

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY, held on Wednesday, March 25, 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 Nachtaler
Village Attorney Joshua Subin	Trustee Nicholson
Village Treasurer Genette Toone	Trustee Slippen

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 26005008-26005233*. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 5-0 Vote.

General Fund	\$908,369.03
Water Fund	\$67,483.89
Sewer Fund	\$5,693.04
Capital Fund	\$168,070.88
Trust Fund	\$2,290.58

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A motion to open a Public Hearing on the **2026-2027 Village Budget** was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Village Manager Healy gave an overview of the proposed 2026-2027 Village Budget. To view the Village Manager’s Budget presentation, you may click onto the following:

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-03/6620f5e6a0f0203b17a661d5ff82b9441bfa4d3b.pdf>

To view the proposed Budget, you may click onto the following:  
<https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/village-treasurer/pages/proposed-budget-fiscal-year-2026-2027>

Trustee Nachtaler asked when we are considering initiatives, do we typically do a study first before we spend funds on these initiatives?

Village Manager Healy explained that the study that is being proposed for the Police Department has to do with staffing, not with the radio equipment, and irrespective to the number of Police Officers, we will still need to upgrade that equipment and we should not wait until after the study.

Trustee Nachtaler said that under that scenario we would not hire additional officers until the study is completed.

Village Manager Healy advised that the Budget does not appropriate any additional staff in the Police Department.

Trustee Simon stated that he is pleased that the shore-line study is in the Capital Budget since we are trying to move to the next phase of the train station project.

Village Manager Healy stated that we all value Senasqua and we want to try to do what we can to ensure its stability moving forward.

Trustee Nachtaler stated that she is pleased that the input we received from the budget survey was reflected in earmarking more dollars towards infrastructure.

Village Manager Healy stated that infrastructure has the highest allocation in the Capital Plan and feedback from the survey indicated a desire to see more funds put towards infrastructure improvements.

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.

A motion to open a Public Hearing ***on Local Law Introductory No. 3 of 2026 to amend Chapter 230, Zoning, of the Village Code to address various inconsistencies, update definitions and amend the number of fowl permitted on residential properties*** was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 5-0 vote.

Village Manager Healy explained that the substantial changes were updating definitions to make the law clearer. To view the Village Manager's memo detailing the changes, you may log onto the following link:

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-01/fb3352347a4dccd60d577a8b0a55df72d57629d8.pdf>

COMMENTS:

Matthew Rubenstein, 105 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, addressed the section of the code dealing with fowl, and stated that allowing ten fowls on properties of .3 acres is way too many. Mr. Rubenstein also addressed the change to where fowl pens can be located, under the current code they could be no closer than fifty feet from the property line, in the revised code it has been reduced to fifteen feet which is too close. Mr. Rubenstein stated that you can very clearly see a cloud of dust coming from these pens which floats onto neighbor's properties and it is not fair that those that want to keep fowl can push these pens farther from their homes and put them closer to their neighbors. Mr. Rubenstein also addressed the issue of Bird Flu and having these pens close a neighbor's home can cause a health risk, these coops are ugly, smelly and dusty and does not understand why it is being changed so substantially.

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.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Simon stated that there are some specific issues in the memo from the Planning Board that they would like the Board to respond to, one is where Metro North falls into the category of special permits.

To view the Planning Board's memo, you may log onto the following link:  
<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-03/197b7a982b2cebd140b2b4742ab264900eba4304.pdf>

Village Manager Healy explained that the Village does not have any control over Metro North; they are not subject to our Zoning Codes and are not required to apply for Special Permits.

Trustee Nachtaler asked for some background on why the change to fowl pens.

Village Manager Healy stated that this is part of the clarity that was needed because there were multiple opinions based on how this law was written, the existing law could have been interpreted two different ways, 50 feet from the

property line or there was no measurement restriction. Village Manager Healy emphasized that if a code is ambiguous it always goes in favor of the applicant and the 15 feet was based on what other municipalities have in their codes.

Trustee Simon suggested thinking about the possibility of increasing the buffer.

