget transfer in the 2025-2026 Water Fund Budget:

**WATER EXPENSES**

Increase

F8340.2000	Distribution – Equipment	\$15,166
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Decrease

F1990.4000	Water – Contingency	\$15,166
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**Resolution #24-2026**

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 Engineering Department is responsible for the enforcement of village codes, including those related to trees, and

WHEREAS Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County provides training to municipal officials to become certified tree stewards, and

WHEREAS the employees in the Engineering Department who had previously been certified have retired, and

WHEREAS two current employees in the department wish to take this training in the spring, and

WHEREAS the funds for this training are not currently available in the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following budget transfer in the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget:

GENERAL EXPENSES

Increase

A1440.4000	Engineer – Contractual	\$2,000
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Decrease

A1440.1000	Engineer – Personnel	\$2,000
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c. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 21, 2026, was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 5-0 vote.

9. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

**Resolution #25-2026**

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 has received a draft franchise agreement from Verizon to provide cable television service in certain areas of the Village, and

WHEREAS Cohen Law Group has provided a proposal to assist the Village in negotiations with Verizon, and

WHEREAS the Village has previously used the Cohen Law Group to negotiate the franchise renewal with Altice for cable television services,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby accepts the proposal from Cohen Law Group of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in an amount not to exceed \$10,710, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to sign the engagement letter with Cohen Law Group for services related to the negotiations of a new franchise agreement with Verizon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as funding for this expense was not included in the 2025-2026 General Fund budget, the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to transfer \$10,710 from Contingency Account A1990.4000 to the following account:

A1420.4000 – Law – Contractual: \$10,710

**DISCUSSION:**

Village Manager Healy stated that he is hopeful that we could have this service by the summer, if the Board approves the agreement, it would then need to be filed with the Public Service Commission.

Trustee Nachtaler asked if we could consider amending their scope of work to include getting an opinion on how we can build a new income stream with the CLEC (Competitive Local Exchange Carriers) which would transmit through our lines to offer various communication services, including voice, data, and broadband.

Village Manager Healy explained that the Village does not own any of the lines, they are mostly owned by Verizon, but he is happy to look into this.

**Resolution #26-2026**

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 on October 17, 2022, the Village Board of Trustees approved an agreement with American Legion Fox-Eklof Post 505 (“the Post”) to reimburse various costs related to patriotic observances and remembrances throughout the year, and

WHEREAS, the agreement authorizes expenditures up to \$2,500 annually to reimburse the Post for these services, and

WHEREAS the Post hosted the Pearl Harbor Day ceremony this past December, which it hosts once every four years, and

WHEREAS the expenses for the ceremony exceeded the annual authorization under the current agreement, and

WHEREAS the Village is desirous of amending the agreement to authorize reimbursement for the expenses associated with the ceremony,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute an amendment to the agreement between American Legion Fox-Eklof Post 505 and the Village of Croton-on-Hudson to support patriotic observances and remembrances throughout the year for the period beginning June 1, 2022, through May 31, 2027, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer is authorized to make the following budget transfer in the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget:

**GENERAL EXPENSES**

Increase

A7550.4000	Celebrations – Contractual	\$500
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Decrease

A1990.4000	Contingency	\$500
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**Resolution #27-2026**

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 2025, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Board of Trustees requested home rule legislation to lease sports field fences to certain non-profit organizations for advertisements, and

WHEREAS Governor Kathy Hochul signed the legislation requested by the Village into law on September 10, 2025, and

WHEREAS the Croton Little League desires to place advertisement banners at Dobbs Park field, and

WHEREAS a lease agreement has been drafted to authorize the placement of these banners, and

WHEREAS the fees paid under this agreement will be used solely for the care and upkeep of the Village's playing fields,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute an agreement with Croton Little League for the leasing of certain sports field fences for the placing of advertisement banners for the period beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2031.

**Resolution #28-2026**

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 2025, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Board of Trustees requested home rule legislation to lease sports field fences to certain non-profit organizations for advertisements, and

WHEREAS Governor Kathy Hochul signed the legislation requested by the Village into law on September 10, 2025, and

WHEREAS Croton AYSO desires to place advertisement banners at David J. Manes Memorial Field, and

WHEREAS a lease agreement has been drafted to authorize the placement of these banners, and

WHEREAS the fees paid under this agreement will be used solely for the care and upkeep of the Village's playing fields,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute an agreement with Croton AYSO for the leasing of certain sports field fences for the placing of advertisement banners for the period beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028.

**Resolution #29-2026**

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 issued an Invitation to Bid on November 20, 2025, for the installation and commissioning of a solar canopy at the DPW Garage, and

WHEREAS this project is to be funded through grants awarded to the Village by the New York State Energy Development and Research Authority (NYSERDA), and

WHEREAS two bids were submitted by the deadline of December 8, 2025, and

WHEREAS the lowest responsible bid received was from Rivertown Solar of Dobbs Ferry, New York, in the amount of \$302,940, and

WHEREAS Lindsay Audin, chair of the Sustainability Committee, has recommended moving forward with the low bidder,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to award Bid No. 21-2025 to Rivertown Solar of Dobbs Ferry, New York, in the amount of \$302,940.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Bryan Deyo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Universe, North Riverside Avenue, Croton on Hudson, and President of the Association of Businesses, stated that a lot of the local businesses experienced a decline in business traffic because of the loss of parking spaces due to the snow blocking parking spaces and suggested that the Village allow people to park at the train station for free which would allow our DPW to be able to clear the spaces.

