

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2021**

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

Present: Mayor Montreuil
Deputy Mayor Squicciarino
Trustee Pallisco
Trustee Burger
Igor Sikiric, Deputy Superintendent DPW
Binu Pillay, Superintendent of Building Department
Cathryn Hillmann, Village Clerk-Treasurer
Lara Verbanac, Research Assistant to the Board

Absent: Trustee Coppola
Thomas P. Gannon, Superintendent of PDW

Mayor Montreuil opened the Board Meeting at 8:00 pm following a Public Hearing. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the hearing.

Minutes:

Upon motion by Trustee Pallisco, seconded by Trustee Burger, the Board Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2021 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

License Renewals:

Carters: APPROVED

Winter Brothers – 120 Nancy Street, West Babylon

Landscapers: APPROVED

Oscar Hernandez Landscaping – 1063 Jackson Ave, Franklin Square
Ramalhete and Sons Landscaping – PO Box 418, Williston Park
Rosario Castellano Landscaping – 35 N 11th Street, New Hyde Park
Jose Escobar Landscaping – 468 William Floyd Parkway, Shirley
Sandro's Landscaping – PO Box 40, New Hyde Park
Eiro Frettas Landscaping – 1569 Adams Street, Elmont
Ales Landscaping – 23 Virginia Drive, Elmont
M. Aguilar Landscaping – 499 Hawthorne Avenue, Uniondale
Landscape and Design – 241-15 85th Road, Bellerose
Daniel Escobar Landscaping – 16 Lent Avenue, Hempstead
McNulty Outdoor Inc. – 99 Lakeville Rd., New Hyde Park
New Images Landscaping Inc. – 41 Madison Street, Franklin Square
H.A.O. – 1640 Jasmine Avenue, New Hyde Park
Alvarado Landscaping – 35 Old Stewart Avenue, Garden City Park
Rami R. Landscaping – 161-30 Normal Road, Jamaica

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Coppola: Absent. No report provided.

Trustee Pallisco:

Zoning Board of Appeals

- The last meeting of the Zoning Board was held on February 10, 2021 with one case on the docket:
 - 500 N 3rd Street – Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to maintain a second above grade kitchen that was being utilized by their mother under a special exception permit, and will now be utilized by their son.
- The next meeting of the Zoning Board is scheduled for March 10, 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 February 3, 2021, with one case on the docket:
 - 21 N 10th Street – Approval (Parcel B) was granted to the applicant proposing a subdivision to construct two single family homes.
- The next meeting is scheduled to be held on March 3, 2021, with one case on the docket:
 - 632 5th Avenue – The applicant is proposing a subdivision to construct two single family homes.

Tree Committee

The Village of New Hyde Park was awarded the status of Tree City USA for the year 2020 by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Noise Abatement Committee

PlaneSense4LI announced that the FAA will be holding a webinar on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6 pm. They will be discussing the noise research program and there will be an open Q&A session for attendees. For more information visit www.faa.gov.

New Hyde Park Museum

The museum will be working on a Video Montage chronicling the LIRR construction project for historical purposes. Mildred Tassone and Carol Nowakowski, historians of the Museum, are excited to start working on the project.

Village Hall

The painting on the interior of Village Hall is almost complete. The Village Clerks office along with the Village Board are gathering quotes for improvements to the outside of the building. The plan is to try and start work on Village Hall in late summer. The side door entrance has been closed up and blocked. The grounding on the steps has come loose and is being fixed. Everyone should be using the front door entrance to Village Hall on Jericho Turnpike.

Mayor Montreuil expressed his thanks to Trustee Pallisco for working with the Tree Committee, the New Hyde Park Museum and with Facilities on the work being done at Village Hall. Several years ago the Village was promised \$250 thousand by Senator Phillips to make improvements to Village Hall, but when the seat changed hands, the grant was pulled. The Village Board is working with Senator Kaplan office to secure a \$100 thousand grant that will be used for a new HVAC system and Village Hall repairs.

Trustee Burger:

Building Report

- The last Village building court was held on February 17, 2021, via telephone conference. There were 18 cases on the docket, involving property maintenance, violation of special exception, working without a permit, illegal use of a single family home and illegally parked on lawn.
- The next Village building court will be held on March 17, 2021 via telephone conference, with 7 cases on the docket.
- There have been 18 permits in total approved and issued from February 4th to February 18th.

LIRR

- Construction is continuing on both the station house and the platforms.
 - The canopy at the platforms is currently being installed.
 - Decorative windows for the waiting area on the platforms have been installed.
 - The track conversion re-commissioning has been moved to February 27th. Eastbound track will be renamed Track 1, future third track will be Track 2, and westbound track will be Track 3.
 - The 10 car platform will open mid-March, while the 12 car platform will open in the summer 2021, with the pedestrian underpass September 20th.
- Work continues on S 12th Street.
 - Pedestrian passageway will be prefabricated and will be pushed into place on April 24th. There will be a double track outage that weekend so work can be completed.
 - The pedestrian underpass should open to the public around September 20, 2021.
 - There is night work planned for that time period.
- MTA and 3TC doing work at the right-of-way, announcements will be made when more information becomes available.
- Wall construction at 4th Avenue and Covert Avenue has been completed as of February 17th. The work originally scheduled at night, was moved to daytime hours. There will be some night work when the Floral Park wall construction begins.
- G-14 substation construction is ongoing.
 - The delivery date for the prefabricated structure will be on March 19th. The pieces will be trucked in via 7 trucks (2 carrying transformers, 5 carrying substation materials).
 - There is a preliminary truck route that was announced by 3TC. Once finalized it will be posted to our website.
 - Delivery of materials will be done during the nighttime hours while the installation of the substation will be done during daytime.
 - The Village Board is waiting on plans for the wall proposal at the G-14 substation which are expected by February 26th.
- Truck access and parking plan for 2nd and 3rd Avenues are currently being worked on. No new updates have been provided by the MTA.

Water Authority

- Demolition to the building at Station 57 was completed.
- No new complaints were received in regard to the construction at Station 57.
- Wellhead treatment is currently being installed at the site.

Veterans Affairs

All events for American Legion Post 1089 have been canceled due to Covid-19 concerns. Plans for Memorial Day are on the way. The Legion is thinking of putting on a Memorial Day car parade. Plans have to be made with Nassau County and will be announced as soon as they have been worked out.

Mayor Montreuil questioned if any new updates have been provided by the MTA on the high rail access gate. Trustee Burger stated that no updates have been provided as of this time.

Trustee Burger added that there have been parking complaints made because of construction at the water tower site.

Trustee Squicciarino:

Village Clerk's Report

Coin Collection	\$6,590.60
Munimeter Revenue	\$7,748.55
Parking Permits	\$27,510.55
Licenses	\$6,770.00
Building Fees	\$13,607.43
Court Fines - Traffic	\$12,788.75
Court Fines – Bldg.	\$15,390.00

Tax Grievance

Residents are reminded that general taxes, which were due February 10th, have been extended to March 12th. The Nassau County assessment petition date is April 30th.

Residential Rehab

There are funds available in residential rehab for anyone who qualifies for repairs to their home. Please contact Village Clerk Hillmann for more information.

The Village Board is starting work on the 2021/2022 budget, which will be presented on April 1, 2021 at the Annual Budget Meeting.

Mayor Montreuil:

Department of Public Works

- In regard to the 2/18/21 snowstorm:
 - Deputy Superintendent Sikiric and his team made a first pass and cleared up about 3-4 inches of snow and will be making another pass sometime before midnight.
 - The snow cleanup wasn't as extensive because of the traffic that was still on the road when the plows started making the rounds. Hopefully the second pass will go much smoother.
 - Mayor Montreuil thanked the DPW crew for their work in cleaning up the snow during this latest storm.
- The Village DPW facility is in need of repair.
 - When the LIRR project started NY State promised the Village a substantial amount of money to update the DPW facility, however the money never came through.
 - The scope of the project was reduced from \$7.1 million to \$5.1 million.
 - The Village is looking into funding which can be received from the Third Track Project Community Benefit Fund, and as a proposal for \$3 million which can be received from the MTA by making adjustments to the LIRR project MOU.

- If any of the money comes through it would make the Village this much closer to acquiring a new DPW garage.

RESOLUTIONS:

20-79 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #20-20

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Pallisco, the resolution to pay the bills, was unanimously approved.

20-80 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #20-21

- Upon motion by Trustee Pallisco, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to pay the bills, was unanimously approved.

20-81 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A VILLAGE OFFICIAL(S)

- Upon motion by Trustee Pallisco, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, the resolution appointing Village Officials for the term expiring 2021, was unanimously approved.

20-82 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to advertise a public hearing for the 47th year of CDBG, was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Participation:

Resident Sam Khoury questioned:

- Whether the sign will be replaced at the island on Jericho Turnpike to inform drivers not to block the box, on the corner of Jericho Turnpike and Herkomer Street. Deputy Superintendent Sikiric stated that the sign was removed by DOT because it was impacting driver's sight.
- Will there be a new traffic pattern at Jericho Turnpike and S 12th Street. Deputy Superintendent Sikiric stated that the road striping will be going back to its original configuration before the LIRR construction started.
- Was there icing issues at either one of the underpasses. Mayor Montreuil stated that there was no problems reported for either one of the underpasses. Nassau County did snow clean up when contacted by the Village. Deputy Superintendent Sikiric added that Nassau County prepped the roads for the storm.

Trustee Burger questioned whether 3TC cleaned the sidewalks by the Covert Avenue and New Hyde Park underpass. Trustee Pallisco stated that 3TC did clean, however some reports were received that snow blowers were throwing snow into passing traffic which is unsafe. Trustee Burger will bring it up at the next meeting with 3TC and MTA.

There being no further business or public participation, upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Burger, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting ended at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lara Verbanac

Research Assistant to the Board