



**CITY OF RYE
1051 BOSTON POST ROAD
RYE, NY 10580**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
The Osborn
Wednesday, April 29, 2026
6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting**

The Mayor and Councilmembers are happy to meet with residents at City Hall. Check the City website for the “office hours” schedule at <https://www.ryeny.gov/government/city-council>.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order *Mayor*

WELCOME

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to the Public *Mayor*
3. Roll Call *Clerk*

ACTION ITEMS

4. Consent Agenda *Clerk*
- a. Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Meetings of April 11, 2026, and of April 15, 2026.
 - b. Consideration of a request from Apple Studios, LLC, to use portions of Purdy Avenue and City parking spaces to film an episode of Your Friends & Neighbors in Rye on May 14, 2026, from 7 AM to 8 PM.
 - c. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to transfer \$154,000 from Rye Gold Club's Reserve Account to the Rye Golf Club's Designated Project Account to support the replacement of the passenger elevator at Whitby Castle. *City Manager*

PRESENTATION

5. State of the City Address *Mayor*

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 8:00 p.m. for public session at City Hall.

City Council meetings are available live at www.ryeny.gov/home under Rye TV Government Videos, on Cablevision Channel 75 and Verizon Channel 39, and on demand, indexed by agenda item, on the City website at <https://www.ryeny.gov/government/city-council>.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Meetings of April 11, 2026, and of April 15, 2026.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

April 29, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council review and approve both meeting minutes.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: See the attached meeting minutes from April 11, 2026, and April 15, 2026.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the Joint Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye, the Rye Neck Union Free School District and the Rye City School District held at the Locust Avenue Firehouse on April 11, 2026 at 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH NATHAN, Mayor
EMILY BALDWIN
AMY KESAVAN
JAMIE JENSEN
JAMES WARD
Councilmembers

JANE ANDERSON, President
JENNIFER BOYLE, Vice President
CALLIE ERICKSON
MATTHEW SCHIBANOFF
TOM STEIN
Rye City School Board Members

BRIAN SHEA, City Manager
PATRICIA MURRAY, Superintendent of Rye City Schools
MICHAEL BURKE, Superintendent of Rye Neck Schools

ABSENT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

KEITH CUNNINGHAM
MARION ANDERSON

The City Council and the School Boards convened at 9:33 a.m.

1. [Pledge of Allegiance](#)

Mayor Nathan called the meeting to order and invited the Council and Board to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. [Roll Call](#)

Mayor Nathan asked the City Manager to call the roll for the City Council while School District Boards introduced themselves. A quorum was present for the City of Rye boards.

3. [Boston Post Road Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Matters](#)

Brian Dempsey, Chairman of the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee presented various TPS topics and concerns. A discussion followed.

4. [Rye Nature Center Riparian Project Information](#)

City Manager Brian Shea gave an update on Rye Nature Center Riparian Project and a discussion followed regarding impacts to the School District.

5. [City of Rye Comprehensive Plan](#)

City Manager Brian Shea gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan, along with Mayor Nathan on behalf of the City and a discussion followed. The District expressed interest in being involved.

6. [Adjournment](#)

There being no further business for the boards to discuss, Mayor Nathan adjourned the joint meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Noga Ruttenberg
City Clerk

UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the Ceremonial Square House Meeting
and Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held at
The Square House on April 15, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH NATHAN, Mayor
MARION ANDERSON
EMILY BALDWIN
AMY KESAVAN
JAMIE JENSEN
JAMES WARD
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

KEITH CUNNINGHAM

ALSO ATTENDING:

BRIAN SHEA, CITY MANAGER
KRISTEN WILSON, CORPORATION COUNSEL
MICHAEL KOPY, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Council convened at the Square House at 6:33 P.M. The meeting was streamed live at www.ryeny.gov for public viewing.

WELCOME

1. [Pledge of Allegiance](#)
Mayor Nathan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. [Roll Call](#)
The City Clerk called the roll, and there was a quorum.

3. [Welcome Remarks](#)
Former City Clerk, Susan Morrison welcomed everyone. Mayor Nathan gave opening remarks and welcomed former Mayors, Councilmembers and Board Volunteers.

4. [Remarks from Councilmembers](#)
Each Councilmember gave remarks.

5. [Remarks by Alison Relyea on the Living Landmarks Committee](#)
Alison Relyea presented on the mission of the Living Landmarks Committee and revealed the City of Rye logo for the 250th anniversary of our nation.

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6. [A toast to Rye](#)
7. [Adjournment of Ceremonial Square House Meeting](#)

The ceremonious Square Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm

BEGINNING OF THE REGULAR MEETING

1. [Report of the City Manager](#)

City Manager Brian Shea updated the City Council on various items.

2. Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items
No one spoke.

ACTION ITEMS

3. [Consent Agenda](#)
 - a) Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 25, 2026
 - b) Reschedule City Council Meeting originally scheduled for May 13, 2026, to May 6, 2026, at 8:00 PM
 - c) Approval of a request by the Rye Chamber of Commerce for the use of City Car Park #2 on Sundays for the Down-to-Earth Farmer’s Market to be held weekly from April 26, 2026 – November 22, 2026
 - d) Approval of a resolution authorizing a grant application to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for funding assistance for updated comprehensive plan
 - e) Authorization to publish a Request for Proposal for a Central Business District Design Guidelines & Zoning Standards Study

All Consent agenda resolutions:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR
UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Rye is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program for a project to update the City of Rye Comprehensive Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the governing board of the City of Rye City Council hereby does approve and endorse the application for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Planning Grant Program, for a project known as City of Rye Comprehensive Plan.

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On motion by Councilperson Ward, seconded by Councilperson Kesavan, and unanimously carried it was:

RESOLVED to approve all Consent Agenda items.

4. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from Consent Agenda.

5. [Appointments to Boards and Commissions](#)

- a) Landmarks Advisory Committee
 - Teresa May - Historical Society Representative
 - Kim Formon - Realtor
- b) Finance Committee
 - Justin Kuster – Chairman
 - Ted Burdick
 - Stephen Hasselmann
 - Rosanna Pezzo-Brizio
 - Sam Weinstock

The Council unanimously accepted the appointments.

6. [Approval of a resolution supporting an Inter-Municipal Cooperative Approach between the Village of Rye Brook, the Town of Harrison, and the City of Rye concerning the Blind Brook, and Storm Resilience](#)

On motion by Councilperson Baldwin, seconded by Mayor Nathan:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE APPROACH BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF RYE BROOK, THE TOWN OF HARRISON, AND THE CITY OF RYE CONCERNING THE BLIND BROOK, FLOOD MITIGATION, AND STORM RESILIENCE

WHEREAS, the City of Rye experiences more and more frequent flooding events that adversely affect public safety, private property, critical infrastructure, and environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, Blind Brook traverses and hydrologically connects the Village of Rye Brook, the Town of Harrison, and the City of Rye, such that flooding conditions and mitigation efforts in one municipality may have direct and material impacts on the other; and

WHEREAS, recent severe weather events have demonstrated the regional nature of flood risk within the Blind Brook watershed and corridor, underscoring the need for coordinated planning and response among affected municipalities; and

WHEREAS, an inter-municipal approach to flood mitigation can enhance the effectiveness of remedial measures through shared data, coordinated planning, identification of regionally impactful projects, and pursuit of state, federal, and other funding opportunities that may not be available to individual municipalities acting alone; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of collaboration with neighboring municipalities to reduce flood risk, protect residents and businesses, and promote resilient and sustainable watershed management;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Rye hereby expresses its support for and commitment to cooperate with the Village of Rye Brook and the Town of Harrison in pursuing an inter-municipal approach to flood mitigation on and around the Blind Brook; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such inter-municipal cooperation shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Sharing relevant hydrologic, engineering, environmental, and infrastructure data and other information related to flooding and flood mitigation within the shared waterways and watershed areas;
2. Collaboratively identifying, evaluating, and prioritizing flood mitigation projects and strategies that may have beneficial impacts across municipal boundaries;
3. Coordinating planning efforts, as appropriate, to help align proposed mitigation measures and minimize the potential for unintended impacts on neighboring jurisdictions; and
4. Identifying, pursuing, and obtaining funding sources, including but not limited to state and federal grants and programs, necessary to implement appropriate and effective flood mitigation and remedial measures.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager and other appropriate City officials, departments and staff are hereby authorized and directed to engage in discussions, data sharing, and cooperative planning efforts with the Village of Rye Brook and the Town of Harrison consistent with this resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is intended to express the City’s support and commitment to inter-municipal cooperation and does not, by itself, obligate the City to expend funds, perform work or enter into any binding agreement, unless and until such agreements are duly authorized by the City Council in accordance with applicable law.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons, Jensen, Ward, Anderson, Baldwin, Kesavan, and Mayor Nathan
NAYS: None

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ABSENT: Councilperson Cunningham

7. [Authorization for the City Manager to execute an agreement with Sport Tech Acrylics for renovations to the Pickleball Courts at Rye Recreation Park](#)

On motion by Councilperson Jensen, seconded by Councilperson Kesevan, it was:

RESOLVED the City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with Sport Tech Acrylics for Pickleball Court renovations with funding from the Rye Rec operating budget, reserve accounts or the Capex Reserve Fund.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons, Jensen, Ward, Anderson, Baldwin, Kesavan, and Mayor Nathan

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilperson Cunningham

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

8. [Upcoming Proposed Additions to the Rules and Regulations of the City of Rye Police Department](#)

- a) Policy 331 – Death Investigation
- b) Policy 416 – Field Training
- c) Policy 417 – Air Support
- d) Policy 418 – Contacts and Temporary Detention
- e) Policy 419 – Tour Supervisors

Public Safety Commissioner Mike Kopy summarized the proposed Rules and Regulations.

The Council unanimously accepted the proposed additions.

INFORMATION

9. [Councilmember Reports](#)

Councilmembers provided individual updates on the Boards and Commissions to which they serve as liaisons.

10. Old Business – New Business
Nothing was mentioned

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

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On motion of Councilperson Ward, seconded by Councilperson Jensen, and with the Council in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Noga Ruttenberg
City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request from Apple Studios, LLC, to use portions of Purdy Avenue and City parking spaces to film an episode of Your Friends & Neighbors in Rye on May 14, 2026, from 7 AM to 8 PM.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

April 29, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider the request

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: See attached request email and parking map.

[Draft] Fw: YF&N - Season 3 Filming in Rye

From

Draft saved Fri 4/24/2026 9:21 AM

Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 12:30 PM

To: Ruttenberg, Noga P. <nruttenberg@ryeny.gov>

Subject: YF&N - Season 3 Filming in Rye

Hi Noga,

I hope you've been well since we last spoke! We are gearing up for season 3 of *Your Friends and Neighbors*, and I wanted to reach out about filming in downtown Rye. Right now, we have an interior and exterior dialogue scene scripted for Sunshine Coffee Roasters on Thursday, May 14th. This schedule is still very preliminary and subject to change, but I wanted to go ahead and get in touch in case that date sticks. Do you foresee any conflicts with that date, and have there been any changes to the permitting process since last summer?

We are very excited to return to Rye! Everyone is easy to work with, and the downtown area photographs so well. It's always a positive, rewarding experience for us.

Thank you,
Ashton

Thursday - May 14th , 2026

1 INT. SUNSHINE COFFEE ROASTERS
SUNSHINE COFFEE ROASTERS
12 Purdy Avenue
Rye, NY 10580



STAGING
5 Spots on West Side
of Sunshine Coffee

PICTURE
4 Spots on South Side
of Purdy Ave

BOX TRUCK STAGING
RYE MUNICIPAL CAR PARK 4
12 Purdy Avenue
(bet. 1st & 2nd Sts.)





CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution authorizing the City Manager to transfer \$154,000 from Rye Golf Club's Reserve Account to the Rye Golf Club's Designated Project Account to support the replacement of the passenger elevator at Whitby Castle.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

April 29, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the transfer.

RESOLVED the City Manager is authorized to transfer \$154,000 from Rye Golf Club's Reserve Account to the Rye Golf Club Designated Project Account for the replacement of the passenger elevator at Whitby Castle.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: See the attached memo from the General Manager of the Rye Golf Club.

Chris Correale
General Manager
1051 Boston Post Road
Rye, New York 10580



E-mail:
gm@ryegolfclub.com
<http://www.ryeny.gov>

CITY OF RYE
Rye Golf Club

To: Rye City Council

From: Chris Correale

Date 4/23/26

Re: Reserve Fund Transfer

I am writing to formally request the transfer of \$154,000 from the Rye Golf Club Reserve Fund to the designated project account building construction / improvements (78521-52900) to support the replacement of the passenger elevator at Whitby Castle.

The existing elevator at Whitby Castle is currently inoperable and has reached the end of its useful life. After evaluation by TKE, it has been determined that a full replacement/refurbishment is necessary to restore safe and reliable access to all levels of the facility. This project is critical to maintaining accessibility, supporting ongoing operations, and ensuring compliance with applicable safety standards.

Attached is the proposal.

Modernization Proposal



The payment terms breakdown above shall be considered the Schedule of Values for the project as written. Billing shall be submitted on or before the 25th day of the month according to the payment schedule above and accompanied by a form of G702-703 pay application/schedule of values and a conditional waiver, the format of which is hereby acknowledged and accepted.

The use of online Portals for the submission of billing shall follow the terms of the Proposal and Purchaser agrees to permit billing in accordance with the executed contract terms. Portal access and usage is to be provided free of additional charge to TK Elevator and any additional cost for such use is to be reimbursed to TK Elevator via a reimbursable change order immediately upon acceptance.

Purchaser agrees that TK Elevator shall have no obligation to complete any steps necessary to provide Purchaser with full use and operation of the installed equipment until such time as TK Elevator has been paid 100% both of the price reflected in this Proposal and for any other work performed by TK Elevator or its subcontractors in furtherance of this Proposal. Purchaser agrees to waive any and all claims to the turnover and/or use of that equipment until such time as those amounts are paid in full.

Proposal price:		\$153,386.49
Initial progress payment:	(55%)	\$84,362.57
Material furnished:	(20%)	\$30,677.30
Total of remaining progress payments:	(25%)	\$38,346.62

Purchaser may elect to finance all or a portion of the purchase price for the work described in this Agreement through TK Elevator’s financing partner (“Financing Partner”), subject to the Financing Partner’s approval and the terms of a separate financing agreement (“Financing Agreement”) between Purchaser and Financing Partner. Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that [(i) Financing Partner is in no way affiliated with TK Elevator, (ii) Financing Partner will make any decision to offer financing to Purchaser independently and in accordance with its internal lending policies, (iii) TK Elevator cannot guaranty that Financing Partner will agree to provide financing to Purchaser on acceptable terms or at all, (iv) TK Elevator may be compensated by the Financing Partner in the event Purchaser enters into a Financing Agreement, and TK Elevator will not be a party to the Financing Agreement and shall have no responsibility for, and hereby expressly disclaims any liability arising out of or relating to, any decision on the part of Financing Partner to provide or decline to provide financing to Purchaser, and the negotiation, execution, performance, enforcement, or termination of any Financing Agreement. Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that Purchaser shall remain unconditionally and irrevocably liable to TK Elevator for any unpaid balance owing hereunder and TK Elevator’s acceptance of the Financing Partner as a payment source shall not constitute a novation, satisfaction, waiver, or release of Purchaser’s payment obligations under this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event Purchaser enters into a Financing Agreement with the Financing Partner and the Financing Partner fails or refuses to disburse any portion of the purchase price to TK Elevator for any reason, including without limitation default by either party under the Financing Agreement, bankruptcy or insolvency of either party, or termination of the Financing Agreement for any reason any unpaid purchase price then owing by Purchaser which shall be payable immediately by Purchaser upon demand by TK Elevator in accordance with this Agreement. Purchaser hereby waives any right of setoff, counterclaim, defense, or deduction against TK Elevator based on any act or omission of the Financing Partner. Purchaser further agrees that any assignment by TK Elevator to the Financing