Trustee Nachtaler supported increasing the buffer.

**4. LWRP Consistency Review and EAF Part II Review for Local Law Introductory No. 3 of 2026.**

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, 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.	No				
4	Strengthen the economic base of smaller harbor areas by encouraging the development and enhancement of those traditional uses and activities which have	No				

	provided such areas with their unique maritime identity.					
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 applicants and/or make all local laws available to applicants proposing development activities.	No				
<b>FISH &amp; WILDLIFE POLICIES</b>						
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 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.	No				
7D	Restoration of degraded ecological elements of the Croton River and Bay and Haverstraw Bay Significant Fish and Wildlife Habitats and shorelands shall be	No				

	included in any programs for cleanup of any adjacent toxic and hazardous waste site					
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 degradation of water quality or impact identified significant fish and wildlife habitats.	No				
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 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.	No				
10	Further develop commercial finfish, shellfish and crustacean resources in the coastal area by encouraging the	No				

	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.					
	<b>FLOODING &amp; EROSION POLICIES</b>					
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 protective barrier to Croton Bay from activities or development that would increase erosion of or flooding of the point.	No				
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 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.	No				

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				
<b>PUBLIC ACCESS POLICIES</b>						
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 walkway system.	No				
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 water-related recreational opportunities and are undertaken in a manner compatible with existing water-dependent uses.	No				
22	Development when located adjacent to the shore will provide for water-related	No				

	recreation whenever such use is compatible with reasonably anticipated demand for such activities and is compatible with the primary purpose of the development.					
	<b>HISTORIC AND SCENIC QUALITY POLICIES</b>					
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				
	<b>ENERGY AND ICE MANAGEMENT POLICIES</b>	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				
	<b>WATER AND AIR RESOURCES POLICIES</b>					

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 stormwater runoff and combined sewer overflows draining into coastal waters.	No				
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; and restitution for	No				

	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				
	<b>WETLAND POLICY</b>					
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				

*EA Part II Review*

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

5. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY EMAIL - None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that he does not agree that the Village should be supporting the Legislative Program and Project Priorities for 2026. Mr. Riely addressed issues with respect to zero emission school buses and the fact that our infrastructure cannot support the charging

of these buses coupled with no known record for depreciation and costs to replace batteries, he is also concerned about the State running a Health Care program.

To view the Legislative Program and Project Priorities for 2026 you may click on the following link:

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-03/bef276b12d67b39ccd59dc979995306b46d8501e.pdf>

7. REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE MANAGER:

Village Manager Healy advised that while work is continuing at Dobbs Park, we do not expect the work to be completed by opening day; tree removal at Quaker Bridge took place last week, but they are still waiting for approvals from the Army Corps of Engineers; the Rental Registry page on the Village's Website is up and notices were sent out to properties that were flagged as potential rental properties, we are also finalizing the Hotel and Motel Occupancy tax forms and DPW will begin some of the site work at Gouveia next week.

In response to a concern raised by Trustee Slippen regarding senior exemptions, Village Manager Healy advised that he was in touch with the Town of Cortlandt Assessor's office and was advised that they have gone through the Village's old Assessment Roll and compared it to the Town's roll and identified the properties that had exemptions on the Village roll but did not have them on the Town roll, the Town has sent letters to those individuals who were identified reminding them that they need to complete the exemption form and submit it to the Town no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> in order to receive their exemption. Village Manager Healy encouraged everyone to check with the Town to make sure that they have their exemptions on file.

The Board encouraged staff to find a way to remind our seniors and Veterans as well as those on fixed incomes to follow up with the Town to check on their exemption status.

