

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 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 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

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

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD:

Marcus Christ Hall Rental: APPROVED

- Cub Scout Troop 544 is requesting the use of Marcus Christ Hall on Friday, January 7, 21, and 28 and Friday, February 4, 11 and 18 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.
- Cellini Lodge is requesting the use of Marcus Chris Hall on December 20, 2021 from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm, and January 10, 2022 from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm.

License Renewals:

Carters: APPROVED

Land Source Container Rental – 5 North Peters Blvd., Central Islip
Millennium Container Service – 145 Dixon Ave., Amityville

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

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.
- Fences were reinforced around the basketball courts.

- The Village is looking into monies to update the tennis courts.

Little League

- Registration for next season began. In person registration will be held at Village Hall, 2nd Floor, on January 15, 2022.

The Village Instagram account (@villageofnhp) which is used to inform residents of happenings within our community, as of now has 698 followers.

Trustee Savarese wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Department of Public Works

Superintendent Sikiric stated that:

- Village Hall and Village Parks have been winterized with water at the parks being turned off.
- DPW has been working on the dog park trying to do as much as possible before the winter months prevents them from completing it. Whatever is not done before that, will be finished in the spring.
- Leaf collection has been ongoing and will end at the end of this week.
- DPW has been conducting fall cleanup, including the parks and Village Hall.
- Pothole repair has been ongoing.
- Christmas day and New Year's Day sanitation will follow the normal schedule.

Trustee Burger:

Building Report

- The last Village building court was held on December 15, 2021 at Village Hall. There were 13 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, operating private social clubs, and running of an illegal business.
- The next Village building court will be held on January 19, 2022 at Village Hall, with 9 cases on the docket.
- There have been 41 permits in total approved and issued between November 18th and December 16th.

LIRR

- **G-14 Electrical Substation**
 - EJ electric work continues. No night work projected at this time.
 - Perimeter fencing and landscaping:
 - Perimeter fence installation has started, foundations are being poured on the east side.
 - The sidewalk was eliminated.
 - 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 has begun and will run into 2022.

- The substation is expected to be up and running by 1Q 2022.
- **Station House, South 12th Pedestrian Underpass and New Platform**
 - Work on all 3 sites has been ongoing and expected to be completed in the 1Q 2022.
 - Work has been delayed due to material issues and GC litigation. The contractor for the Pedestrian underpass has been terminated.
 - MTA/LIRR approved a \$500 temporary bridge by the Denton Avenue overpass.
- **Nightwork/Road Closures**
 - There are no road closures planned at this time.
- **Wall Construction**
 - North side wall construction has been delayed due to utility conflicts.
- **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.
- **Debris on 3rd Avenue**
 - During the construction a mess was left behind and the Village requested the MTA and 3TC clean up the site.

Water Authority

- There was a delay with the re-opening of the site. Station 57 should be back on line in April 2022.
- Site cleanup and fencing still needs to be installed.

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

- Meetings will be held on the 2nd Saturday of every month, at Marcus Christ Hall, at 10 am. The next meeting date will be in March 2022.
- The legion is in dire straits and is looking into cutting expenses. Donations are always welcome.

Noise Abatement

- Next Town-Village Aircraft Safety and Noise Abatement Committee (TVASNAC) was held on November 22nd. At the meeting the committee discussed airplanes using the step-down glide maneuver so that plane engines are not revving prior to landing.
- 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.

Trustee Squicciarino:

Village Clerk’s Report

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| Meters | \$11,208.00 |
| Muni-meters | \$20,282.30 |
| Parking Permits | \$350.00 |
| Building | \$86,931.18 |
| Zoning | \$1,550.00 |
| Health Contributions | \$8,651.91 |
| Court Fines – Traffic | \$51,360.00 |
| Court Fines – Building | \$9,800.00 |

Long and Lean

The long and lean exercise class has ended today for the season. It will be coming back after the New Year.

Residential Rehab

The Village has funds available for residential rehab. The purpose of the funds is to help residents who are in need of improvements to their home. Contact Village Hall for more information.

Many homeowners have been affected by COVID. The New York Homeowner Assistance Fund is offering funds to qualifying homeowners who need help with montage, bills, etc. For more information call 1-844-74-NYHAF, the application deadline is January 3, 2022.

Trustee Squicciarino reminded residents to lock their car doors every night since there have been a lot of break-ins in the neighborhood.

