

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
January 7, 2021**

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, Superintendent DPW & Building Department
Igor Sikiric, Deputy Superintendent DPW
Cathryn Hillmann, Village Clerk-Treasurer
Lara Verbanac, Research Assistant to the Board

Absent:

Mayor Montreuil opened the Board Meeting at 8:00 pm following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Upon motion by Trustee Coppola, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, the Board Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2020 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

License Renewals:

Carter: APPROVED

Millennium Container Service – 145 Dixon Avenue, Amityville
National Waste Service – 1 Jem Street, Bay Shore
Long Island Waste Services – 390 N. Broadway, Jericho (**NEW**)
AVF Development Corp – 50 2nd Avenue, Garden City Park
PCI Contracting – 561 Donald Lane, Woodmere
Eagle Sanitation – PO Box 298, Woodbury

Tow Car: APPROVED

C&N Auto Center – 96 Jericho Turnpike, Floral Park
Nuzzi Brothers Auto Collision – 77 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park

Used Car: APPROVED

PHD Diagnostic and Repair – 167 Lakeville Road, New Hyde Park

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Coppola:

Auxiliary Police

The Auxiliary Police continues to patrol our area keeping our residents safe.

Nassau County Police Department

Residents are reminded to lock their car doors and remove valuables from their cars. There has been an uptick in car break-ins.

New Hyde Park Fire Department

Residents are reminded to dig out the fire hydrant in front of their home during snow storms.

There has been an increase in Covid-19 numbers therefore everyone should continue to practice social distancing, wash hands and wear masks. Anyone who is sick is encouraged to stay home even if unsure they have Covid-19.

The Covid-19 vaccine is currently getting distributed to group 1A, which includes hospital workers, doctors, nurses and other health care workers, including FD EMTs. Group 1B will include fire departments, police departments, teachers, sanitation workers and others. To check if you're eligible to receive a vaccine as part of group 1B you can go to covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov.

Trustee Pallisco:

Zoning Board of Appeals

- The last meeting of the Zoning Board was held on December 9, 2020, with one case on the docket:
 - 1420 Lowell Avenue – Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to maintain a second above grade kitchen under special exception which was being utilized by his mother-in-law and is now being transferred to his daughter.
- The next meeting of the Zoning Board is scheduled for January 13, 2021. There are no cases on the docket at this time.

Architectural Review Board

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on January 6, 2021, with three cases on the docket.
 - 48 Lewis Avenue – Approval with suggested changes was granted to the applicant proposing a subdivision to construct two single family homes.
 - 21 N 10th Street – Decision was placed on hold for the applicant proposing a subdivision to construct two single family homes.
 - 657 7th Avenue – Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to remove a portion of a brick wall and construct a brick chimney, two French doors, new deck, and a new 4 foot high fence.
- The next meeting is scheduled to be held on February 3, 2021, with one case on the docket.

Noise Abatement

Per the three noise abatement committees in Long Island (Plane Sense, Quiet Skies and TVASNAC) a bill has been drafted and has been with NY Senator Todd Kominsky for quite some time. It outlines the noise and air pollution, as well as the quality of life impacts caused by airplane noise. In order for the bill to move forward, noise abatement committees are asking residents to write to Senator Kominsky. Check the Village Website for contact information.

Beautification Committee

A donation was received from Joe Pallazzola for \$2,000 to be used for the purchase of new holiday lights. The Village Board thanks Mr. Pallazzola for his continued support.

Trustee Pallisco along with the Superintendent of Floral Park is looking into switching out the old lighting along Jericho Turnpike for LED lighting, which would save money on maintenance and cost.

Trustee Burger:

Building Report

- The last Village building court scheduled for December 16, 2020, was canceled due to Covid-19 concerns.
- The next Village building court will be held on January 20, 2021 via telephone conference, with 21 cases on the docket, involving property maintenance, violation of special exception, working without a permit, illegal use of a single family home, power washing vehicles on Sunday morning, legalize and maintain a finished cellar, vending truck with no permit, and illegally parked on lawn.
- There have been 19 permits in total approved and issued from December 17th to January 7th.

LIRR

- Work continues to move forward on the 3rd Track Project.
- Residents reported an issue at the G14 Substation. Vibration equipment was used to remove the remainder of the shoring piles, however the residents were not made aware that the work was going to be happening.
 - The Village Board requested the MTA send a detailed description of all future work so that residents can be alerted in advance.
 - In February a prefabricated structure will be trucked in so that the substation construction can begin. The Village Board will announce the exact dates as soon as they receive them.
 - Perimeter wall proposal has been approved by the Village Board. The wall will be more aesthetically pleasing than the original fence which was proposed.
- Work continues on S 12th Street.
 - MTA and 3TC announced that the pedestrian underpass should be completed in the fall of 2021.
 - Pedestrian passageway will be prefabricated and will be pushed into place on April 21st. There will be a double track outage that weekend so the work can be completed.
- There is no night work scheduled for January 2021.
- There are 3 weekends of double track outages scheduled for January 2021 as well as for the weekend of February 20, 2021.
- There has been no new updates regarding the New Hyde Park Road underpass.
 - A flashing crosswalk sign request has been placed with the Nassau County.
 - A resident requested a 'do not block the box' sign be placed on the corner of S Park Place and New Hyde Park Road. The request is currently with Nassau County.
- Construction continues to move forward on both the station house and the platforms. The 10 car platforms are scheduled to open toward the end of winter 2021 with the full 12 car platform opening after the completion of construction at S 12th Street.
- Wall construction is slated to start in late February or early March. The wall pieces are prefabricated and will be brought in by rail, so there will be no truck traffic when the wall construction starts.

Water Authority

Demolition to the building at Station 57 was completed and debris from the site will be carted away starting Friday. A few complaints were received in regard to the jackhammering at the site during demolition.

Veterans Affairs

American Legion Post 1089 canceled all its meeting for the year due to Covid-19 concerns. There will be an announcement when the meetings commence.

Trustee Squicciarino:

Village Clerk’s Report

Coin Collection	\$10,690.00
NC Mtg. Tax 2 nd Payment	\$28,246.15
	\$41,106.47
Licenses Issued	\$6,030.00
Court Fines	\$37,193.50
Munimeter Revenue	\$10,026.40
Parking Permits	\$20,580.00
2020/2021 Taxes Paid	\$107,622.50
Penalties Paid	\$918.12
Building Fees	\$25,136.43
Holiday Light Donation	\$2,000.00

The 2019/20 Village Audit has been completed. Bill Barret will be presenting the findings at the next board meeting on January 21, 2020.

Chamber of Commerce

Because of Covid-19 the Presidential Gala for 2021 will be held virtually on January 21st at 6 pm.

Library

Hillside library will not be charging late fees for books borrowed from January to June of 2021.

Deputy Mayor Squicciarino encouraged everyone to download the GoGov app launched by the Village. First notifications were sent out in December of 2020.

Mayor Montreuil:

- In regard to the Harley Davidson, there has been no updates on the final EIS. Once the final EIS is submitted the Village Board will provide an update.
- There are no new updates on the development of the Master Plan.

Department of Public Works

- In December, DPW cleared and cleaned up the Village parks getting them into shape for the winter months.
- Per Deputy Superintendent Sikiric, there was one tree and several branches down during the wind storm on Christmas Day. Cleanup was done on Monday, December 27th.
- The street sweeper was down for a month because of a mechanical problem. It is now back on the streets.

- Currently the DPW highway group is doing pothole repairs which will take 2 to 3 weeks.

Trustee Pallisco announced that 3TC has been using the Stewart Avenue storm basin to stage trucks for the LIRR construction project. Mayor Montreuil added that the MTA was unaware of that. The Village Board requested that the MTA provide more information on what is going on with the project, and what can be expected.

RESOLUTIONS:

20-62 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #20-

20-63 A RESOLUTION FOR THE VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING

20-64 A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 198-1 SCHEDULES AND CHARGES OF THE VILLAGE CODE

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Participation:

Resident Andrew Faglio thanked DPW for picking up the trash during the holiday season as well as trimming the tree on his street that was posing a hazard during storms. Mr. Faglio commented that he has used the GoGov app several times already and the response time has been excellent. Additionally he stated that the 'don't block the box' was finally painted on the corner of Jericho Turnpike and Herkomer Street.

Resident Kim Huemmer-Kane thanked Trustee Burger and Superintendent Gannon for their quick response during the day of the vibration due to the G14 substation construction.

- Ms. Huemmer-Kane stated that she spoke to Judy White, the LIRR liaison, who informed her that when the large sections of the new G14 substation are trucked into the Village, the residents will be offered hotel rooms if they so choose, while the installation takes place. Mayor Montreuil stated that sections of the substations will be prefabricated and brought in during the night time hours. They will consist of long panels which will be trucked in by 5 separate trucks. Because of the oversized loads the trucks will carry, they will be escorted by police. The Village Board has not received a truck route as of this time. A truck route is required to make sure the oversized load does not interfere with any Village wires or trees. Trustee Burger added, that hotel rooms might be offered to the residents closest to the substation because of the intrusiveness the installation of the new substation will cause.
- Additionally Ms. Huemmer-Kane questioned why it was that there was a large crane in the road on South 9th Street. Trustee Burger stated that the crane was used for utility pole installation.

Resident Sam Khoury thanked the all those involved for getting the ‘don’t block the box’ sign painted on the corner of Jericho Turnpike and Herkomer Street.

- He pointed out that the island in the new Plaza Avenue parking lot has been damaged. Trustee Pallisco stated that the island gets covered in snow and it’s possible that it was damaged by the plow. Deputy Superintendent Sikiric added that the lot was plowed by the LIRR. Trustee Burger suggested the island get marked with stakes during the next storm.

There being no further business or public participation, upon motion by Trustee Coppola, seconded by Trustee Burger, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting ended at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lara Verbanac

Research Assistant to the Board