

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
July 15, 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 7:40 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 June 17, 2021 were unanimously approved.

21-22 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE KATIE MCBRIDE FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL KATIE'S 5K RUN

- Upon motion by Trustee Savarese, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to approve the Katie McBride Foundation's Annual Katie's 5K Run has been unanimously approved.

21-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution to appoint Village officials for the year 2021-2022 has been unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD:

Car Wash Request: APPROVED

- New Hyde Park Romanettes request to have a car wash on Saturday, July 24, 2021 (rain date of July 31st) from 9 am to 3 pm.

Peddler License: APPROVED

Verizon FIOS / Ace Concepts – 1 Commercial Avenue, Garden City

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Savarese:

Department of Public Works

Superintended Sikiric stated that:

- The crew has been repairing pot holes on Village streets.
- The crew was involved in 15-20 major cleanup areas after the storm last week, including 6 trees that came down.
- A stop sign was installed on 6th Avenue and Covert Avenue, on the North and South side.
- The Village Board thanks Gerard Efinger who retired from the DPW crew after 25 years of service.

Little League

- Little League has extended their permits through the fall for Memorial Park.

Parks and Recreation

- There was a concert at Memorial Park on Wednesday, featuring DJ Dan the Man. There were about 60-70 attendants.
- On August 4th at 7 pm, Pat Farrell and the Cold Spring Harbor Band will be playing at Memorial Park. Everyone is invited and welcomed.

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

Trustee Burger:

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 16 cases on the docket.
- There have been 61 permits in total approved and issued between June 17th and July 15th.

Veterans Affairs

- The American Legion held its last meeting on June 19th at Marcus Christ Hall. The next monthly meeting won't take place until September.

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. EJ Electric is still working in the area.
 - Week of August 2nd a small crane will be placed on S 9th Street to help bring in electrical material.
- Work is ongoing regarding the station house and platforms. No date from 3TC on when work will be completed.
- 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.
 - Shoring piles are to be installed in the area.
 - Security cameras are to be installed in the underpass.
- There is no night work scheduled at this time.
- Wall construction is ongoing on 3rd Avenue between Premiere Boulevard and Covert Avenue for at least another week. When complete the construction will be moved to 2nd Avenue.

- The two road closure permits which have been processed are for a 3-4 week period by the station house and S 9th Street in August.
 - No new road closures are planned at this time.
- Agreements with the MTA/LIRR have been received and per the Village attorney they will be signed by the Village Board within the next week.

Water Authority

- Construction at Station 57 has been on track.
- The generator was lifted into place on June 9th. The location of the generator was in the original plans which were posted to the Village website.
- Residents have raised concern that the installation of the generator is creating a blind spot when making a turn from S 5th Street on to 2nd Avenue.
- The generator is installed per the approved drawings. The new generator will be behind a new 6 foot fence. The 6’ fence replaces the old 6’ft fence in the exact spot that goes around the perimeter. Once the construction is complete the Village will evaluate if there is a blind spot and will then take appropriate measures.
- Some trees were cut down by the Water Authority which were not supposed to be. All trees removed will be replaced once the construction has been completed.

Trustee Squicciarino:

Village Clerk’s Report

Meters	\$10,532.00
Muni-meters	\$14,587.00
Parking Permits	\$2,680.00
Building	\$49,727.66
PSEG Gross Receipt	\$84,162.66
Non Resident Summer Camp	\$7,250.00
Court Fines – Traffic	\$50,000.00
Court Fines – Building	\$8,400.00

The rest rooms at Village Hall are under construction and when completed will be ADA compliant.

Long and Lean

The Village is looking into starting up the Long and Lean classes in September, now that the Covid restrictions are being lifted. There will be a new instructor for the class.

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. Additionally they are looking into starting walking and driving tours throughout our community.

Target is still under construction at Lake Success shopping center. There is no scheduled date for the opening.

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 started working for the Village in various capacities. Two are assigned to the Clerk's Office and two are assigned to the Building Department.

Summer Camp

Both morning and afternoon summer camp sessions are at capacity and registration for camp has been closed. Because of capacity, camp will be canceled if it rains or during heatwaves.

Cultural Commission

- The Village will be having several more events in the upcoming months. There are several events scheduled from now to December.
 - July 28th – Multicultural Event. Residents are encouraged to come and participate or volunteer for the event.
 - August 4th – Pat Farrell and the Cold Spring Harbor Band
 - August 27th – Family Movie Night. The screen, projector and speakers are being donated for free by All in One Party Rentals.
 - September 18th – Street Fair
 - October 30th – Halloween Parade
 - November 6th – Diwali Celebration
 - November 11th – Veterans Day Ceremony
 - November 27th – Village Tree Lighting
 - December – Drive in Holiday movie night. Final date has not been scheduled yet.

The Cultural Committee is open to suggestions from the residents regarding events at the Village.

Mayor Devane:

The Village Board is asking for residents to come forward who are interested in joining civilian patrol. There will be a meeting held on Monday, August 16th.

Auxiliary Police / Nassau County Police Department

A problem has been reported to the police of young people causing trouble in the parking lot of the Baptist Church, by Memorial Park.

New Hyde Park Fire Department

Nancy Tucker from the NHP FD offered a CPR class to Park Attendants and Camp Counselors. The Board would like to see the rest of Village employees take the class.

Village Hall / Parks / DPW

- The Village Board is still waiting on the \$3M in order to start work on the DPW facility, including the money from the LIRR and the \$100K grant to be used for Village Hall improvements.
- The future of Nuzzi Park is dependent on what happens with the DPW facility.
- The bathrooms at Village Hall are still under construction, when complete they will be ADA compliant.
- The Village received a \$50K grant to update the ramp in the front of the building, making it ADA compliant. Thank you Clerk-Treasurer Hillmann for obtaining the grant.
- Superintendent Pillay is currently working on plans for Marcus Christ Hall. When the plans are complete and reviewed by the board, they will look into getting funding to make the updates to the Hall.
- The entrance to Memorial Park, on Lincoln Avenue and Central Blvd. will be updated in September/October.
 - The memorial itself will be set back so that people don't trek through it to enter the park.
 - The bathrooms at the park will be updated to be ADA compliant, using the grant money received.
 - The dog park area in the park will be maintained in-house by the DPW department. It will be named after Trustee Barbieri's trusted service dog.
 - The bocce ball court will be moved so that the dog park can be built. Because there is so much interest in the bocce court, the Village will supply materials to the bocce ball team who will supply the labor to build a second court.
 - Once the park is renovated the Village will start requesting proof of residency when using the park.
- The billboard in front of Village Hall has been changed so that the messages rotate every 30 seconds.
- ARB and ZBA have two new members.
- Feral cat committee has been meeting regularly and since its creation several issues have been resolved.

Street Fair

Street fair planning is continuing. We currently have 3 sponsors for the street fair. LIJ Hospital, NHP Funeral Home/Katie McBride Foundation and Persi Construction.

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. The Mayor is suggesting a committee get started to address this issue.

Thank you to Superintendent Pillay for taking care of the issue that arose with the Water Authority of Western Nassau County this past week.

The meeting was opened to public participation at 8:40 pm and closed at 8:52 pm.

RESOLUTIONS:

21-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #21-4

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

21-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGETARY ACCOUNT CODES

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to transfer unused appropriated funds between the budgetary account codes in Schedule A, for the year ending May 31, 2021 was unanimously approved.

21-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPT. OF DPW TO SALVAGE EQUIPMENT

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the resolution for the Supt. of DPW to salvage equipment totaling \$4,600, was unanimously approved.

21-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRE/RE-HIRE OF RECREATIONAL COUNSELORS

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to hire and re-hire employees in the Parks Department, with salary pending Civil Service Approval, was unanimously approved.

Old Business: no new business

New Business: no new business

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 8:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lara Verbanac

Research Assistant to the Board

Mayor Devane opened Executive Session at 9:00 pm.

21-28 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ADP PAYROL SERVICES

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the resolution to enter into an agreement with ADP was unanimously approved.

21-29 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LIRR

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, the resolution to enter into a Landscaping Agreement with LIRR was unanimously approved.

21-30 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LIRR

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to enter into a Traffic Agreement with LIRR was unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Tr. Burger, seconded by Tr. Squicciarino, and unanimously approved, Executive Session ended at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cathryn Hillmann

Village Clerk-Treasurer