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.

a. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD:

1. Memo from the New York State Department of State requesting a consistency review under the Village's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program for curve warning signage along Route 9, North Riverside Avenue, Croton Point Avenue and Albany Post Road.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-03/bd73a6bdca45349277a7fa6c214cd3adc65b1248.pdf>

2. Memo from Village Manager Bryan Healy regarding the donation of a painting to the Village.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-03/8a55004b068ad60adb6fcf6dea93dcda211469e9.pdf>

3. Email from Dennis Kooney of the Croton Yacht Club regarding its annual lease reporting documentation.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-03/f834d9363c681382f0d6ea0aa8bfcf6e216523a9.pdf>

4. Email from Christine Drago, Croton-Harmon School District Athletic Director, requesting permission to hang banners for senior softball players at Firefighters Memorial Field.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-03/474372596abe4db79af76b87a346a73368a7617d.pdf>

5. Westchester County Rent Guidelines Board Notice of Meeting on March 26, 2026.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-03/7acb83fe221d6ed4f16dbec10b2fd6746099ca13.pdf>

6. Letter from the Arbor Day Foundation certifying the Village of Croton-on-Hudson as a 2025 Tree City USA.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-03/4fb3f95d10713f40e8bd00d1a7c730a084886a13.pdf>

7. Invitation to the Town of Cortlandt National Vietnam War Veterans Day Ceremony, which is to take place on March 27, 2026, at 2:30 PM at Cortlandt Town Hall.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-03/3a83ea0e08063dfbe61157b0576b0dc9951b164e.pdf>

*b. RESOLUTIONS:*

**Resolution #59-2026**

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:

1. Accepting the donation of a painting from Regina Montana to be displayed in the Municipal Building.
2. Approving the request from the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District to display banners at Firefighters Field for senior softball players.
3. Referring the consistency review from the NYS Dept. of State to the Waterfront Advisory Committee.
4. Filing for the record the notice of meeting from the Westchester County Rent Guidelines Board, annual lease documentation from the Croton Yacht Club, letter from the Arbor Day Foundation and invitation from the Town of Cortlandt for the National Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony.

**Resolution #60-2026**

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 the Village retained the services of Cohen Law Group to negotiate the terms of the franchise agreement, and

WHEREAS the new franchise agreement has been finalized and a public hearing is required to be held before it can be approved,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Board of Trustees hereby calls for a public hearing at 7:00 PM, on the 22nd day of April, 2026, in the Georgianna Grant Meeting Room of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal

Building, Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, for all interested persons to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the proposed grant of a cable franchise to Verizon New York, Inc. franchise for a period of five years.

**Resolution #61-2026**

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 Board of Trustees desires to update the language in the Village Code regarding commercial and noncommercial signage, including their placement, size, attachment, illumination, movement and material quality, and

WHEREAS under the direction of the Village Board, the Village Manager has been working with the Village Attorney to develop language that conforms to the latest guidance provided by the courts and the New York Conference of Mayors, and

WHEREAS Local Law Introductory No. 7 of 2026 has been drafted for such purposes, 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:

- 1. The Village Board hereby determines that the Proposed Action is an Unlisted Action.*
- 2. The Village Board hereby declares itself to be the Lead Agency for SEQRA purposes in connection with the Proposed Action.*
- 3. The Village Board hereby issues the EAF and CAF which it has before it in connection with the Proposed Action.*
- 4. 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.*
- 5. 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.*
- 6. 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.*
- 7. The Village Board hereby refers the Draft Law, the EAF and the CAF to the Advisory Board for the Visual Environment for their review and comment.*
- 8. 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 #62-2026**

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 Emergency Medical Services Department provides EMS service to the Town of Cortlandt for the Mount Airy/Quaker Bridge Fire Protection District on a contract basis each year, and

WHEREAS the Town has provided the Village with the 2026 Ambulance Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town and the Village of Croton-on-Hudson,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to sign the 2026 Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Cortlandt for Emergency Medical Services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Town shall pay the Village of Croton-on-Hudson the sum of \$211,315 for providing EMS services within the Mount Airy/Quaker Bridge Fire Protection District during the period beginning January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

**Resolution #63-2026**

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 a review of the 2025-2026 budget has found a number of transfers are needed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following budget transfers:

**GENERAL EXPENSES**

Increase

A1410.1100	Clerk – Personnel P/T	\$750
A1440.4000	Engineer – Contractual	\$1,000
A1650.4410	Communications - Postage	\$3,100
A1910.4000	Insurance – Contractual	\$10,000
A1940.4000	Purchase of Land	\$595
A3410.4400	Fire – Electricity	\$5,000