Auditors have completed the audit for 2020-2021 and the financial reports have been submitted. Bill Barrett will be presenting the findings at our next Board Meeting on January 20, 2022.

Trustee Squicciarino wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar:

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. Planting will take place in the spring.

Revitalization Committee

The revitalization plans for our community are on hold until the Village receives funds.

NHP Schools

- There was a threat issued for many schools throughout the state including our community. There will be a police presence at the schools to keep the students safe.

Cultural Commission

- The cultural commission has been busy with planning 1-2 events each month.
- The tree lighting ceremony was a success. Deputy Mayor thanked all the members of the community who were involved in the planning.
- The drive-in movie was postponed to the day after Christmas, December 26th, due to bad weather. Attendees are asked to arrive at 6:30pm.
- In January, the commission will be participating in the celebration of Chinese New Year, which is being planned by the Chinese American Association. It will be held at Clinton G. Martin Park on January 29th.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar wanted to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Devane:

Past Events

- The Mayor thanked all who participated in decorating Village Hall and the grounds around it in preparation for the tree lighting ceremony.
- The Mayor and Trustee Burger attended an Eagle Scout celebration where 10 kids from our community were recognized.

Upcoming Events

- The drive-in movie has been postponed to December 26th, due to the expected rain. The operator of the movie equipment stated that the movie screen does not do well in the rain. Wrist band can be picked up at Village Hall. The event is for village residents only because of the limited space in the lot.
- In 2022 we will have a St. Patrick's Day Parade we will start planning for shortly. The exact day has not been set as of now.

Mayor Devan met with the Mayor of Stewart Manor regarding signs which state 'no right turn during rush hour' on 8th, 9th, 10th, and Stewart Avenue. Additionally, he will speak to the 3rd Precinct to have units in the area monitor the traffic.

NHP Fire Department

- 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.

Village Hall / Parks / DPW

- Great progress has been done the dog park at Memorial Park. After the concrete has been poured, then the gravel will be placed and the turf will be the last to be placed in the spring. The dog park will be named after Trustee Don Barbieri's service dog.
- The bocce ball court area has been dug up and will be built with wood. The bocce ball team will be providing the labor during the building.

- The Village Board is looking into obtaining funds to update the tennis court. It has several cracks that need to be repaired.
- 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.
- The Boy Scouts will be helping at Village Hall during their winter break by sorting boxes in the basement.
- The LED light installation will take place in 2022.
- A dry wall will be put in at the small baseball field at Memorial Park.
- Neighborhood watch held a meeting recently. We have 14 people interested in participating.
- The Mayor encouraged residents who want to make changes on how things are done in the Village to get involved and join a committee.
- Certain individuals on the basketball court at Memorial Park are making it uncomfortable for others to use the area. ID's will be required for Memorial Park in 2022. Parks in the Village should be a safe place for kids.
- For billboard requests please contact Village Hall to fill out the proper paperwork.
- R-permits are currently on sale for 2022 and can be purchased at Village Hall.

RESOLUTIONS:

21-69 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT 21-13

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

21-70 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGETEARY ACCOUNT CODES

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution to transfer funds between budgetary account codes was unanimously approved.

21-71 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID FOR THE SALE OF A 2012 CHEVY TAHOE

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution to accept the sale of the 2012 Chevy Tahoe, was unanimously approved.

21-72 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT – CERTILMAN

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the resolution to approve the certiorari settlements regarding the foregoing Village properties, was unanimously approved.

21-73 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT – JASPAN

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the resolution to approve the certiorari settlements regarding the foregoing Village properties, was unanimously approved.

21-74 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT – HERMAN KATZ

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution to approve the certiorari settlements regarding the foregoing Village properties, was unanimously approved.

21-75 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT – KOEPPPEL

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the resolution to approve the certiorari settlements regarding the foregoing Village properties, was unanimously approved.

21-76 A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN UNLISTED ACTION UNDER S.E.Q.R.A. WITH A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to acquire and install street lighting equipment and upgraded LED lights under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, was unanimously approved.

21-77 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SVS

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to authorizing the Mayor to get into an agreement with SVS to provide assessment consulting services, was unanimously approved.

Old Business: no old business

New Business: no new business

The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

The meeting was opened to public participation at 8:18 pm and closed at 8:29 pm.

There being no further business, upon motion by Deputy Mayor Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Burger, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting went into executive session at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lara Verbanac

Research Assistant to the Board