

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 5, 2020**

**This meeting was presented via Zoom Remote Conferencing due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.**

**Present:** Mayor Montreuil  
Deputy Mayor Squicciarino  
Trustee Coppola  
Trustee Pallisco  
Trustee Burger  
Thomas P. Gannon, Supt. DPW & Building Department  
Igor Sikiric, Deputy Supt. DPW  
Cathryn Hillmann, Village Clerk-Treasurer  
Lara Verbanac, Research Assistant to the Board

**Absent:**

Mayor Montreuil opened the Board Meeting at 8:11 pm following a Special Use Public Hearing. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the hearing.

**Minutes:**

Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Coppola, the Board Minutes from October 15, 2020 were unanimously approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

A request was granted to the Nassau County Auxiliary Police Unit # 212 for the use of the Village Court Room to hold their monthly meetings. The meetings would be held on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Monday of every month from 7 pm to 9 pm. If the Monday would fall on a holiday the meeting would be pushed to the following Monday.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Trustee Coppola:**

Encouraged everyone to stay vigilant and continue to wash hands, wear masks and stay socially distant whenever possible during the pandemic.

**New Hyde Park Auxiliary**

During Halloween the Auxiliary Police was patrolling the area even though it was a quiet day with not much happening. Commander Concannon had an Auxiliary car parked on S Park Place, to discourage people from using the one way street as a two way. The car seemed to have made an impact.

### **New Hyde Park Fire Department**

- NHPFD held a Blood Drive on November 2, 2020. With Blood Banks running low they will be holding another one on November 20, 2020 from 2 pm to 9 pm. He encouraged all who are interested in donating blood to visit the NHPFD.
- Everyone is reminded to check their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If the detectors are 10 years old or more they should be replaced.

### **Nassau County Police Department**

Car break-ins are still being reported in the neighborhood ranging from change stolen from inside the vehicle to laptops and keys. Residents were reminded that they need to lock their vehicle doors and to call 911 if they see anyone suspicious lurking around their residence.

### **Little League**

As of Labor Day weekend Little League had ended for the year.

### **Trustee Pallisco:**

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

- The last meeting of the Zoning Board was held on October 14, 2020, with one case on the docket.
- The next meeting of the Zoning Board is scheduled for November 10, 2020, with one case on the docket:
  - 127 N 10<sup>th</sup> Street – The applicant is seeking approval to construct a second story addition. The second story addition would bring the floor area to 1978.22 square feet. The maximum permitted floor area is 1800 square feet. The second story addition to the north leaves a side yard of 3.91 feet where a 5 foot side yard is required.

#### **Architectural Review Board**

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on November 4, 2020, with one case on the docket:
  - 554 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street – Approval was granted, pending a landscaping plan, to the homeowner proposing a two story addition with a 1.5 car garage.
- The next meeting is scheduled to be held on December 2, 2020. There are no cases on the docket at this time.

### **Trustee Burger:**

#### **Building Report**

- Village building court was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, with 26 cases on the docket.
  - Cases included: property maintenance, working without a permit, illegally parked on lawn, violation of special exception, illegal use of a single family home, working without a permit, illegal second kitchen, harboring undomesticated animals and working on Sunday.
- The next Village building court will be held on November 18, 2020 at Village Hall, with 25 cases on the docket, involving property maintenance, working without a permit, violation of special exception, illegal use of a single family home, illegally parked on lawn, harboring undomesticated animals and illegal second kitchen.
- There have been 66 permits in total approved and issued from October 15 to November 4, 2020

### **LIRR**

- Work continues to move forward on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Track Project.

- S 12<sup>th</sup> Street has been permanently closed as of October 24<sup>th</sup>. Pedestrian and vehicle detour plans have been released and posted on the Village website. MTA and 3TC announced that the pedestrian underpass should be completed in Q3 of 2021. The Village Board is pushing hard for them to open earlier.
  - Pedestrian passageway will be prefabricated and will also have to be pushed into place as did the underpass at New Hyde Park Road as well as Covert Avenue.
- Night work was proposed for the next two weeks from 11pm to 5 am. Mayor Montreuil and Trustee Burger spoke to 3TC and the work was rescheduled to be done during the day. It should begin November 16<sup>th</sup>. Residents should be aware that vibration equipment will be used.
  - Platform night work is scheduled to end this week.
  - No night work is scheduled for several upcoming weeks.
- Double track outages will continue during the weekends through November.
- New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue parking lot safety concerns are being addressed. Striping has been redone, including dash lines. The Village Board is working with Stantec on the exit and entry points into the lot to see if changes can be made.
- Construction continues to move forward on both the station house and the platforms. The support columns and platform overhang are starting to take shape.
- The foundation work on the electrical substation has been completed, as well as the utility work within the substation.
  - Work continues Monday-Friday, during the daytime hours.
  - The Village Board is still awaiting an answer on the perimeter and fencing.
  - The substation is expected to be up and running by Q3 of 2021.
- Pole installation has been completed. Utilities will be relocated onto the poles. There will be periodical outages when that work is being done and residents will be notified beforehand.
- Truck access for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues is still being worked on. The current truck access plan can accommodate an 18 wheeler from 45-55 feet, in order for the road to accommodate larger trucks, over 30 parking spots would have to be removed from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The Village Board is waiting on MTA and 3TC with an update.

### **Water Authority**

- The Station 57 project has kicked off.
- PSEG will be working on removing the power from the facility. With COVID and the recent storm they are slightly backed up.
- There have been several complaints from residents on rusty water. 3TC was tapping into fire hydrants without a permit. The Water Authority is aware of the situation and is sending out inspectors who will be fining the contractors using the hydrants without authorization.

### **Veterans Affairs**

- American Legion Post 1089 held its first meeting since the start of COVID on October 17, 2020 at Marcus Christ Hall.
- The plans for the Veterans Day Ceremony have been finalized. The Ceremony will be held on the front lawn of Village Hall on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Setup up will start at 10.45 am and the ceremony beginning at 11 am.

In regard to Jericho Turnpike and Covert Avenue signal timing. Deputy Superintendent Sikiric is working with the DOT to have the signal adjusted. Additionally Deputy Superintendent Sikiric is working with them to repaint the Do-No-Block-the-Box on the corner of Jericho Turnpike and Herkomer Street.

**Trustee Squicciarino:**

**Village Clerk’s Report**

Coin Collection	\$2,000.00
Mortgage Tax 1 <sup>st</sup> Pymt.	\$21,499.41
Court Fines - Traffic	\$48,389.00
Court Fines – Building	\$4,972.00
2020/2021 Taxes Paid	\$2,408.37
Building Permits	\$4,819.09
FEMA Application Submittal	\$45,000.00

- Town of North Hempstead taxes are due December 10, 2020
- All Village of New Hyde Park Tax balances are due December 31, 2020

**Village Parks**

Village parks will remain open throughout the year, however facilities have been closed for the winter months.

**Library**

Library is now open for browsing by appointment only. To make an appointment go to the library website to sign up or call to make an appointment. There are virtual events offered online for all those who are interested.

The Lakeville Estates Civics Association is holding a veterans food drive on November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 12 pm. No glass jars will be accepted. Food can be dropped off at the Manhasset Lakeville Firehouse.

The repaving project on Covert Avenue is almost complete. Hillside Avenue is still being worked on, however a section of it has been repaved.

**Mayor Montreuil:**

The Village Board met in regard to the Harley Davidson Final Environmental Impact Statement. Updates were provided to the applicant to which Harley Davidson will have to respond with final updates to the Final Environmental Impact Statement. The Mayor and Board expect for the hearing to be in January.

The Candidate for the Master Plan has been chosen by the Village Board. The engineering firm Nelson Pope Voorhis was selected. The reason for choosing them over anyone else was because of the resources they put into the proposal. Nelson Pope Voorhis will be soliciting input from our residents to see what it is they would like to see done with the area.

**Department of Public Works**

- Leaf pickup has begun this week. One or both of the DPW vacuum trucks are being used. Leaf pickup will continue until December or until there are no more leaves.
- There will be no trash pickup on Veterans Day. The day after will be a double day trash pickup.

Trustee Burger thanked Superintendent Gannon and Deputy Superintendent Sikiric for helping the New Hyde Park Road School with handicap parking. The principal of the school was very pleased with how fast the request was granted.

He also thanked Lara Verbanac for the Veterans Day poster she designed. The poster was placed in the Village's Kiosk on Lakeville Road.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**20-39 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #20-11**

**20-40 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING VILLAGE ELECTION DAY 2021 AND POLLING PLACE**

### **New Business:**

There was none.

### **Old Business:**

There was none.

### **Public Participation:**

Resident Andrew Faglio questioned if:

- The Auxiliary car on the corner of S Park Place will stay there. The car is making a difference with people driving down the road in the wrong direction. Trustee Coppola stated that the Auxiliary Police can keep the car there per the request of the residents.
- There is a tree on S Park Place that is shedding branches. It looks rotted and has green mold on it. He requested someone from DPW look to see if it needs to be taken down. Superintendent Gannon will be sending someone over to investigate.
- He stated that there is a lot of debris by the construction area and he had two tires ruined in the last several months.
- Will the residents and their legal representatives have a chance to look at the Final EIS from Harley Davidson before the hearing in January. Mayor Montreuil stated that when the Final EIS is finalized and Harley Davidson comes to the Village Board for approval, the Board will open it up for public comment for 10 days. They will then have a chance to look over the Final EIS before the final hearing.
- Are there plans to place a don't-block-the-box on the corner of New Hyde Park Road and S Park Place. Mr. Faglio is concerned that because of the light at Plaza Avenue the traffic will be backing up and blocking the exit from S Park Place. Deputy Superintendent Sikiric will be reaching out to the county to see if a box can be placed at that corner.

Resident Diane Bentivegna questioned if the Village is aware that a 24/7 laundromat will be opening in the building next to Yesterday's Diner. If so are there any concerns that the 24/7 business can attract unique challenges and how will those challenges be addressed. Superintendent Gannon will look into the hours of operation for the new laundromat that will be opening. He is not aware that it will be a 24/7 operation.

Resident Kimberly Huemmer-Kane questioned the reason behind re-zoning 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues. Additionally she questioned why the Village Board felt that this was the best decision for the residents. Mayor Montreuil stated that the Village Board wanted to have more control and flexibility on what businesses can be in the industrial zone. Deputy Mayor Squicciarino added that for that reason a consulting firm was hired to canvas the area and see what the residents would prefer be done with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues. The only reason the zoning change

was made was to improve the area. Hence the reason for the consulting firm who will be checking with the residents so that any changes proposed can be done collaboratively with the residents.

Resident Norberto questioned if any grant money was received for the master plan. Mayor Montreuil stated that funds were received that can be allocated for improvement of the industrial area. If consultants, after canvassing the area, recommend no improvement based on resident recommendations, then the money will be re-allocated.

Resident Ann Stevenson questioned if funds can be requested for the Beautification Committee. Trustee Burger stated that part of the LIRR improvement project has a beautification plan in place that allocates money for tree planting and improvement.

There being no further business or public participation, upon motion by Trustee Coppola, seconded by Trustee Pallisco, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting ended at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Lara Verbanac*

Research Assistant to the Board