

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
September 16, 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, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Absent:

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 7:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Village Board presented Justin Cunha with a Certificate of Recognition for his hard work in cleaning the area around the LIRR on 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

Minutes:

Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the Board Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2021 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD:

Car Wash Request: APPROVED

- The NHP Road School 6th Grade Class requests to hold a Car Wash at the Lakeville Parking Lot on September 25, 2021 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with a rain date of October 9, 2021.

Limo License Renewal: APPROVED

Whitestar Limo – 20 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Savarese:

Parks and Recreation

- Family movie night held at Memorial Park on September 10th was a great success. Trustee Savarese thanked All in One Party Rentals for donating equipment and AT&T for the snacks provided for the event.
- The Memorial Park fencing will be replaced, including the area around the basketball court and the 3rd base dugout. The Village Board is waiting on quotes from Brett Fence.
- On October 2nd the Katie McBride Foundation will be holding its Annual Katie's Run which will end at Memorial Park.

Little League

- Fall baseball started.
- T-ball will begin at Memorial Park this upcoming Saturday.

The Village Instagram account (@villageofnhp) which is used to inform residents of happenings within our community, as of now has 530 followers.

Department of Public Works

Superintendent Sikiric stated that:

- In August DPW cleaned out 50 drainage basins and repaired 4.
- 25 tree stumps were removed during the last month.
- There is a bid out to gather quotes for road repair.
- The highway crew is working on replacing old street signs and road signs.
- Several street lights have been replaced on Jericho Turnpike.
- 35 tree trims have taken place in August.
- It's been a full month since DPW's daily waste disposal area has been changed. To date, \$2,000 has been saved.
- The Village is testing out new LED street lights on the corner of Lowell Avenue and Ingraham Lane. The Village Board would like residents to take a look and give feedback.

Trustee Burger

Building Report

- The last Village building court was held on September 15, 2021 at Village Hall. There were 26 cases on the docket, involving property maintenance, violation of special exception, property safety violation, 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 October 20, 2021 at Village Hall, with 15 cases on the docket.
- There have been 54 permits in total approved and issued between August 19th and September 16th.

LIRR

- **G-14 Electrical Substation**
 - EJ Electric continues to work on the substation. This work is planned through 9/2021.
 - Night work has been scheduled from October 5 to October 7.
 - Mayor Devane and Trustee Burger will meet with the MTA and 3TC regarding the communication issues between 3TC and the Village. Village Board is hoping to reinstate biweekly meetings.
 - Complaints from residents were received in regard to the large utility ventilation fans that have been installed.
 - Testing and commissioning of the site will happen at the end of the year.
 - The substation is expected to be up and running by 4Q 2021.
- **Station House and New Platform**
 - Work on the station house and platforms is continuing.
 - Work should be completed in December 2021 with an opening during the winter of 2022.
- **South 12 Street**
 - Work continues on the entrance ramps to the underpass.
 - Opening will coincide with the completion of the platforms and station house.

- **Night Work/Track Outage**
 - There is night work scheduled for September 20th and will continue for one week.
 - Conduit installation will begin at the station on September 20th and will continue until end of October.
 - Precast platforms will be set for October 4th and October 7th on both north and south sides of the tracks.
 - Cameras will be installed beneath the Covert Avenue underpass this month. The work will take approximately 7 days.
- **Wall Construction**
 - Wall construction transition is taking place from 3rd Avenue to 2nd Avenue. This will continue for the next few weeks.
 - No road closures except for some intermittent closures for deliveries.
 - There will be no parking on 2nd Avenue.
 - The fencing that will go on top of the wall has been ordered and will be installed at a later date.
- **High Rail Access**
 - Mayor Devane and Trustee Burger met with 3TC and the MTA on August 11th to discuss the high rail access gate.
 - MTA noted that they don't see any issue with the request by the Village to have the rail access gate match the fencing that will be put on top of the wall.
 - Design will be forth coming in mid-September.
- **New Hyde Park Road Safety**
 - There have been two fatalities at the entrance to the underpass since its opening.
 - Village Board is meeting with 3TC and MTA to review if any safety enhancements can be done to the underpass.
 - Village Board is working with Nassau County PD to acquire accident reports as well as meeting with Presiding Officer Nicoletto and the County to talk about improvements to the area.

Water Authority

- Station 57 Rehabilitation project including 1.4 Dioxane Removal is moving along. Foundation and walls for the various buildings have been constructed. The overall primary construction should be completed in October 2021.
- The Board is not aware of any new issues at the site, other than what was discussed and addressed since the last Board Meeting.
- Ms. Laura Robinson was recently appointed by the Board to represent the Village on the WAWMC Board.

Veterans Affairs

- The American Legion will hold its next meeting on November 13th at Marcus Christ Hall.
- Looking into implementing a website for American Legion.
- Will participate in the street fair on September 18, 2021.

Trustee Squicciarino:

Clerk's Office

Fiscal year 2020-2021 audit has been completed. The Village is awaiting the final report.

Village Clerk's Report

Meters	\$11,932.00
Muni-meters	\$17,008.85
Parking Permits	\$350.00
Building	\$18,665.85
Court Fines – Traffic	\$52,100.00
Court Fines – Building	\$4,900.00

Library

The Library is offering a variety of online and in person classes including career workshops and tax exemption classes.

Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber will be holding its annual golf outing on September 22, 2021. For anyone interested, visit the chamber website.

November 2, 2021 is Election Day. For anyone not registered visit the Board of Elections website and register to vote.

The Town of North Hempstead will be holding a hearing for a new building which is proposed to be built in the Stop and Shop parking lot.

FEMA has set up a remote location at Michael J. Tully Park. For anyone who sustained damage during Hurricane Ida can visit the FIMA website to see if they are eligible for funds.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar:

Deputy Mayor Nijjar thanked Trustee Squicciarino for organizing the Trees of Gold tree lighting which took place earlier in the evening. Trees of Gold brings awareness to pediatric cancer in the month of September.

Revitalization Committee

There hasn't been any update on the Village revitalization as of now. The Village Board will make updates as they are received.

Tree Committee

There are 50 trees scheduled to be planted this fall. For anyone interested in getting a tree planted in front of their home they can contact DPW and place their name on the tree planting list.

Cultural Commission

- The Village held its first Family Movie Night on Friday, August 27th, at Memorial Park with great success. The Village Board thanks the Village Attorneys for sponsoring the event.
- The 24th Annual Street Fair will be held on September 18th on Jericho Turnpike, from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The Village Board thanks all the sponsors who have generously donated for the street fair.
- Katie's Run will be held on October 2nd, at 9 am, with a BBQ to follow at Memorial Park.
- The Halloween Parade will be held on October 30th on Jericho Turnpike at 10 am.

NHP Schools

- NHP Road School PTA will be holding a clothing drive on October 16th. Clothing can be dropped off at Terrace Boulevard parking lot during the morning hours.
- NHP Memorial HS held its 9/11 ceremony which was attended by several Board members. The Village Board members thank Dr. Faccio for the invitation.

Mayor Devane:

- The Mayor thanked All in One Party Rental, AT&T and the Village Attorneys for their donation during the family movie night event held at Memorial Park.
- The Feral Cat Committee has 50 volunteers and is currently working with the Town of Hempstead on the trap and neuter program. The committee has received an outpouring of support and supplies.
- On September 18, 2021, the Village of New Hyde Park will host its 24th Annual Street Fair on Jericho Turnpike from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Auxiliary Police

The Auxiliary Police obtained a new used patrol vehicle with the help of the Village Board.

New Hyde Park Fire Department

- On September 12, 2021, the NHP FD held a ceremony in their Headquarters Parking Lot paying tribute to the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. Prior to the ceremony there was a Mass held in honor of the day and the many who were lost.
- The NHP FD will be participating in the 24th Annual Street Fair on September 18, 2021. They will have demonstrations throughout the day including vehicle extraction.
- The statue which will be donated by the Fire Department to be placed in the Central Lot should be installed sometime in November.

Village Hall / Parks / DPW

- The Village's first neighborhood watch meeting was a success, with 15 people volunteering to join. The Village is working with the NC Police Department on launching the program.
- On September 22nd the Mayor will be meeting with Presiding Officer Nicoletto's office to speak about the safety concerns at the corner of New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue.
- Citizen's Council is looking into creating a Snow Angels program for our Village, where high school students help our senior citizens who are unable to shovel out their own driveways during snow storms.
- The Village DPW department is still awaiting funding from the state so that updates to the rundown DPW facility can be made.
- When the entrance to Memorial Park is updated, the Village is looking into blocking off the monument so that people avoid walking through the monument area.
- The Village will start enforcing park rules, including:
 - Village parks can be utilized by Village residents only.
 - IDs will be checked upon entry.
 - One guest will be permitted to enter with the resident.
 - No organized games can be played at the park without a permit and insurance.
 - No ball playing at the park before 1PM on Sundays.
- The Village Hall bathrooms are still under construction.
- The Village Board is looking into grants to update Marcus Christ Hall.

- It would take about \$350K to make updates to the hall. If the tax cap has to be pierced to get that accomplished the Board would consider doing so.

Trustee Burger added that the American Legion thanked the Mayor for stopping by to speak to them about Marcus Christ Hall and about the Snow Angels program that was being looked into. Trustee Burger also reminded the residents that October 2nd is Katie's Run and he encouraged everyone to join.

Trustee Squicciarino thanked the Girl Scouts who came to make bows for the Trees of Gold tree lighting, held just before the start of the Board Meeting. She also thanked the street fair organizers for their hard work.

RESOLUTIONS:

21-43 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #21-8

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

21-44 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PART TIME LABORER TO FULL TIME LABORER FOR THE DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, the resolution to transfer the part time laborer to full time in the Department of Public Works was unanimously approved.

21-45 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS TO POST THE POSITION OF SUPERVISOR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Public Works to post the position of Supervisor of DPW was unanimously approved.

Old Business: no old business

New Business: The Chinese American Association will be at Memorial Park on September 26th in the picnic area, between 2-6 PM. Approval is granted pending Insurance submittal.

The meeting was opened to public participation at 8:54 pm and closed at 9:10 pm.

There being no further business, upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Burger, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting went into executive session at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lara Verbanac

Research Assistant to the Board