

VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2021

This meeting was presented live and via Microsoft Teams 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 7:09 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Public Hearing.

Minutes:

Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the Board Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2021 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD:

Marcus Christ Hall Rental: APPROVED

- Cellini Lodge is seeking to rent Marcus Christ Hall on December 30, 2021 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm for an Executive Council Meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Burger:

LIRR

- **G-14 Electrical Substation**
 - EJ electric work continues. No night work projected at this time.
 - Week of November 8th, there was a small crane on S 9th Street lifting additional equipment into place at the site.
 - Perimeter fencing and landscaping:
 - Four entrances on S 9th Street and on 3rd Avenue were set up to gain entrance to maintenance equipment. The entrance on S 9th Street will only be used if needed.
 - On the south side, 3TC will install a double fence, a nonmetallic utility fence and a new vinyl fence for the homeowner.

- A noise complaint was reported by the business owner on 806 3rd Avenue regarding the large utility ventilation fans.
 - There was a noise study done and a report was submitted on November 15th, which is now under review.
 - MTA and 3TC noted that the report indicated decibel were levels compliant with Village code.
- Testing and commissioning of the site will happen towards the end of the year.
- The substation is expected to be up and running by 4Q 2021.
- **Station House, South 12th Pedestrian Underpass and New Platform**
 - Work on all 3 sites has been ongoing and expected to be completed in late December 2021. Re-opening should take place in winter of 2022.
 - 3TC has had some supply chain issues. Trustee Burger requested that South 12th Street underpass open as soon as possible, even if station house or platforms can't be opened due to supply chain issues.
- **Nightwork/Road Closures**
 - Intermittent night work will take place within the right of way and around the station platform.
 - There are no road closures planned at this time.
- **Wall Construction**
 - North side wall construction has been delayed due to utility conflicts.
 - 3TC is working through issues and will proceed with the construction of the wall in the next few weeks.
- **High Rail Access**
 - 3TC will keep the Village Board posted and provide designs as soon as they receive them. The gate that is currently there is a temporary gate
- **NHP Road Safety Concerns**
 - There have been 2 incidents in past year
 - Trustee Burger and Mayor Devane met with Presiding Officer Richard Nicoletto and Nassau County DPW on September 9th and then held a follow-up meeting with 3TC, MTA and Nassau County on October 26th. Discussions included.
 - Combatting the Speeding issue on New Hyde Park Road.
 - Nassau County DPW and 3TC were asked to implement pavement markings noting the speed limit.
 - Nassau County DPW and 3TC were asked to look into installing speed awareness mechanisms.
 - The Village questioned the possibility of installing a stop sign at New Hyde Park Road and 4th Avenue.
 - Including a left turn signal at New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue.
 - Originally no left turn traffic signal was installed due to concern of spillage of traffic into New Hyde Park Road travel lanes.
 - Nassau County requested 3TC/Stantec perform a traffic study on the feasibility of a protected left turn signal.
- **1000 3rd Avenue**
 - Track issue have been resolved.
 - The Village has been working with the water authority to fix brown water issues.

- **Water Authority**

- Foundations and walls for the various buildings have been built and equipment install has started.
- An issue was identified with fencing around the generator, with 8ft vs 6ft barb wire installation.

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

- The American Legion Post 1089 wanted to thank everyone for their Veterans Day attendance. It was a great ceremony.
- Meetings will be held on the 2nd Saturday of every month, at Marcus Christ Hall, at 10 am. The next meeting date will be December 11th.
- Post 1089 is looking forward to the plans of updating the Memorial at Memorial Park.

Noise Abatement

- Next Town-Village Aircraft Safety and Noise Abatement Committee (TVASNAC) meeting is scheduled for November 22nd.
- Residents are urged to file online noise complaints at www.hempsteadny.gov/TVASNAC. Or for Hempstead residents to call at 1-800-225-1071, North Hempstead residents dial 311.

Building Report

- The last Village building court was held on November 17th at Village Hall. There were 27 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, illegally parked blocking driveway, operating private social club, and loading/unloading during unapproved hours.
- The next Village building court will be held on December 15, 2021 at Village Hall, with 4 cases on the docket.
- There have been 50 permits in total approved and issued between October 20th and November 18th.

Mayor Devane thanked the American Legion Post for the invite to the Veterans Day Ceremony. He also thanked Trustee Burger for his hard work with the LIRR project.

Trustee Savarese:

Parks and Recreation

- DPW started excavating the new dog park. The response on Instagram has been positive in regard to the dog park from the residents.
- The parks have been winterized and the restrooms have been closed for the season.

Little League

- Fall baseball has ended for the season.
- Registration for next season began in November for baseball and softball.

The Village Instagram account (@villageofnhp) which is used to inform residents of happenings within our community, as of now has 655 followers.

Trustee Savarese wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Department of Public Works

Superintendent Sikiric stated that:

- November has been a busy month.
- Village Hall and Village Parks have been winterized with water at the parks being turned off.
- 40 trees are scheduled to be planted within the week.
- 15-20 trees have been trimmed by DPW.
- Contractors have also been trimming trees in the Village.
- Pothole repair has been ongoing.
- DPW has been assisting on various events at the Village, including the Halloween Parade, Diwali, and Veterans Day.
- Leaf collection thought-out the Village is ongoing.
- Construction has started at the dog park area.

Trustee Squicciarino:

Trustee Squicciarino reminded residents to keep their cars off the street the days that street sweeping take place so that DPW can clean the street properly.

Village Clerk’s Report

Meters	\$14,127.94
Muni-meters	\$15,840.15
Parking Permits	\$530.00
Licenses	\$185.00
Building	\$20,844.26
Zoning	\$1,225.00
FEMA Reimbursement	\$173,701.44
Court Fines – Traffic	\$50,355.00
Court Fines – Building	\$1,650.00

Auditors have completed the audit for 2020-2021 and the financial reports have been submitted. This year’s financials were not as good as previous years but the Village Board is hoping it will be better next year.

The Village will be borrowing \$280K as a bond to replace the old street lights with new LED lights. The few test lights placed on Village streets have gotten positive reviews.

Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber is holding a food drive until December 16th. There are many drop off locations which can be found on our website, including a drop box at Village Hall.

The Chamber will be participating in the Lakeville Estates Tree Lighting ceremony at the old Dairy Barn in early December.

Library

- The Library is holding a Holiday Toy Drive until December 10th.
- From November 22nd and December 3rd the library is having an amnesty week, where patrons can bring back their overdue books and their fees will be forgiven.

- There is a Veterans Donation Drive running until December 31st, where people can purchase supermarket and pharmacy cards to donate to the veterans.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar:

Cultural Commission

- The Halloween Parade was held on October 30th on Jericho Turnpike. It was a successful day and the turnout was amazing. The Village Board is hoping to make the Halloween Parade an annual celebration.
- The Diwali Celebration took place at Marcus Christ Hall on November 5th. There was a large turnout for Diwali with many residents participating in the celebration.
- The Village Tree Lighting will take place on November 27th at 3:00 pm, with the celebration starting at Marcus Christ Hall until dusk when the tree will be lit on the front lawn.
- The Village will host a Holiday Drive-In Movie on December 18th in the parking lot at 115 New Hyde Park Road. The movie is for residents only. Residents can pick up a wristband at Village Hall for the movie. One wristband will be available per household.

NHP Schools

- The NHP Road School in conjunction with Ed Ra's office will be holding a toy drive. Toys can be dropped off at the school during the month of December.

Tree Committee

For any residents who would like a tree be planted in front of their business please call DPW to place yourself on the list. It takes months to get a tree.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar thanked the following people:

- Fire Department for always willing to help when needed, including helping with decorations.
- DPW for set up and breakdown of the various events taking place in the Village.
- Dan Wesler for volunteering his time to DJ/MC the events in the Village.
- Interns from NHP Memorial HS who came to help out during the Halloween Parade.
- Community, for being involved in the events in the Village.
- Board and staff members for their time and support.

Mayor Devane:

Past Village Events

- The Mayor announced that the Halloween Parade had a great turnout and he thanked all those who were involved in organizing it.
- The Diwali celebration was wonderful with a large turnout.
- Veterans Day was celebrated on November 11th. In honor of Veterans Day a Village employee organized Treats for Troops where residents donated left over Halloween candy that was shipped to our troops.

Upcoming Village Events

- The Annual Village Tree Lighting will be held on November 27th at 3:00 pm.
- The NHP Lions Club set up the annual Christmas Tree Lot across the street from Village Hall. All proceeds are going to charity.
- The Village is hoping to have its Drive-In Movie on December 18th. Auxiliary police will be checking wristbands at the entrance to the parking lot.
- There is a food collection box at Village Hall that will be available until December 14th.

Mayor Devane thanked the Fire Department along with several community members who helped decorate the Village Christmas tree for the upcoming Tree Lighting event. The lights used in the decorations were donated by the community. The Christmas tree at Marcus Christ Hall will be decorated by the Girl Scouts.

The Mayor will hold a meeting with the Irish American Society to talk about the St. Patrick's Day Parade. No date has been set yet.

NHP Fire Department

- Two new ambulances are being christened at the NHP Fire House on Saturday November 20th.
- The FD statue will be installed into the pocket park in the Central Lot next spring. It will acknowledge all 50 year members of the Fire Department.

Auxiliary Police

Two new vehicles have been obtained by the Auxiliary Police. They are now in the process of striping them with the Auxiliary logo.

Village Hall / Parks / DPW

- The Village Board is looking into obtaining a vehicle which will be especially designated for neighborhood watch. There will be a meeting on December 13th at 7:00 pm.
- Trees have been cleared out in Memorial Park, making room for the dog park. Construction has started. The Village hopes to have the dog park complete and open in April 2022. The dog park will be named after Trustee Donald Barbieri trusted service dog Hailey.
- The bathrooms at Memorial Park will be updated using grant money received from the state.
- Entrance to Memorial Park will be updated. Six flag poles will be added to the entrance of the park where flags of the 6 branches of military will be displayed.
- The tennis courts will be updated.
- ID's will be required to enter Village Parks starting next year.
- The Village submitted a grant application to NY State Unified Court System to make updates to the court room.
- The Village Board is looking into updating Marcus Christ Hall. In order to make the updates the Village Board will have to look into ways to obtain monies to make updates. Taxes may increase to get that accomplished.
- The Village DPW department is still awaiting funding from the state so that updates to the rundown DPW facility can be made.

The meeting was opened to public participation at 8:03 pm and closed at 8:09 pm.

RESOLUTIONS:

21-62 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT 21-12

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

21-63 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JUSTIN FERREIRO AS ROLL OFF DRIVER TO DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the resolution to appoint Justin Ferreiro as a roll off driver, with a salary increase of \$4,000 in accordance with the CSEA Union Agreement, was unanimously approved.

21-64 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH J. O'CONNELL AND ASSOCIATES GRANT CONSULTANTS

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with J. O'Connell and Associates for one year to provide grant development and writing services, was unanimously approved.

21-65 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BOND ISSUANCE FOR LED LIGHTS

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, the resolution to authorize a bond for the acquisition and installation of the street lighting equipment and upgrading to LED lights, has been unanimously approved.

21-66 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TREASURER TO ADVERTISE A SPECIAL USE HEARING

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the resolution authorizing the Clerk Treasurer to advertise a special use public hearing for 1 Jericho Turnpike (All in One Party Rentals), has been unanimously approved.

21-67 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TREASURER TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the resolution authorizing the Clerk Treasurer to advertise a public hearing to amend chapter 195 entitled 'Zoning' section 166-7 'permits and fees', has been unanimously approved.

21-68 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TREASURER TO ADVERTISE THE SALE OF A 2012 CHEVY TAHOE

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution to advertise the sale of the Chevy Tahoe, was unanimously approved.

Old Business: no old business

New Business: no new business

There being no further business, upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting went into executive session at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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