

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 2021**

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

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

Absent:

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 8:01 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Special Use hearing.

Minutes:

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, the Board Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2021 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD:

The Katie McBride Foundation requests to hold the annual 5K Katie's Run Fundraiser on Sunday, September 12, 2021. The run/walk will begin at 9:00 am at the NHP Funeral Home and end in Memorial Park, where the post-race activities will also take place. – **PLACED ON HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**

Block Party Request: APPROVED

- Saturday, July 17, 2021 (rain date of July 18th) Lowell Avenue, between New Hyde Park Road and Terrace Boulevard from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm
- Saturday, August 7, 2021 (rain date of August 14th) Stewart Avenue, between Covert Avenue and Premier Boulevard from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Landscaper License: APPROVED

Paomanok Lawn Tech – 93 East Seaman Avenue, Freeport

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Savarese:

Parks and Recreation

- The fence at Memorial Park has been repaired and new gates were installed.

- The parks currently have 10 park attendants who will rotate to cover all hours the parks are open. They have also been given new park uniforms.
- There was a large turnout at the Village's first Summer Concert on June 16th. Several more events have been scheduled for July and August, including a concert on August 4th featuring Pat Farrell and the Cold Spring Harbor Band.

Little League

- Little League season is still ongoing, with games being played several times a week.
- The Little League president has commented that the Village ball fields are in the best shape they have been in years.

The Village Instagram account (@villageofnhp) which is used to inform residents of happenings within our community is garnering followers.

Department of Public Works

The DPW crew has been fast at work by keeping our parks clean, planting and trimming trees. They have also been making road repairs where needed.

Trustee Burger:

Veterans Affairs

- The American Legion will be holding its next monthly meeting on June 19th at Marcus Christ Hall. Commander McGuire will be stepping down from his position and Commander Hothan will be taking over starting July 1st. Trustee Burger will become Vice Commander of the post.
- The Memorial Day Car parade and ceremony was held on May 29th. Even though it was a rainy day, it went on without a hitch. Trustee Burger wanted to thank all those who were involved with helping put on the event as well as the Village residents who came to the event.

Building Report

- The last Village building court was held on June 16, 2021 at Village Hall. There were 16 cases on the docket, involving property maintenance, violation of special exception, working without a permit, illegal use of a single family home, illegally parked on lawn, and illegally parked blocking driveway.
- The next Village building court will be held on July 21, 2021 at Village Hall, with 14 cases on the docket.
- There have been 65 permits in total approved and issued between May 20th and June 17th.

LIRR

- 3TC's main construction activities are 2nd and 3rd Avenue, the G-14 substation, and the S 12th Street pedestrian underpass.
- The G-14 substation work is continuing. The testing and commissioning of the site is set to take place toward the end of the year.
- Work is ongoing regarding the station house and platforms. No date from 3TC on when work will be completed.
- The high rail access on S 11th Street has been installed.
- The S 12th Street underpass pedestrian walkway push took place on June 12th.
 - There was a double track outage during the weekend of the push.
 - S 12th Street underpass is to be completed and opened by the end of the year.

- Portions of 2nd and 3rd Avenues between S 11th and S 12th Street were closed to support the effort.
- Wall construction has begun on 3rd Avenue between Premiere Boulevard and Covert Avenue. Last week construction moved towards S 12th Street. There is no commuter parking along 3rd Avenue and the road is closed to regular traffic. The work is supposed to take 16 weeks to be completed.
- The truck access on Covert Avenue and 3rd Avenue is set to be re-done so that larger trucks are able to make the turn onto 3rd Avenue. The final agreements are to be signed shortly.

Water Authority

Construction at Station 57 has been on track. Construction of the new station house has begun. Some trees were cut down by the Water Authority, which will be replanted once the construction has been completed.

Trustee Squicciarino:

Village Clerk’s Report

Meters	\$10,388.00
Muni-meters	\$10,249.20
Parking Permits	\$1,000.00
Licenses	\$1,325.00
Building	\$40,829.77
Interest on Accounts	\$525.18
Court Fines – Traffic	\$46,791.00
Court Fines – Building	\$550.00

Village Taxes

The 2021-22 taxes have been mailed out and are to be paid in full by July 1st. If you did not receive your bill for the taxes, contact Village Hall. There was a glitch in the system and several people have not been sent their tax bill this year. There is no fee required if you send in a check payment, only if you are paying online.

Village Clerks office is looking into various software providers to update our GL system. The system currently used is older and its capacity is limited. The Village is waiting for funding to make the upgrades.

New Hyde Park Library

The library is now open to the public. There are many activities that are available both indoors and outdoors. Check out their website for more details.

Long and Lean

The Village is looking into starting up the Long and Lean classes once again in September, now that the Covid restrictions are being lifted.

Chamber of Commerce

To encourage local shopping the Chamber is holding a Shopopoly game for anyone who wants to participate. Participants can submit their receipts for the categories outlined on the board game (on the Chamber website) and win prizes.

Maspeth Federal Saving sponsored a concert at the park on Wednesday June 16th. The Village Board wanted to thank them along with the event organizers, and the Cultural Committee.

In the latest newsletter the Village DPW department announced that there is a specific way of disposing of old mattresses. Residents are reminded to adhere to the new directions of disposal.

The Water Authority of Western Nassau County is holding its monthly board meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar:

Tree Committee

Stump removal has been ongoing, as has tree pruning. Tree planting will start again in the fall. For anyone interested, contact DPW to request a tree be planted in front of their house.

NHP Schools

- 7 volunteers from NHP Memorial High School will be starting next week at Village Hall in various capacities. They have already worked on the Pride of the Community video which has been uploaded to our website featuring a lifelong resident and Village employee Tommy Kane. The Village Board wants to thank them for their hard work.

Summer Camp

Applications for summer camp are available on line. Registration will take place on June 23rd, at Marcus Christ Hall, starting at 10:00 am. All applicants have to bring a photo of their child, proof of residency and the filled out application. All non-residents are required to pay \$125. First week of camp will be Tuesday to Friday, all other weeks will be Monday to Thursday.

Cultural Commission

- On June 16th at 7:30 pm we had a concert at Memorial Park and had a great turnout of about 200 people. Parrottbeach was the performer, with Maspeth Bank as the sponsor. The Village Board thanks Maspeth for their generosity, as well as Lisa Miranda the Cultural Commission Chair. Thank you to DPW for setting up for the event.
- The Village will be having several more events in the upcoming months. There are 8 events scheduled from now to December.
 - July 9th – Multicultural Event
 - August 4th – Pat Farrell and the Cold Spring Harbor Band
 - August 27th – Family Movie Night
 - September 18th – Street Fair
 - October 30th – Halloween Parade
 - November 6th – Diwali Celebration
 - November 11th – Veterans Day Ceremony
 - November 27th – Village Tree Lighting

The Village is looking into creating a Facebook account to allow another avenue for residents to be able to utilize.

Mayor Devane:

The LIRR agreements will be signed shortly and will be updated onto our website.

Village Hall / Parks / DPW

- Hybrid Board Meetings are still ongoing but the Village Board is looking into eliminating the online portion of the meeting. We are looking for feedback from the residents on that matter. The July 15th Board Meeting is scheduled to be a hybrid meeting.
- Mayor Devane thanked Trustee Burger and all who participated in the Memorial Day car parade and ceremony. Additionally, he thanked Deputy Mayor Nijjar and Trustee Savarese for their involvement and planning of the summer concert that took place at Memorial Park on June 16th.
- The Village website now features the Pride of our Community section where different people will be featured. The first person featured was Tommy Kane a Village Resident and Village employee. Thank you to the volunteers who put the video together.
- The 1st Citizens Council meeting took place at Village Hall in May. The first order of business they discussed was the feral cat problem. The council will be reaching out to the Town of Hempstead and the Town of North Hempstead in regard to this issue. They want to make sure that cats are trapped and neutered so that another hoarding situation doesn't happen, as we had recently on New Hyde Park Road where almost 100 cats were found in a residential home.
 - First objective will be to make sure the quality of life in the Village does not go down due to this problem
 - Second objective is to deal with the cats in a humane way.

The Village is asking for anyone who would like to volunteer and join the Feral Cat Committee to come and join the next meeting on June 29th.

- Aside from the events outlined previous, the Village might have a Movie Night in December during the Holiday season.
- Overnight parking has been a problem in the Village recently. Code enforcement has been inundated with requests. As a reminder overnight parking is to be used sparsely and not for overnight guests on a constant basis. If you need overnight parking often, please get an R parking pass and park in our municipal lots overnight. Additionally, there is no parking on the apron of you driveway or on your front lawn.
- Pickleball tournaments require a park application to be filled out for the day of the event. Event organizers have to be Village residents. In the future the Village will be looking into having Park ID's distributed to Village residents only.
- A new weekend code enforcement has been hired. There are 10 park attendants who will be working at the parks this summer. All park attendants will be CPR certified.

Noise Abatement

The Village has received complaints in regard to planes flying overhead. Trustee Burger added that our Village is on the approach path to JFK and residents are encouraged to reach out to the FAA and the Port Authority and file a complaint.

New Hyde Park Fire Department

- The FD will participate in the Street Fair on September 18th during the morning hours. In the afternoon they have a prior engagement.

Thank you to Superintendent Pillay for putting into place the road closure application which is being used quite often and informs the Village of events taking place in the Village.

RESOLUTIONS:

21-06 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #21-01

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution to pay the bills, was unanimously approved

21-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND JUSTICE TO APPLY FOR A JUSTICE COURT GRANT

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution for the Mayor and Justice to apply for funds in the amount of \$30,000 from the Unified Court System for the year 2021-22, was unanimously approved.

21-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF BUDGETED PAYROLL TO THE DESIGNATED DEPARTMENTS WHERE FULL TIME DPW LABORESRS ARE WORKING IN 2021/2022

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the resolution to allocate budgeted payroll funds from Highway, Parks and Sanitation, was unanimously approved.

21-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PART TIME LABORER TO FULL TIME LABORER FOR THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution transfer a part time laborer to full time was unanimously approved.

21-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD.

- Upon motion by Trustee Savarese, seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the resolution to for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with TOH where the approximate cost of disposal for municipal waste will be $5000 \times \$84 = \$400,000$ was unanimously approved.

Old Business: The decision on making Millers Lane a One Way Street has be place on hold and will be revisited by the Board, however the left turn resolution has been passed.

21-11 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to amend the allowance a left turn from Millers Lane west onto Jericho Turnpike has been unanimously approved.

New Business: no new business

The meeting was opened to public participation at 8:58 pm.

There being no further business, upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting went into executive session at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lara Verbanac

Research Assistant to the Board