A9060.8050	Employee Assistance Program	\$91
Decrease		
A9040.8000	Workers Compensation	\$20,536

WATER EXPENSES

Increase		
F1650.4500	Communications - Telephone	\$2,500
F1910.4000	Insurance – Contractual	\$3,000
Decrease		
F9040.8000	Workers Compensation	\$5,500

SEWER EXPENSES

Increase		
G1650.4500	Communications - Telephone	\$1,114.50
G1910.4000	Insurance – Contractual	\$1,114.50
G1990.4000	Contingency	\$1,271
Decrease		
G8120.2000	Equipment	\$3,500

c. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 11, 2026, was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nachtaler and approved with a 5-0 vote.

d. Quartely Reports

Clerk

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Recreation

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9. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

**Resolution #64-2026**

On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE NACHTALER, 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 30, 2025, the Village issued a request for proposals (RFP) for qualified firms to evaluate and make recommendations for the repair, improvement and/or replacement of the Upper North Highland Water Storage Tan, and

WHEREAS five proposals were received by the deadline of December 10, 2025, and

WHEREAS Frank Balbi, Superintendent of Public Works, has reviewed the five proposals received and recommends moving forward with the lowest proposer, USG Water Solutions,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Manager is authorized to enter into a contract with USG Water Solutions for the assessment of the Upper North Highland Water Storage Tank, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for such services is available in the following capital account: H8340.2106.22399 in the amount of \$4,800.00.

**Resolution #65-2026**

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 has the practice of establishing Annual Legislative Priorities to streamline responses to legislative proposals affecting the Village and optimize the allocation of limited advocacy resources, and

WHEREAS a document outlining the Village's Legislative Program and Project Priorities for 2026 has been drafted,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson adopts and approves the 2026 Legislative, Program and Project Priorities attached and incorporated herein by this reference, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to send this resolution and legislative packet to the federal, state and county legislators representing the Village of Croton-on-Hudson.

**DISCUSSION:**

Trustee Nicholson thanked Trustee Simon for his hard work on this Legislative Agenda; part of this is to strengthen our communications with the MTA and work with them so that they continue to be good neighbors, State Route 129 is also highlighted in this as well, and we continue to lobby for funding for many of these projects.

Mayor Pugh addressed a concern expressed this evening regarding electrification of vehicles, while you can have difficulties with any particular product, looking across the technology there is no real comparison between electrification and fossil fuel generated products. Mayor Pugh emphasized that the American Lung Association highlighted the direct health risks from fossil fuels, and in terms of quality of life issues in our Village, we continue to hear complaints about noise from the Croton Harmon Train Station generated from diesel trains, electric trains are not a new technology, electrification of trains has been around for more than a hundred years and further electrification of our mass transit infrastructure would be a huge net positive to the community. Mayor Pugh addressed the health care comment; and stated that for better or worse, we are not going to have a single payer plan in New

York State this year or even in the next few years, but the Rand Corporation has found significant savings from going to a single payer plan and economies of scale could be realized through these programs, and the reality is that a majority of New York residents are already covered by some form of a public plan.

Trustee Slippen thanked Trustee Simon for taking this on every year. Trustee Slippen stated that one item that comes up frequently is the consideration of Home Rule Legislation with respect to speed cameras and it is important that we are clear with the public about what this does and does not mean.

**Resolution #66-2026**

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 (“the Village”) is acting as the municipal sponsor for the Van Cortlandt Manor Entrance Project (P.I.N. 8760.11) to reconfigure the entrance, enhance site safety, and improve visitor experience at the National Historic Landmark, and

WHEREAS the Village Board of Trustees awarded the contract for this work to Remus Industries of Ossining, New York, on December 17, 2025, and

WHEREAS design changes during the course of the project have resulted in three change orders being submitted, and

WHEREAS Historic Hudson Valley (HHV) has reviewed the proposed change orders and determined that the additional work is necessary for the successful completion of the project, and

WHEREAS per the agreement executed by the Village and HHV, all costs for this project that exceed the funding amount allocated by the New York State Department of Transportation are the sole responsibility of HHV,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to approve Change Orders No. 1-3 in the total amount of \$111,467.20.