Trustee Simon stated that we look forward to working with the Association of Businesses to see ways that we can improve some of our techniques to assist the businesses.

Sonia Ferrante, Riverside Avenue, Croton on Hudson, stated that because she rents and does not have off street parking, she had to park on Bank Street, but was spoken to very aggressively by a resident of that street because the person was upset that plows could not plow properly because her car was parked there and asked that the Village provide not only free parking at the

train station but free transportation to residents so they can get back to their residences.

Trustee Simon suggested the possibility of using the shuttle after roads have been cleared to provide people with an opportunity to shop using the shuttle until parking spaces are cleared.

Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that the Human Rights presentation at the Library was an excellent presentation, does not support putting the Recreation Department at Gouveia Park, the Village Court should also remain here and not shipped to the Town of Cortlandt, asked what affects are there on the solar panels with the large amounts of snow, and addressed the boycott of CVS over their distribution of abortion drugs.

John Sasso, 87 Morningside Drive, Croton on Hudson, and member of the Recreation Advisory Committee stated that the committee is disappointed that the Village is not continuing to discuss the Dog Park, the committee supports sunrise to sunset hours, and not limiting it to 4pm and encouraged the Board to continue the discussion.

#### 11. REPORTS:

Trustee Slippen stated that during her time on the Recreation Advisory Committee they held a comprehensive meeting with neighbors and dog park users and from those discussions the Recreation Advisory Committee came up with recommendations but believes that more conversations should be had. Trustee Slippen stated that a lot of municipal Recreation Departments are not located in their municipal building, and emphasized that residents would still be able to register and pay for programs at the municipal building. Trustee Slippen stated that we received a lot of feedback from the community after the snowstorm and this is a discussion the Board should have at a future work session, the Arts and Humanities Advisory Council has organized an Aaron Copland tribute this Sunday, 2pm at the Library, a Blood Drive will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> and encouraged those that can to please donate, reminded that Tax Grievance Day will be held in June at the Town of Cortlandt, congratulated Croton's 2026 Valedictorian Jeremy Pollak, and Salutatorian Maya Sebestyen, today is National Girls and Women in Sports Day and congratulated all our female athletics in Croton.

Trustee Nachtaler stated that she looks forward to the Village continuing to support our local businesses and having a deeper discussion regarding snow

removal, appreciates all the recommendations from the Recreation Advisory Committee and believes we have approved all of them except their Dog Park recommendations, recognized the Croton Senior Citizens Club for their achievement in engaging 130 members, this past week our Recreation Department held a Korean BBQ luncheon at KPOT and thanked the staff for facilitating this great trip, their next trip will be to Southern Table on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Nicholson stated that she and Trustee Simon were in Albany along with other municipalities and parking and housing appears to be the hot topics for most municipalities, they also talked about affordability, insurance rates, as well as many other issues affecting local governments. Trustee Nicholson stated that we had a two-year negotiation regarding the Dog Park in 2023 but appreciates the Recreation Advisory Committee's recommendations and it is something that we need to continue to review. Trustee Nicholson stated that sixty trees will be cut down during the Quakerbridge construction and it is something that we should discuss in the future.

Trustee Simon stated that in 2023 the Board went through a range of issues with both neighbors and dog park users but it may be time to reconvene and get everyone back to the table. Trustee Simon advised that he and Trustee Nicholson attended a meeting in Albany where we had an opportunity to express our concerns on the State's Transportation Budget, Budget of General Assistance to municipalities (AIM), and the Clean Water and Drinking Water infrastructure Budget, last week we met with Project Mover to talk about phase II of the program, on January 27<sup>th</sup> the Planning Board processed two additional ADU's and approved the signage for Mirage Mirror and Glass, and encouraged everyone to come out for Eaglefest scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pugh stated that the entire Board appreciates all the hard work of the Recreation Advisory Committee, and looks forward to continuing the Dog Park discussion. Mayor Pugh thanked our Department of Public Works for the tremendous work they have done and while we can always do better, the Mayor emphasized that there is only so much that can be done when you have a once in a decade storm like we just had coupled with sub-freezing temperatures, but he does support reviewing our snow removal policy after the winter. Mayor Pugh thanked Daron Weber for his service on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Resolution:**

On motion by Trustee Slippen and seconded by Trustee Simon the Board approved the following Mayoral appointments:

Matthew Berger	Zoning Board of Appeals	December 2028
Peter Sedlmair	Recreation Advisory Committee	December 2028
Emily Boglioli	Recreation Advisory Committee	December 2028
Jessica Sewell	Arts & Humanities Advisory Council	December 2027

Village Manager Healy thanked everyone for their comments, as well as the Mayor's comments that we can always do things better, but we are asking everyone for their patience because this was one of the biggest storms we've had in a decade and the stretch of sub-freezing temperatures is in the top ten of records in 150 years and our staff is out there doing their best to try to get our streets cleared, we have been prioritizing our business districts, the Upper Village was done on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, Harmon on Friday, and North Riverside on Tuesday of this week. Village Manager Healy stated that we did provide free parking at the Train Station and many residents took advantage of that and looks forward to attending the next Recreation Advisory Committee meeting to continue the Dog Park discussion.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to close the meeting and enter into an Executive Session for matters of personnel was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Respectively submitted,

Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

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Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk