

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY, held on Wednesday, October 7, 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 Lori Lee Dickson	Trustee Slippen
Village Treasurer Genette Toone	

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*, dated October 7, 2026, *Claims numbered 27001742-27002162*. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Nachtaler and approved with a 4-0 Vote.

General Fund	\$969,491.89
Water Fund	\$48,475.93
Sewer Fund	\$3,827.60
Capital Fund	\$240,629.58
Trust Fund	\$7,021.39

3. Greetings from the Honorable Ralph Becker, Jr. Mayor of Salt Lake City, Utah 92008-2016), and President, National League of Cities (2014-2015).

<https://play.champds.com/crotononhudsonny/event/1206> (00.01.22).

4. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY EMAIL: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Chester Edwards, 96 Hawley Avenue, Port Chester, NY, President of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 49, and a member of the Westchester County Veterans Advisory Council asked the Board to move forward on Local Law Introductory #17 to amend Chapter 204, Taxation, in the Village Code to add a full tax exemption for the primary residence of qualifying Veterans. Mr. Edwards also asked that the wording in Croton's Local Law be reflected that it is purely for a permanent and total disability, not 100% service connected because the rating does not matter, the service distinction of being permanent and total is what qualifies the Veteran.

1 Village Attorney Dickson thanked Mr. Edwards for bringing this to their
2 attention and stated that we can certainly change the language in the
3 proposed local law so that it is drafted correctly.

4 Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, thanked the Mayor of Salt
5 Lake City, Utah, for sharing his experiences and thoughts. Mr. Riely asked if
6 Salt Lake City was a member of "Agenda 21" which was an action plan of the
7 United Nations with regard to sustainable development. Mr. Riely also
8 expressed his concerns that Croton has been influenced by New York State in
9 terms of our planning and housing plans which looks to take away our local
10 zoning rights; in a State where local communities struggle with so many State
11 mandates, we are lucky to have local governments and local leadership and
12 we should be resisting any State and Federal mandates that want to take away
13 our local zoning, he also talked about the failure of our educational system
14 throughout New York State, and thanked the current administration for
15 cleaning up the Veterans Administration.

16 **6. REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE MANAGER:**

17 *Lounsbury Road water main re-lining update:* on Monday he, along with our
18 Water Foreman, John Spatta and Superintendent of Public Works, Frank Balbi,
19 met with a contractor and walked the site to show them what we would be
20 hoping to accomplish once we have everything lined up to start the project,
21 the contractor stated that they would be available to mobilize within two weeks
22 once we have the approvals, we are continuing conversations with our Attorney
23 about documenting the need to make this an "emergency" project, our
24 engineering firm spoke with the County Health Department yesterday and the
25 County Health Department had four comments regarding their resubmission,
26 they are working on those changes now and they hope to return the revised
27 plans to the County Health Department by the end of the week, once the
28 County Health Department says that the plans are acceptable, the County will
29 submit the approved plans.

30 Village Attorney Dickson stated that to declare this an "emergency" project,
31 the Board will need to pass a resolution since this is bypassing the Wicks Law,
32 which requires competitive bidding, but this cannot happen until we have costs
33 and a contractor identified.

34 The solar canopy panels at the train station are being washed this weekend
35 and sections of the parking lot will be closed, congratulated Village Clerk
36 Paula DiSanto on being awarded the distinction of "Clerk of the Year" by the

New York State Association of Village and City Clerks, thanked the Fire Department for putting together a great Fire Prevention program, on Saturday, October 17th, the IDEA Committee will be holding programs celebrating Hispanic Heritage month, on October 17th Fall Family Fun Day will take place at Vasallo Park, and offices will be closed this Monday for Columbus Day and to check the website for changes to the garbage schedule.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

On Motion by Trustee Simon and seconded by Trustee Nachtaler the Board approved the Consent Agenda. Motion was approved with a 4-0 Vote.

a. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD:

1. Membership Letter from Randolph Scott, Acting Commissioner of Westchester County Dept. of Senior Programs & Services, announcing Robert Anderson as a 2026 inductee into the Westchester County Senior Hall of Fame

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-10/47ea8942f09499d198b50e62092b6ddc9781476b.pdf>

2. Membership Changes from the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department.

<https://play.champds.com/ATT/crotononhudsonny/2026-10/6748d94a0c8757f1a9261f05903a464f41f3f2e3.pdf>

b. RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #244-2026

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 4-0 vote.

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

1. Filing for the record the notification from Randolph Scott, Acting Commissioner of Westchester County Dept. of Senior Programs & Services, announcing Robert Anderson as a 2026 inductee into the Westchester County Senior Hall of Fame
2. Accepting the membership changes in the Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department.

1 **Resolution #245-2026**

2 On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE NACHTALER, the following
3 resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson,
4 New York with a 4-0 vote.

5 WHEREAS, New York State has recently enacted legislation that allows municipalities
6 to provide a full tax exemption to veterans of the Armed Forces who have a 100%
7 service-connected disability; and

8 WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees discussed this tax exemption option at a
9 work session held on September 9, 2026; and

10 WHEREAS, Local Law Introductory No. 17 of 2026 has been drafted for such
11 purposes,

12 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby calls
13 for a Public Hearing on November 4, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Georgianna Grant
14 Meeting Room of the Stanley H. Kellerhouse Municipal Building to consider Local Law
15 Introductory No. 17 of 2026 to amend Chapter 204, Taxation, of the Village Code to
16 add a full tax exemption for the primary residence of qualifying veterans with a 100%
17 service-connected disability.

18 **Resolution #246-2026**

19 On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE NACHTALER, the following
20 resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson,
21 New York with a 4-0 vote.

22 WHEREAS, the Village Board authorized the installation of the Harmonic Landing
23 sound art project at Croton Landing earlier this year; and

24 WHEREAS, the project was designed by the late Bruce Odland, resident of Croton-
25 on-Hudson, and installed for many years at the Massachusetts Museum of
26 Contemporary Art; and

27 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works incurred costs related to the installation
28 of electric conduit, concrete pads and various sound equipment; and

29 WHEREAS, these costs were not included in the 2026-2027 General Fund budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Treasurer to make the following budget transfer in the 2026-2027 General Fund budget:

GENERAL EXPENSES

Increase

A7110.4140	Parks & Playgrounds – Equip. & Grounds	\$5,262.46
A7110.4200	Parks & Playgrounds – Supplies	\$4,413

Decrease

A1990.4000	Contingency	\$9,675.46
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Resolution #247-2026

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 4-0 vote.

WHEREAS, in July 2026, the Department of Public Works listed various materials and pieces of equipment for auction; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2026, all bids for the auction were closed, resulting in a total bid amount of \$20,306; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has requested that these funds be made available to purchase newer vehicles and equipment, aiding the fleet maintenance program by reducing future funding requests and enabling mid-fiscal year purchases,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Treasurer is authorized to make the following budget amendment to the 2026-2027 General Fund and Capital Fund budgets as follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Increase

A1000.2665	Sales of Equipment	\$20,306
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CAPITAL FUND EXPENSES

Increase

H5110.2010.27565	4x4 Pickup DPW	\$20,306
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c. Approval of Minutes

1 Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on
2 September 30, 2026, was made by Trustee Simon. The motion was
3 seconded by Trustee Nachtaler and approved with a 4-0 vote.

4 8. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

5 **Resolution #248-2026**

6 On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE NACHTALER, the following
7 resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson,
8 New York with a 4-0 vote.

9 WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees desires to update the language in the
10 Village Code to provide clarification in the review of land use applications for
11 consistency with the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan; and

12 WHEREAS, under the direction of the Village Board, the Village Manager has worked
13 with the Village Attorney and the Village Planner to develop language that will
14 provide for the Waterfront Advisory Committee to comment on land use
15 applications that come before the Village Board of Trustees, Planning Board, Zoning
16 Board of Appeals and/or Water Control Commission; and

17 WHEREAS, Local Law Introductory No. 14 of 2026 has been drafted for such
18 purposes; and

19 WHEREAS, on August 19, 2026, the Village Board of Trustees declared itself Lead
20 Agency for SEQRA purposes; and

21 WHEREAS, on September 30, 2026, the Village Board of Trustees undertook the
22 process and review described in detail in Parts 2 and 3 of the Short EAF
23 "Determination of Significance" attached hereto; and

24 WHEREAS, the Village Board held a public hearing to consider Local Law
25 Introductory No. 14 of 2026, which was opened and closed on September 30, 2026;
26 and

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

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

1 WHEREAS, on September 30, 2026, the Village Board reviewed the LWRP policy
2 standards and conditions,

3 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

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

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8 *POLICY 5A: When feasible, development within the Village should be directed within the current*
9 *service area of existing water and sewer facilities or in close proximity to areas where*
10 *distribution lines currently exist.*

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12 *POLICY 6: Expedite permit procedures in order to facilitate the siting of development activities*
13 *at suitable locations.*

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15 *POLICY 7E: Runoff from public and private parking lots and from storm sewer overflows shall*
16 *be effectively managed so as to prevent oil, grease and other contaminants from polluting surface*
17 *and ground water and impact to the significant fish and wildlife habitats.*

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

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24 *POLICY 7G: Construction activity of any kind must not cause significant degradation of water*
25 *quality or impact identified significant fish and wildlife habitats.*

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27 *POLICY 7H: Habitat-related policies identified in the Indian Brook-Croton Gorge Watershed*
28 *Conservation Action Plan will be considered in actions proposed for these areas (see Appendix*
29 *C).*

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31 *POLICY 11: Buildings and other structures will be sited in the coastal area so as to minimize*
32 *damage to property and the endangering of human lives caused by flooding and erosion.*

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34 *POLICY 12: Activities or development in the coastal area will be undertaken so as to minimize*
35 *damage to natural resources and property from flooding and erosion by protecting natural*
36 *protective features including beaches, dunes, barrier islands and bluffs.*

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38 *POLICY 13: The construction or reconstruction of erosion protection structures shall be*
39 *undertaken only if they have a reasonable probability of controlling erosion for at least thirty*
40 *years as demonstrated in design and construction standards and/or assured maintenance or*
41 *replacement programs.*

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

POLICY 18: To safeguard the vital economic, social, and environmental interests of the State and of its citizens, proposed major actions in the coastal area must give full consideration to those interests, and to the safeguards which the State has established to protect.

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

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

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

POLICY 25: Protect, restore, or enhance natural and man-made resources which are not It is for the reasons contained in this memorandum that the WAC issues its recommendation of consistency.

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

POLICY 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.

POLICY 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.

POLICY 33: Best Management Practices will be used to ensure the control of stormwater runoff and combined sewer overflows draining into coastal waters.

1 *POLICY 33A: The flow of stormwater discharge shall be controlled to limit the flow of pollutants*
2 *from street and parking areas, etc. directly into the rivers and water bodies.*

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4 *POLICY 37: Best management practices will be utilized to minimize the non-point discharge of*
5 *excess nutrients, organics and eroded soils into coastal waters.*

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

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10 *POLICY 38: The quality and quantity of surface water and ground water supplies will be*
11 *conserved and protected, particularly where such waters constitute the primary or sole source of*
12 *water supply.*

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14 *POLICY 39: The transport, storage, treatment and disposal of solid wastes, particularly*
15 *hazardous wastes, within coastal areas will be conducted in such a manner so as to protect*
16 *groundwater and surface water supplies, significant fish and wildlife habitats, recreation areas,*
17 *important agricultural lands and scenic resources.*

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19 *POLICY 44: Preserve and protect tidal and freshwater wetlands and preserve the benefits*
20 *derived from these areas.*

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22 *POLICY 44A: Wetlands, water bodies and watercourses shall be protected by preventing*
23 *damage from erosion or siltation, minimizing disturbance, preserving natural habitats and*
24 *protecting against flood and pollution.*

25 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that based upon the above, the Village Board of Trustees*
26 *confirms its determination that the Proposed Action clarifications in the review of land*
27 *use applications for consistency with the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan,*
28 *complies with the policy standards and conditions set forth in the Village's LWRP;*
29 *and*

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

34 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts Local*
35 *Law Introductory No. 14 of 2026 to amend Chapter 223, Waterfront Revitalization,*
36 *to provide clarification in the review of land use applications for consistency with the*
37 *Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan, which upon adoption becomes Local Law No. 13*
38 *of 2026.*

39 **Resolution #249-2026**

1 On motion of TRUSTEE SIMON, seconded by TRUSTEE NACHTALER, the following
2 resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson,
3 New York with a 4-0 vote.

4 *Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the*
5 *federal-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating*
6 *funds, therefore.*

7 WHEREAS, a Project for the NY-17 Half Moon Bay Bridge (BIN 2270050)
8 Reconstruction Project, PIN 8763.05 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title
9 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program
10 to be borne at the ratio of 95% Federal funds and 5% non-federal funds; and

11 WHEREAS, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson desires to advance the Project by making
12 a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of Construction.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board, duly convened does hereby

14 RESOLVE, that the Village Board hereby approves the above-subject project; and it
15 is hereby further

16 RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village of Croton-on-Hudson
17 to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of
18 Construction work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

19 RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,526,316 is hereby appropriated from capital account
20 H5110.2106.15287 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above
21 phase of the Project; and it is further

22 RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the
23 project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Village Board of the Village of
24 Croton-on-Hudson shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess
25 amount immediately upon the notification by the Village Manager thereof, and it is
26 further

27 RESOLVED, that the Village Manager of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson be and is
28 hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or
29 reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli Aid on behalf of
30 the Village of Croton-on-Hudson with the New York State Department of
31 Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and
32 providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance
33 funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and

1 state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore
2 that are not so eligible, and it is further

3 RESOLVED, that in addition to the Village Manager, the following municipal titles:
4 Superintendent of Public Works, Village Engineer, and Village Treasurer, are also
5 hereby authorized to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf
6 of the Municipality/Sponsor, with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or
7 approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement, and it is further

8 RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State
9 Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in
10 connection with the Project, and it is further

11 RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

12 **Resolution #250-2026**

13 On motion of TRUSTEE NACHTALER, seconded by TRUSTEE SIMON, the following
14 resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson,
15 New York with a 4-0 vote.

16 *Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the*
17 *federal-aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation*
18 *federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore*

19 WHEREAS, a Project for the NY-17 Half Moon Bay Bridge (BIN 2270050)
20 Reconstruction Project, PIN 8763.05 (the Project") is eligible for funding under Title
21 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program
22 to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

23 WHEREAS, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson desires to advance the Project by making
24 a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of construction and
25 construction inspection.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board, duly convened does hereby

27 RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby approves the above-subject project; and it
28 is hereby further

29 RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village of Croton-on-Hudson
30 to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of
31 construction and construction inspection work for the Project or portions thereof; and
32 it is further

1 RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,600,000 (\$2,000,000 minus the previous \$400,000)
2 is hereby appropriated from capital account H5110.2106.15287 and made available
3 to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

4 RESOLVED, that in the event that the full federal and non-federal share costs of the
5 project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson
6 shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately
7 upon the notification by the Village Manager thereof, and it is further

8 RESOLVED, that the Village Manager of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson be and is
9 hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or
10 reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the Village
11 of Croton-on-Hudson with the New York State Department of Transportation in
12 connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the
13 administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project
14 costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible
15 Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so
16 eligible, and it is further

17 RESOLVED, that in addition to the Village Manager of the Village of Croton-on-
18 Hudson, the following municipal titles: Superintendent of Public Works, Village
19 Engineer, and Village Treasurer are also hereby authorized to execute any necessary
20 Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor, with NYSDOT in
21 connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the
22 State/Local Agreement; and it is further

23 RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State
24 Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in
25 connection with the Project. and it is further

26 RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

27 9. PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

28 John Sasso, Morningside Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that prior to Tax
29 Assessing moving to the Town he spoke with Village Manager Bryan Healy and
30 was told that his increase would be minimal, but at the last meeting it appears
31 that he misspoke when he said that his increase was ten times that amount
32 or more, but upon checking thoroughly he realized he was incorrect and
33 wanted to publicly apologize. Mr. Sasso went on to say that according to data
34 recently published by the New York State Comptroller's Office, the Village of

1 Croton has recorded the lowest tax levy growth among all reporting
2 Westchester County Villages for the years between 2016 and 2025, where the
3 majority of Villages were seeing tax levy increases of 30% or more over a 10-
4 year period, the Village of Croton was 1.78% during that time, this is pretty
5 incredible and wanted to publicly say he spoke in error.

6 Debi Braddick, 23 Young Avenue, Croton on Hudson, thanked the Board for
7 approving the hours for Joanna Straub in the Recreation Department which
8 enables the Recreation Department to expand their programming for seniors,
9 stated that she is concerned about the signage for the new dispensary and
10 does not want to see signs coming into the Village advertising the dispensary,
11 asked when the Board will be continuing the pigeon discussion, and expressed
12 her concern regarding the timing of the appointment for a new Trustee.

13 David Lowell, Farrington Road, Croton on Hudson, expressed his
14 disappointment that the Village has not acted in the best interest of public
15 health with respect to gas-powered leaf blowers. Mr. Farrington gave a timeline
16 dating back to 2020 when the Village issued COVID emergency restrictions, in
17 2020 the Conservation Advisory Council received multiple positive comments
18 to extend the restriction year-round, the Conservation Advisory Council
19 sponsored a gas-powered leaf blower public forum and the Environmental Law
20 firm McCullough, Goldberger and Staudt LLP drew a road map to drafting a
21 successful law and the Conservation Advisory Council revised their plan to
22 phase in a full year ordinance by January of 2023, but on January 2022 the
23 Board approved that gas-powered leaf blowers would be restricted seasonally
24 and with multiple exemptions, hardly what the Conservation Advisory Council
25 suggested, the Conservation Advisory Council has had this now for five
26 months, even with all the research done in 2020, the Board's delay tactics
27 have worked, but now we are waiting again for the Conservation Advisory
28 Council's recommendations and asked that the Board not lose sight of the
29 health and safety of our citizens.

30 Ed Riely, 110 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, stated that he lives at a
31 junction of five neighborhoods surrounded by public parks and he has heard
32 zero leaf blowers in the last two weeks, electric leaf blowers, which he
33 purchased, are incapable of clearing his gutters and sidewalk because of the
34 accumulation of mud and believes that gas-powered leaf blowers are not
35 responsible for global warming. Mr. Riely stated that the appointment of the
36 Assistant Village Manager is terrible, it should be a nonpartisan person, and
37 believes it puts the Village Manager in a very bad position, understands that

1 two Trustees were upset about the recent ICE arrests in Croton, and suggested
2 they look into why they were arrested and this be made public, asked that the
3 Village Manager report on any effects from moving the assessor functions from
4 the Village to the Town, asked what they are using to wash the solar panels
5 because this is a sensitive conservancy area, stated that the October 7th attack
6 on Israel is one of the world's biggest atrocities, with a mass murder of 1500
7 people, it is his opinion that what Israel did was appropriate, just like how we
8 responded after Pearl Harbor, and addressed the boycott of CVS on the sale of
9 abortion drugs.

10 Village Manager Healy stated that the cannabis sign will not be coming back to
11 the Village Board, the Planning Board will be making that decision and those
12 who are interested should check the Planning Board agendas on the Village's
13 website, with regards to the animal law, the Board is continuing to work on
14 that law, and we should have some substantive changes, with respect to the
15 solar panel cleaning, this is a company that specifically does this work, they
16 are not using anything caustic, we have also spoken to them about the
17 drainage system, part of the issue is that the seagulls drop seashells on the
18 solar panels and we want to make sure that the seashells don't get washed
19 into the drainage pipes and potentially clog them up and we have had
20 extensive conversations about this work.

21 10.REPORTS:

22 Trustee Slippen congratulated Bob Anderson for being inducted into the 2026
23 Westchester County Senior Hall of Fame, supports the Veteran's disability
24 legislation and looks forward to the public hearing; the Harmonic Landing
25 Sound art project is priceless and is now going to become a part of the fabric
26 of Croton, and while it seems expensive, she is grateful that Croton is on the
27 receiving end of this piece of museum quality art, and thanked the Arts and
28 Humanities Committee for all their hard work, The Advisory Board on the
29 Visual Environment made some recommendations regarding the signage for
30 the cannabis dispensary and those recommendations have been sent to the
31 Planning Board, looking forward to a community conversation regarding gas-
32 powered-leaf blowers, this weekend was filled with great events and gave a
33 shout out to everyone who worked on the Fire Fair and Oktoberfest, was
34 fortunate to be able to tour the Harmon Train station and suggested that this
35 be open to students, congratulated Brooklyn Embodied Pilates on their recent
36 opening, and the Police Advisory Committee is working on the survey that will
37 be going out to the community shortly.

1 Trustee Nachtaler thanked everyone for making Oktoberfest a huge success,
2 attended the Brooklyn Embodied Pilates opening on October 3rd, attended
3 the Waterfront Advisory Committee meeting on October 6th where they
4 reviewed the cannabis law, on October 13th there will be a Planning Board
5 meeting, the IDEA Committee is holding Hispanic Celebrations at the Croton
6 Free Library on October 17th, and the League of Women Voters candidate
7 forum for Trustees will be held tomorrow night.

8 Trustee Simon thanked Ralph Becker for coming to our meeting this evening,
9 met with our seniors and updated them on additional funding for senior
10 programming and staffing, thanked the Fire Department for putting on a great
11 Fire Fair, last night he had the opportunity along with the Mayor to participate
12 in an October 7th Remembrance Ceremony held at Temple Israel in White
13 Plains, it was a moving experience where most of our political leadership was
14 there, we had the rare opportunity to hear from one of the hostages, it was
15 terrifying to hear his story but inspiring how he came through it, we also heard
16 from a young woman who was in the middle of the attacks, the Harry Chapin
17 Memorial Run Against Hunger will be held on October 18th, thanked our
18 Business Association for working with the Blaze in getting our shuttle up and
19 running for the Blaze and directed everyone to their website,
20 <https://www.allbizcroton.com/> for the shuttle schedule.

21 Village Attorney Dickson thanked Mayor Becker, not only for his very helpful
22 remarks, but for his love of municipal government, advised that she will be
23 attending, as a member of the Executive Committee of the New York State
24 Bar Association, the Fall Conference of local and state government officials
25 Friday through Monday, and looks forward to providing the Board with a
26 wealth of materials when she returns on Tuesday.

27 Mayor Pugh advised that he will be appointing Matthew Berger as Village
28 Trustee to fill the unexpired term of Nora Nicholson, Matthew has previously
29 served as the Chairman of the Advisory Board on the Visual Environment and
30 currently serves as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and he is
31 grateful that Matt will be working with us in this new role.

32 There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to close the
33 meeting was made by Trustee Simon. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nachtaler
34 and approved with a 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

35 Respectively submitted,

1 Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

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Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk