

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

Present: Mayor Montreuil
Deputy Mayor Squicciarino
Trustee Coppola
Trustee Pallisco
Trustee Burger
Cathryn Hillmann, Village Clerk-Treasurer
Janet Bevers, Research Assistant to the Board

Absent: Thomas P. Gannon, Supt. DPW & Building Department

Mayor Montreuil opened the Board Meeting at 8:00 pm following the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Montreuil asked for a moment of silence for NYC and NHP Fire Department Chief John J. Nykiel, who passed away on Saturday, September 14th.

Mayor Montreuil commented that Chief Nykiel served in the FDNY and the NHPFD, and was a long-time resident of New Hyde Park. Mayor Montreuil recalled the time he had the opportunity to see Chief Nykiel in action, years ago during the LIRR derailment by the substation. Chief Nykiel managed the command post that evening and coordinated activities among emergency personnel, the utility companies, and all groups responding to this emergency. Chief Nykiel's passing is a big loss for our community, for his family, and for his friends.

Mayor Montreuil reported that Community Day was held this past Saturday in Memorial Park. The Board felt that it was best to postpone the annual street fair as it would be a further hardship for residents to close Jericho Turnpike while Covert Avenue was closed and under construction. A decision was made to have a more community centered and local event in Memorial Park. We were not looking for the big crowds that we get at the Street Fair. We wanted residents to have an opportunity to enjoy a day in the park, see neighbors, and old friends. The event went off well and we have Janet Bevers to thank for this. Janet works in the Village Clerk's office and does a number of things including organizing our street fairs for many years. There is a daunting amount of coordination, and the same level of coordination and management involved in the Street Fair had to occur for Community Day. Also, the Village didn't have outside professional support or an outside partner to bring in vendors. But Tr. Pallisco and Janet Bevers put this event together and fretted over all the issues, to the community's benefit.

Mayor Montreuil added that the Board appreciates what Janet does but that appreciation is shared more broadly. Assemblyman Ed Ra, our representative in the NYS Assembly also recognizes her abilities, accomplishments and sacrifices. Ed runs a Women of Distinction program, and has identified Janet Bevers as a recipient of this year's award. Assemblyman Ed Ra explained that the official ceremony was held Saturday, September 14th at the Westbury Public Library and eight women were honored. He added that Janet couldn't be at the ceremony because she was doing what Janet does....running a community event and ensuring it was the best possible community event. Ed added that Janet puts that type of effort into everything she does. Whether it's the street fair, or the Village Newsletter, or keeping the community informed and aware of important information. Assemblyman Ra said he was proud to have Janet as one of the honorees as a Woman of Distinction. On behalf of all NHP Village residents and all members of Assembly 19th District, Assemblyman Ra presented Janet Bevers with a Proclamation.

Minutes:

Upon motion by Tr. Coppola, seconded by Tr. Burger, the Board Minutes from August 15, 2019 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**Marcus Christ Hall:**

A request from the NHP Republican Club to use Marcus Christ Hall on Monday, September 23, from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm was granted.

Tr. Burger: Community Day was great. Thank you Tr. Pallisco, Janet Bevers, and the DPW crew.

Veterans Affairs

American Legion meetings have resumed and the first meeting was held at 1:00 pm today. Legion members participated at Community Day and were grateful for the extra help that the Village gave them regarding set up and equipment.

There is an article in the Summer Newsletter seeking new recruits for membership in the American Legion. Its members are getting old and the Legion is losing a lot of members. The changes in membership guidelines are outlined in the Newsletter article. It's time for the next generation to stand up and carry the flag for our Post Members. Interested parties can contact John McGuire or myself for more information. The VFW had to fold under the American Legion for lack of membership, and we do not want to see the American Legion fold. The Legion supports local veterans and is involved in the Memorial Day Observance Parade and the Veterans Day Ceremony. This year, the Village has taken on the responsibility for organizing both events.

The Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk, and Queens Counties is holding a veteran's recognition stand down on Monday, October 14 at 12 noon, sharp. The event will be held at the Irish American Society on Willis Avenue in Mineola. A flyer with more information will be posted in the lobby of Village Hall.

There will be a Veterans donation drive to benefit the Northport VA Medical Center. A box is in the lobby of Village Hall to accept donated items, such as toiletries, clothing of all sizes, blankets, luggage, etc. If you can help, there are many veterans in need.

Building Department

At Building Court on September 18th, 13 cases were heard ranging from property maintenance, working without permits, and single-family homes being used to for multiple families. Basement and illegal apartments are dangerous and illegal. If residents have concerns over illegal housing, please let the Village know. There is a Village Code Enforcement Officer that will investigate. The next Building Court will be held on October 16th and there are 11 cases on the docket, ranging from working without permits, use of single family home for multiple families, and property maintenance issues.

The Building Department issued 57 permits from August 15 – September 18.

Mayor Montreuil added that the Village website has a new addition and feature on the home page. "Anonymous Illegal Rental Reporting" can be used to report suspected illegal apartments or multiple families in a single-family home. The complaint and information is submitted directly to the Building Department.

LIRR

A meeting with 3TC this week confirms that Covert Avenue is progressing and on track to re-open October 12th, including the opening of 2nd and 3rd Avenue. There will still be some punch list items, and work on the sidewalks and on bridge abutments may result in 2nd and 3rd Avenue closing from time to time. A lot of questions have been raised that the bridge and road looks narrow, tight, and low. This has been addressed with 3TC. The road totals 24 feet in width, the sidewalk is 8 feet across, and the height of bridge is 14 feet. 3TC confirms these measurements and confirms the road has been inspected several times. This is the same bridge that was installed recently on Urban Avenue. The dimensions of the NHPFD Ladder Truck ensures it can pass through and under, and 3TC confirms that the road is in spec to the bridge. Today, Tr. Pallisco confirmed that additional fencing will be installed on Wayne Avenue.

There have been some lane closures on New Hyde Park Road. The Village insisted that 3TC could not close lanes on New Hyde Park Road while Covert Avenue is closed, as this adds to traffic congestion especially since Nassau Blvd. also has lane closures. We have contacted 3TC and the MTA about this. 3TC has been put on notice twice, because under the terms of our contract, there cannot be lane closures on New Hyde Park Road when Covert Avenue is closed. The Board thanks Leslie Mesnick for her help in putting 3TC on notice. Starting next Monday, New Hyde Park Road at Clinch Avenue will be closed, so drivers cannot make a left and go south. This is a dangerous intersection and 3TC is putting permanent barriers there Friday night or by Monday.

Mayor Montreuil added that lane closures on New Hyde Park Road has always been a concern and problematic. However, there will be lane closures tomorrow from Plaza Avenue to Jericho Tpke because the Water Authority is repairing the water main. Water service will be shut off tomorrow in this area. Village Hall will be closed because the water will be shut off. The Mayor apologized that Village Hall had to be closed again but he explained that employees cannot work without water or facilities. Mayor Montreuil explained that ultimately, it's more problematic if the Water Authority did the repair work at night because more people are home in the evening and more people would be impacted and inconvenienced. Repairs are expected to start after 8:30 am and there will be traffic issues throughout the day. There may also be additional work done at the corner of Jericho Tpke and New Hyde Park Road.

Tr. Burger continued reporting that New Hyde Park Road will not completely close during construction. There will always be two lanes open, 1 southbound and 1 northbound. The temporary partial lane closures and work are scheduled to begin on November 18th.

Traffic issues increased on South 12th Street especially after Labor Day weekend. The e-mails from residents are great because it's used to communicate issues back to 3TC, NCPD, POP Officers, and Auxiliary Police. The Village installed another stop sign on S. 12th Street to slow down traffic and make travel on this street a nuisance. The Village is also looking into installing speed bumps on S. 12th Street to slow down and divert traffic. The Village is also considering adding a 3rd lane on S. 12th Street, closer to Jericho Tpke. Then 2 lanes of traffic can turn right and go east, and one lane of traffic can turn left and travel west. This will help push traffic off of S. 12th Street quicker and reduce the traffic back up. If we eliminate parking spaces, there should be enough room for the extra lane. Stantec has been asked to draw up plans to ensure there is enough room for the 3rd lane. The Village also eliminated left turns on S. 12th Street at 2nd Avenue. Also, "no thru truck signs" and a temporary traffic signal at the railroad crossing is under consideration, but these items need further evaluation. A contractor hired by 3TC was unable to strip a "Do Not Block the Box" at 4th Avenue and New Hyde Park Road. Therefore, the Village will handle this directly.

Mayor Montreuil explained that public participation typically takes place after Trustee reports. But given the importance of and concerns with the LIRR Mainline Project, the public will be invited to raise LIRR related questions at the end of Tr. Burger's report.

Tr. Burger continued by urging residents to keep abreast of construction updates on the Village website, Village Newsletter, 3TC newsletters, and local newspaper articles. If problems or issues are seen, call the 3TC hotline at 203-4955.

Preliminary platform work will begin shortly in preparation for the new station. Some sections of the existing platforms will be knocked down and temporary ones installed. The work will be done in the right of way with a loss of approximately 20 parking spaces.

The Village is waiting for the conceptual design on the new electrical substation. The new substation will stay within the footprint of the existing substation, although it will be a bit taller. Construction has been pushed back to September 27th.

New utility poles were originally thought to be 120 feet high, ugly, and numerous. At the August 16th meeting with 3TC and the MTA, the design of the utility poles were reviewed. The good news is that there will be only 44 new poles installed to replace the 87 existing poles that are all different sizes with wires all over the place. So, the overall number of utility poles in the community will be reduced. The new poles will vary in height, and the highest pole will be 109 feet. The poles installed on Urban Avenue will be installed in New Hyde Park. Ultimately, the new utilities poles will look better than the existing poles look today.

Tr. Squicciarino:

Village Clerk's Office

Some changes have been made to the Village website. There is now an easier way to file an illegal housing complaint directly to our website: "Anonymous Illegal Rental Reporting", a new tile on the home page. The Board Minutes are now available on the website under the Village Board tab. And the Swift911 e-mail alerts have been activated. Residents who prefer to get alerts via e-mail can go to the Village website/SWIFT911 and enter their contact information.

Schools

The Homecoming Parade will be held this Saturday at 12 noon. Assembly at the Applebee's parking lot. Sewanhaka Homecoming Parade will be held on October 5th, with a rain date of October 12th.

The Village placed an order for MuniMeters at the railroad to replace and phase out the scratch off vouchers. Delivery of 8 machines are expected in 8 -12 weeks. DPW Supt. Gannon will help identify sites and handle the installation.

Town of North Hempstead will hold a paper shredding event on October 5th at the Clinton G. Martin Pool from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. There is a 3 bag limit per household. Old or unused medicines can also be brought to this event for collection.

The Hillside Public Library will hold blood pressure screenings on September 28 and October 19 from 10 am – 2 pm.

Long and Lean classes have begun and held on Monday and Thursday from 10:30 – 11:30 am. Classes are held in the lower level of Village Hall and are free to Village residents.

Mayor Montreuil introduced POP Officer Costanzo and POP Officer McGuire. POP Officer Costanzo provided a report of police activity and traffic enforcement efforts in the Village. He reported that in the last 3 weeks, 18 tickets have been issued, 10 of which were issued on S. 12th Street; a patrol car has been in the Village 3 – 4 days a week; and the police are enforcing the new “no left hand turn” ordinance on 2nd Avenue. September is typically the worst traffic month of the year. But the problem has gotten worse because of the LIRR construction, traffic detours, and road closures.

The following complaints/concerns were raised by residents:

- Drivers speed out of the resident parking lot on S. 11th Street to avoid traffic on S. 12th Street, typically around 4:45 pm – 6:30 pm.
- Drivers speed on 6th Avenue and 5th Avenue.
- Drivers are not stopping at the stop sign on S. 9th Street and 6th Avenue.
- A traffic light is needed at 6th Avenue and Covert Avenue. Mayor Montreuil explained that the Board has been trying to get this done for a long time, and has enlisted the help of Legislator Richard Nicoletto and the Nassau County Traffic Dept. And in a recent meeting with both parties, Mayor Montreuil asked the County to use traffic data from Stantec and traffic projections from 3TC for their analysis. A follow up meeting will be held next week. In the meantime, new stop signs will be installed to hopefully slow traffic down. Temporary light signals are being explored too. There may be a 60 – 90 day lead time once an approval is obtained from Nassau County.
- A crossing guard is needed on Covert Avenue to help children cross the street to get on the school bus, especially once Covert Avenue opens. Mayor Montreuil will talk to the School District about this concern.
- Southbound traffic on South 12th Street during the evening rush hour backs up to 1st Avenue, sometimes to Jericho Tpke, especially when trains are delayed and/or gates are down. And, once the gates go up, it’s gridlock in all directions. A resident suggests removing the stop signs on S. 12th Street to help traffic flow better. Mayor Montreuil commented that a grade crossing with a six way stop and a gate in the middle is a recipe for disaster. The Village has asked for a temporary traffic signal instead of stop signs since the MTA Police cannot help direct traffic at every rush hour.
- A big part of the problem are people who park, and double-park, on 2nd Avenue to pick up commuters. This is a no standing zone, but drivers are stopping there to pick up commuters.
- A lot of cars are parked on 1st Avenue every day, all day. Mayor Montreuil explained that the code officer issues tickets if the car exceeds parking limits. Often times, cars get moved before time expires.
- Turning onto Millers Lane from 2nd Avenue, with cars parked on both sides, is dangerous and hard to maneuver.
- During rush hour delays, can trains be held at Floral Park and not lined up waiting to enter New Hyde Park. This will give the gates a chance to stay up longer and allow traffic to flow better.

Mark Roche, MTA Executive who oversees the LIRR Mainline Project, addressed the audience. Mr. Roche explained that he attended tonight to hear from residents what is being done right, and what is not being done right. He said he heard some good ideas tonight and heard the public's concern, especially about S. 12th Street. Mr. Roche commented that he and his team will be in the neighborhood for next two months. And if they haven't gotten it right yet, they will get it right.

Resident Michael Morrissey asked why there is no back-up generator at the pumping station on Covert Avenue. He remarked that if electricity is compromised during a big storm, without a back-up generator, there will be a huge flood in this area. Mr. Roche said he thinks there is a secondary power source but will research this further.

Resident Rosemary Hudson asked where the "no left hand turn" signs are located. Mayor Montreuil explained the signs are located on S. 12th Street, as you cross over the grade crossing at 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue.

Resident Diane Bentivegna remarked that there have been a lot of good ideas put on table, and she appreciates the mitigation ideas outlined in Mayor Montreuil's September 10th posting. But, since this is a safety issue, why is it taking so long to put these measures in place. Mark Roche explained that he feels that it's not enough to be safe enough or good enough. He said that his team needs to go further and that the last two weeks have taught his team a lot. Mr. Roche said: "I am the boss, you will see change soon." Mayor Montreuil added that a possible contingency is to close S. 12th Street at Stewart Avenue, but it hasn't been implemented yet because we don't know if that will really help. Mayor Montreuil has already spoken to Stewart Manor about the possible closure. Mayor Montreuil added that this is a new idea and the Board needs to discuss it further. Traffic on S. 12th Street will get worse when New Hyde Park Road gets restricted, even after Covert Avenue re-opens. Covert Avenue pulls 11,000 cars a day and New Hyde Park Road pulls about 30,000 cars a day. So volume is higher on New Hyde Park Road and that traffic has to go somewhere. Some mitigation efforts can actually bring on other consequences. The Mayor added that another option being considered is to make South 12th Street a one-way street.

Tr. Burger thanked Mark Roche and Leslie Mesnick for being at the meeting tonight and for keeping the lines of communication open. Tr. Burger commented that the closure of Nassau Blvd has compounded the traffic problem in New Hyde Park. Some traffic congestion should ease when Nassau Blvd. opens on October 5th, and again when Covert Avenue opens on October 12th. Speed bumps on S. 12th Street will slow down traffic, but it may divert traffic onto South 9th Street. Lane reductions on New Hyde Park Road begin November 18th, so traffic may increase on surrounding streets.

Resident Diane Bentivegna commented that there should be a plan in place for an immediate response and on-site presence by the MTA Police when there are LIRR train delays and signal issues.

Leslie Mesnick expressed her sympathies on the passing of Chief John Nykiel and extended congratulations to Janet Bevers on receiving the Woman of Distinction award. She added that Janet has been invaluable in getting important Mainline Project information to residents. Ms. Mesnick told the audience that the highest road traffic occurs in September. Overall safety issues are a big concern for everyone. When the LIRR gates go down, it is railroad related but not all project-related. Ms. Mesnick said she and her team want to raise public awareness on track safety. She reported that, on average, the LIRR gates are hit by cars and trucks once a month. Ms. Mesnick brought safety information and comment cards for residents to fill out and submit with suggestions and ideas. She added that all drivers are delayed when the gates are down, and her team is trying to raise public awareness to not drive around a downed gate. Ms. Mesnick

added that the new bridges at Nassau Blvd and at Covert Avenue are at a higher elevation and upon opening, drivers will travel through a new and improved Covert Avenue and Nassau Blvd.

A resident mentioned that it's not just about the gates – it's also stupidity by drivers. The resident suggested that traffic signs should be printed in English and in Spanish too.

Mayor Montreuil reminded Ms. Mesnick that there is real impact to our residents and our community when signal work is being done, planned or unplanned.

A resident on South Park Place reported that it is impossible to make a left or a right hand turn onto New Hyde Park Road in the morning because drivers block the intersection. He added that the situation is bad now and will be worse in a few weeks. He asked that something be done such as painting a “do not block the box” or have someone stationed at the site to direct traffic. Mayor Montreuil explained that Tr. Burger is working on this issue and that signage for 4th Avenue and South Park Place can also be considered.

A resident on South 12th Street stated his opposition to removing any stop signs on the block. Speed bumps would be okay, but the stop signs are important. Mayor Montreuil explained that the suggestion mentioned previously was to remove the stop sign on South 12th Street at 2nd & 3rd Avenues at the grade crossing, and only if there is a traffic light to control traffic.

A resident suggested that when there are massive signal outages and trains back up, spread out the trains, so the gates stay up longer and traffic can flow. Mark Roche explained that there is new technology coming out next year that should be able to accommodate this suggestion.

A resident suggested a “no left hand turn” on South 11th Street at 3rd and 4th Avenues. Mayor Montreuil responded that while it's a good idea, any traffic restrictions will push traffic onto other blocks, so residents on surrounding streets will see greater amount of traffic.

Resident Sam Khoury reported that he contacted the MTA and requested a gridlock box be installed at Herkomer and Jericho Tpke.

Resident Khoury commented that he was not notified by the Water Authority about the temporary water shut down. Mayor Montreuil explained that the Water Authority only notifies homes impacted by the shutdown. The Village was notified because it was impacted. The Village placed a robo-call to all residents informing them that Village Hall would be closed on Friday due to the water main repair.

A resident asked for an update on the final traffic plan for Plaza Avenue. Tr. Burger explained that he spoke to Stantec on this issue, but he wants to review his notes further before commenting.

A resident asked if station platform space will be lost when New Hyde Park Road shifts to the west. Mayor Montreuil explained that next week, construction will begin on a temporary platform which will extend west of South 12th Street, probably past the Post Office. The platform is going to shift to the west to support the construction of new platform and new station. Approximately 20 spaces will be lost and additional congestion in this area.

Tr. Burger reported that next week, Clinch Road will be closed at New Hyde Park Road.

Resident Kurt Langjahr suggested rebuilding and widening S. 12th Street, Lakeville Road and New Hyde Park Road into four (4) lanes of traffic to increase traffic flow.

Resident Bess Giordano asked if the County doesn't determine a traffic light is needed at 6th Avenue & Covert Avenue, is it possible to install a speed bump. Mayor Montreuil explained that the Village is going through the analysis process with the County to get a traffic light installed. Mayor Montreuil added that it is intuitively obvious that a light is desperately needed there and he is confident that a light installed by Nassau County.

Mayor Montreuil asked Mark Roche to research if it's possible for a westbound train to clear S. 12th Street and raise the gates quicker at New Hyde Park Road grade crossing.

A resident reported that the area around S. 12th Street and 2nd and 3rd Avenues is very dark and dangerous because it's hard to see pedestrians walking in the area. Mayor Montreuil commented that street lighting in this area is under Village control and he will have it researched further.

A resident asked if more trains will be added to the LIRR schedule once mainline construction is completed. Mayor Montreuil explained that the LIRR plans to add 10 trains to the New Hyde Park station schedule, so the community will have more service. The LIRR confirms that these will be commuter trains, not freight trains.

A discussion occurred regarding the dimensions of the sound wall and the fence along the tracks.

A resident on 5th Avenue reported that commercial trucks are travelling, and often speeding on 5th Avenue. Mayor Montreuil commented that the ordinance is "local delivery only". Officer Costanzo took note of this issue.

A resident asked if a bike lane is still an option on South 12th Street. Tr. Burger explained that Stantec is researching this proposal. There are underground utility issues to consider, but a bike lane on the side of the road is still an option.

Tr. Coppola:

Nassau County Police

Two cars on Cherry Lane were stolen and there were a rash of cars broken in to. Residents are reminded to lock car doors. The 3rd Precinct made an arrest this week, which closes out a few open cases.

Residents should check the ID for anyone who comes to your house claiming to be from the Census Bureau, National Grid, LIPA, etc.

An 88 year old woman was recently scammed out of \$11,000. Officers from the 3rd Precinct will host a Scam Prevention Workshop on Monday, October 7th at 11:30 am and 7:30 pm at Marcus Christ Hall. Officer Costanzo advised the public to dial 911 to report an incident or to verify a solicitor at the door.

Fire Department

This is hurricane season and residents are advised to prepare a supply of food, water, batteries, phone chargers, first aide, medicine, cash, etc. Also it's important to arrange a family meeting place.

One hydrant will be closed tomorrow due to the water main repairs.

Last Saturday, Mayor Montreuil presented proclamations to Michael Levy for his 50 years of service and John Melinski for his 70 years of service in the New Hyde Park Fire Department.

Chief John Nykiel passed away on Saturday, September 14th. He was an ex-Chief of the Hook and Ladder, a Nassau County Fire Commission First Battalion Chairman, an instructor at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy in Bethpage, and a FDNY Battalion Chief working on counter terrorism. His passing is a tremendous loss for his wife, family, friends, and the community.

Tr. Coppola recognized two other long-time members of the NHP Fire Department. He asked residents to thank them both when you see them:

- Roger Sakowich, a lifetime resident of the Village, former Commissioner of the NHP Fire Department, and is recently retired from the FDNY as the Manhattan Borough Commander. Roger also has two brothers in the NHP Fire Department: Ron and Reid Sakowich. Ron Sakowich is the Village Plumbing Chairman and also serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Reid Sakowich is the Village Plumbing Inspector.
- James Kane, a long-time resident, a retired FDNY Battalion Chief, FDNY Incident Management Team Commander, and a volunteer with relief efforts after the hurricane in Puerto Rico. Jim has two sons who are members of the NHP Fire Department.

Tr. Pallisco:

Zoning Board of Appeals

The September 11th meeting was cancelled because there were no cases on the docket.

There is one case on the docket for the October 9th hearing:

- 41 South 17th Street – the applicant is seeking to construct a full second story addition and to square up the first story below. The homeowner also wants to add a second bay to the existing one car garage.

Architectural Review Board

On September 4th, the following cases were heard:

- 561 6th Avenue – a second story addition was approved, with some suggested changes.

There is one case on the docket for the October 2nd hearing:

- 1208 Jericho Tpke.

Tree Committee

New trees will be planted in the Fall.

Cultural Commission

The Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club will host their annual golf outing fundraiser on Wednesday, September 25th at Harbor Links. This is a great cause and all the money is donated to local charities.

The NHP Gladiator Fund will host a golf outing fundraiser tomorrow.

Mayor Montreuil: No additional reports were provided.

RESOLUTIONS:

19-38 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #19-08

19-39 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGETARY

ACCOUNT CODES

Old Business:

- Emergency generator for Village Hall – no update provided.

Public Participation:

A resident asked the status of the Harley Davidson application. Mayor Montreuil provided a brief overview of activity to date and estimated that a public hearing on this application could take place in November 2019.

A resident asked why an application of this nature could go on for the past 3+ years, if it goes against Village Code. Mayor Montreuil explained that all property owners have rights. Certain restricted uses must come before the Village Board. The Board saw some signification issues in the Harley Davidson application and declared it a full SEQRA review. The Village must respond to applications within a certain time period. The applicant does not have such requirements. Therefore, a year went by and the Village did not hear anything from the applicant. The resident added that the Harley application threatens the peaceful enjoyment of life on his block. He added that residents on Herkomer Street and South Park Place already get choked by Church congregants parking on their block all day. Mayor Montreuil added that the Harley dealership exists on Northern Blvd and this site provides a good indication of what the Village may experience.

Resident Michael Morrissey complained that ShowTime drives trucks on South 5th Street and 2nd Avenue in violation of the “no thru truck” signs, 7 days a week, and are getting away with it.

Resident Mrs. Johnson complained that Showbiz Trucks park in front of her house, run the engines and emit diesel fumes. Mayor Montreuil stated that the property owner will be contacted. Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Morrissey report that this property owner does what he wants, despite Village code or ordinances.

A resident asked the status of the new DPW facility. Mayor Montreuil explained that schematic plans have been reviewed. There is a lot of red tape in getting the grant funds, but demolition is expected in the spring 2020.

A resident asked why Vision Long Island had a table at Community Day. Mayor Montreuil explained that Vision Long Island was there to collect ideas and gather input from residents.

A resident suggested that a committee of New Hyde Park residents been formed to work on a master plan for 2nd and 3rd Avenue, and not just rely on Vision Long Island. The resident asked if there are strings attached to the funding. Mayor Montreuil explained that the Village received a \$5 million grant for the purpose of developing and beautifying that area. The Village also receives funding from community development grants and residential rehabilitation.

Resident Bob Femminella commented that diesel fuel emissions are carcinogenic and asked if there is an ordinance prohibiting running a diesel engine.

POP Officer Mike Costanzo reported that three checks were stolen from a local postal box. Tamper proof boxes with a 3-way door will be in place soon to prevent mail “fishing”.

There being no further business or public participation, upon motion by Tr. Coppola, seconded by Tr. Burger and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting ended at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janet Bevers

Research Assistant to the Board