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

David Lowell, Farrington Road, Croton on Hudson, addressed his concerns regarding gas powered leaf blowers, and asked why isn't the ban all year

round, he and his family have become targets when they have reported an infraction, not only are we allowing more noise pollution, gas powered leaf blowers are dirty and pose a health risk to everyone and should not be allowed especially on school properties and playgrounds and asked the Board to do the right thing and enforce our laws and end our dependence on gas powered leaf blowers.

Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that the track record on public health care cannot be trusted, just recently reforms have been made to improve the health care for our military and Veterans, before that, no one would get care if they had the opportunity to go elsewhere and it is also time that we cleanup the corruption in our Medicaid system. Mr. Riely emphasized that the Board should also be asking our Federal Government to fund the Coast Guard, TSA, and cyber security.

#### 11.REPORTS:

Trustee Slippen asked how do other communities enforce their ban on gas powered leaf blowers.

Village Manager Healy stated that generally it is a mix of individuals reporting it or when enforcement is out and about doing other things and may witness a landscaper using one. Village Manager Healy stated that last year we increased our efforts and issued seventeen violations.

Trustee Slippen stated that she attended the recent Friends of Croton Parks meeting and asked that their meetings be added to the community calendar, last night we held a robust meeting with all of the chairs of our committees to work on guidelines for our committees, March is Women's History Month and recognized all the women in our Village and suggested that the Village Board do something to recognize the contributions many Women have made in our community.

Trustee Nachtaler addressed the resolution scheduling a public hearing regarding Introductory Local Law #7 regarding signage; the Board had a good discussion last week and we talked about putting some language in the law about not harming trees but does not see it in the proposed law and would prefer that the Board's comments be included before it goes to the Planning Board for their review.

Village Manager Healy stated that he spoke with our Planning Consultant to include the comments on both the size of the signage as well as the attachment to trees and when she prepares her memo to the Planning Board, those comments will be included. Village Manager Healy emphasized that we are still in the fact-finding phase of the law and we do not need to have the final version of the law until we schedule the public hearing.

Trustee Nachtaler advised that she and Trustee Simon attended the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> where they voted to move the 52 Mount Airy application to the Planning Board and thanked everyone who attended the meeting; thanked the Montana family for donating a painting marking the bicentennial of the signing of the U.S. Constitution, and thanked out seniors for their enthusiasm and engagement and we are pleased that our DPW will be repairing some of the accessible walkways and railings in various locations.

Trustee Nicholson advised that they are looking to expand Croton's composting/food scrap program into our schools and she looks forward to working with our School Board members. Trustee Nicholson stated that she agrees with the comments made regarding leaf blowers, we are falling behind and believes there is an opportunity to step up our Code Enforcement as well as more marketing so people are aware of the ban.

Trustee Simon advised that on March 12<sup>th</sup> he attended the Westchester Municipal Officials Association meeting where Carola Bracco, Executive Director of Neighbor's Link spoke about issues on immigration, last week our Association of Businesses in Croton held their executive meeting and is pleased to advise that their website is up (ALLBIZCROTON.com), the Rotary is spearheading a celebration on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Senasqua to thank our DPW staff for all they did this winter, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee met and talked about the "Slow Down Croton" program, thanked Donna O'Malley and Cristina Alvarez for their work on Mothers Out Front, the Croton composting/food scrap program is open for more participation and directed everyone to the Sustainability Committee website, and the Project Mover program should begin around April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pugh recognized the many women in our community who serve on many of our Boards, Committees and Councils, and reminded everyone that there will be a community clean-up on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolution Approving Appointment**

On motion by Trustee Simon and seconded by Trustee Slippen the Board approved the appointment of Valerie Leis as Chair of the Arts and Humanities Council. Motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to close the meeting was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nicholson and approved with a 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectively submitted,

Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

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Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk