

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 4, 2021**

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

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

**Absent:** Mayor Montreuil

Deputy Mayor Squicciarino opened the Board Meeting at 8:01 pm following a Public Hearing. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the hearing.

Before the start of the meeting Deputy Mayor Squicciarino and the Board of Trustees presented a plaque to Superintendent Tom Gannon, who will be retiring in April, after 30+ years of service, hard work and dedication to our Village Community and Village Board.

**Minutes:**

Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Pallisco, the Board Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2021 were unanimously approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

**Car Wash Application:**

Approval was granted to Boy Scout Troop 298 requesting to hold their annual Car Wash on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7 am to 3 pm.

**License Renewals:**

**Restaurant Permit: APPROVED**

Park Place Restaurant – 1218 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park (NEW)

**Tow Car: APPROVED**

Frame Auto Collision – 71 Denton Avenue, New Hyde Park

**Landscapers: APPROVED**

M&L Gisonda – 783 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Franklin Square

Arturo Landscaping – 46 Allers Blvd, Roosevelt

Gomez Landscaping – 86-52 260<sup>th</sup> Street, Floral Park

JC Sprinklers & Landscaping – 57 Linwood Road North, Port Washington

Galdino's Landscaping – 139-55 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Flushing

Abel Landscaping – 11 Farm Lane, Levittown  
Hines Designs – 155 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street, New Hyde Park  
Ponturo Landscaping – 2272 Lafayette Street, Bellmore  
J Alvarez Landscaping – 156 Argyle Avenue, Uniondale  
C Escobar Landscaping – 148 Patterson Avenue, Hempstead  
Michael Sciallo Landscaping – POBox 412, Malverne  
Cat’s Landscaping – 944 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, New Hyde Park  
J&M Landscaping – 88 Cottage Place, Mineola  
J&R Landscaping and Design – 119 Crown Avenue, Elmont  
Golden Mean Landscaping – 465 Woodbridge Lane, Jericho  
MM Bari Landscaping – 1058 Lydia Drive, Franklin Square  
PG Landscaping of Nassau – 341 Marcellus Road, Mineola  
Mario & Aleydi Landscaping – 21 S Lerisa Road, Bethpage  
Martinez Landscaping – 164-33 108<sup>th</sup> Drive, Jamaica  
Ciampa Landscaping and Construction – 187-39 87<sup>th</sup> Road, Jamaica Estates  
J.Rubio Landscaping – 2431 Salisbury Road, Westbury  
Anthony Landscaping – 1032 Adams Street, Uniondale

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Trustee Coppola:**

Trustee Coppola wanted to thank Superintendent Tom Gannon for his many years of service and all he did for the Village and its residents.

**Little League**

It was announced that Little League will not be having their annual parade this year due to Covid-19 concerns. Signups are in progress for the season. Little League will be following restrictions set by Nassau County for all sports.

**Auxiliary Police**

The Village Board thanks the Auxiliary Police who continue to patrol our area and keep our residents safe. Commander John Concannon will be invited to speak at a board meeting to give residents more information in regard to the Police Auxiliary.

**New Hyde Park Fire Department**

Residents are reminded to dig out the fire hydrant in front of their home during snow storms. If your house number sits too low and is covered by snow have it moved higher up, if possible, in case of an emergency.

**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 in our area. Additionally, many packages have been stolen off people’s porches. If you see anyone on your property who is not supposed to be there contact the police.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 March 3, 2021, with one case on the docket.
- The next meeting is scheduled to be held on April 7, 2021, with one case on the docket:
  - 402 Brown Place – The applicant is seeking approval to a change in materials.

### **Tree Committee**

Any resident interested in having a tree planted in front of their home can contact the Department of Public Works and sign up for one. They can also use the GoGov app or our website to put in a request.

### **LED Lights**

The Village Board is looking into replacing the sodium street lights with new LED lights throughout the Village. The sodium street lights are out of date and replacement parts are hard to come by. LED is energy saving and would save the Village money in the future.

There was a Tree Trimming Bid that was put out by the DPW department. Several requests were received. The bids are currently being analyzed but no contractor has been chosen at this time.

### **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 14 cases on the docket.
- There have been 11 permits in total approved and issued from February 18<sup>th</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **LIRR**

- Construction is continuing on both the station house and the platforms.
  - The canopy at the platforms is currently being installed.
  - The track conversion re-commissioning occurred on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Eastbound track was renamed Track 1, future third track was named Track 2, and westbound track was renamed Track 3.
  - The 10 car platform will open March 15<sup>th</sup>, while the 12 car platform will open in the summer 2021, with the pedestrian underpass September 2021.
  - Before the reopening of the new platform 3TC has to clean up the area of all construction materials.
  - New parking lot has to be freed up for commuters as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues.
  - Village Board requested a vehicle and pedestrian access logistical map, similar to what was provided when the temporary platforms were originally opened.
- Work continues on S 12<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - Pedestrian passageway will be prefabricated and will be pushed into place on April 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a double track outage that weekend so work can be completed.
  - The pedestrian underpass should open to the public around September 2021.

- MTA and 3TC doing work at the right-of-way. There will be some night work in the area, which has not been announced yet.
- There has been no new updates on the wall construction. 3TC is awaiting material and fencing to be delivered in order to continue.
- G-14 substation construction is ongoing.
  - The delivery date for the prefabricated structure will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The pieces will be trucked in via 7 trucks (2 carrying transformers, 5 carrying substation materials).
  - Delivery of materials will be done during the nighttime hours while the installation of the substation will be done during daytime.
- Truck access and parking plan for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues are currently being worked on. The Village Board along with 3TC and the MTA is looking into modifying the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Covert Avenue extension to accommodate larger trucks.

**Water Authority**

- Demolition to the building at Station 57 was completed.
- Foundations and footings continue for the buildings.
- 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.

**Trustee Squicciarino:**

**Village Clerk’s Report**

Coin Collection	\$6,911.00
Munimeter Revenue	\$7,397.55
Parking Permits	\$7,000.00
Licenses	\$7,305.00
Building Fees	\$12,740.60
Interest on Account	\$1,054.75
Court Fines – Traffic	\$33,781.25
Court Fines – Bldg.	\$5,500.00

**Village Election**

Absentee ballots have to be received by the clerk’s office on or before March 15<sup>th</sup>. They can either be mailed in or dropped off at Village Hall. A mailbox has been made available to residents. The mailbox is located by the front door of Village Hall.

**Village Hall**

The side door entrance at Village Hall 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.

Lakeville Estates Civics Association will be holding a zoom meeting with Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, in regard to the water quality in our area. All those interested in joining—the meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

The Lakeville Estates Civics Association is setting up a vaccination site at Clinton G Martin Park for eligible recipients over the age of 65. To get an appointment email [samet@nysentate.gov](mailto:samet@nysentate.gov).

There will be a schedule change for the Village’s April 1<sup>st</sup> Budget Hearing. The Hearing will be moved to April 8<sup>th</sup>, and be adopted the April 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

Deputy Mayor Squicciarino along with the rest of the Board wished Superintendent Gannon well in his retirement.

**Mayor Montreuil: Absent. No report given.**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**20-85 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #20-22**

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

**20-86 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO ADOPT PROPOSED LOCAL LAW: REPEAL LOCAL LAW SECTION 195-3.2, ENTITLED “DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE BONUSES”**

- Upon motion by Trustee Pallisco, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution amending section 195 ‘general provisions’ to establish subsection 195-3.2 ‘development incentive bonuses’, was unanimously approved.

**20-87 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROMOTIONS AND INCREASES IN SALARY TO CERTAIN CSEA MEMBERS**

- Upon motion by Trustee Pallisco, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to authorize the promotion and increase in salary of CSEA member Michael Reardon by \$4,000, was unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Public Participation:**

Resident Sam Khoury questioned:

- When do the absentee ballots have to be returned. Village Clerk Hillmann stated that ballots have to be returned/received by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- If there is anything that can be done to discourage people from using Herkomer Street and South Park Place as a cut through. Trustee Coppola suggested placing an Auxiliary car there to slow down traffic.

Resident Andrew Faglio confirmed that the traffic on South Park Place is heavier and there have been more speeders trying to make a left onto New Hyde Park Road in order to make the light.

- Questioned when the drop box will be available. Village Clerk Hillmann stated that the box will be available starting tomorrow, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Can the ballots be scanned for submittal. Village Clerk Hillmann stated that the application for the ballots can be scanned but the ballots have to be original.

There being no further business or public participation, upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Pallisco, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting ended at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Lara Verbanac*

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