

VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2022

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

Absent: Lara Verbanac, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 7:10 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the public hearing.

Minutes:

Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the Board Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2021 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD:

Marcus Christ Hall Rental - APPROVED

- The Nassau County Auxiliary Police is requesting the use of the Village Courtroom to hold their general meetings via zoom on January 27, February 24, March 31, May 26, and June 23.

Letter of Request - APPROVED

- Request to rename S 11th Street to Raymond Leidner Way

License Renewals:

Carters: APPROVED

D.F. Allen – 114 Sylvester Street, Westbury
Long Island Waste Services – 390 N. Broadway, Jericho
R.C. Rubbish – 10 Marconi Boulevard, Copiague
AVF Development – 50 Second Avenue, Garden City
Jamaica Ash and Rubbish – 172 School Street, Westbury
Scherillo and Sons Construction – 7 Pumpkin Street, East Northport
Winter Brothers Hauling of Long Island – 120 Nancy Street, West Babylon
Eagle Sanitation – POBox 298, Woodbury
S&M Prompt Rubbish Removal – 228 Miller Avenue, Freeport
National Waste Services – 1 Jem Court, Bay Shore
Certified Carting Inc. – 30 Harold Court, Bay Shore

Restaurants: APPROVED

- Wong’s Garden – 1203 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
- Dunkin Donuts – 500 Old Country Road, New Hyde Park
- Umberto’s Restaurant – 633 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
- New China – 1525 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
- Chef Wong – 1902 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
- Gino’s of New Hyde Park – 1113 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
- Park Place Restaurant – 1218 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
- Nova Asian Bistro – 1215 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
- Subway – 1201 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park

Dance: APPROVED

- Umberto’s Restaurant - 633 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
- Gino’s of New Hyde Park – 1113 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
- Park Place Restaurant – 1218 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park

Tow Car: APPROVED

- C&N Auto Center – 96 Jericho Turnpike, Floral Park
- Nuzzi Brothers Auto Collision – 77 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Savarese:

Parks and Recreation

- Bret Fence will be replacing 2 dug out fences in Memorial Park. They will also be looking into replacing the fence that sits between the parks edge and the residential homes.
- The Village is gathering proposals to fix the cracks in the tennis courts. Contractors spoken to say the repairs can’t be done until the weather warms up to at least 70 degrees.
- Village is looking into placing turf onto the large baseball field and making it a 60/70/90 feet field.
- Started talking to various bands who wish to perform at Memorial Park this summer.

Little League

- Registration for next season began. In person registration will be held at Village Hall, 2nd Floor, on 1/22, 1/27 and 2/5.

The Village Instagram account (@villageofnhp) which is used to inform residents of happenings within our community, as of now has over 700 followers.

Department of Public Works

Superintendent Sikiric stated that:

- Village Hall and Village Parks have been winterized with water at the parks being turned off. They will reopen in the spring.
- DPW has been working on the dog park, weather permitting the work is moving forward.
- DPW has been cleaning out catch basins.
- The grounds are being prepped for the spring tree planting.

- Pothole repair has been ongoing as well as sign repair.
- Road surveying has started for the repairs planned for April and May.
- DPW had a double day this past week, and there is another one on Presidents Day.
- The Mayor questioned the water on the large baseball field after rains. Per Superintendent Sikiric the fields will be reworked and clay will be added before baseball season starts which will eliminate that problem.
- The Mayor asked for an update on the new street lights. Per Superintendent Sikiric the lights will be delivered to the Village within the next few weeks and installation will start as the weather warms up.

Trustee Burger:

Building Report

- The last Village building court was held on January 19, 2022 at Village Hall. There were 18 cases on the docket, involving property maintenance, violation of special exception, working without a permit, illegal use of a single-family homes, illegally parked on lawn, loading during prohibited business hours, and running of an illegal business.
- The next Village building court will be held on February 16, 2022 at Village Hall, with 10 cases on the docket.
- There have been 23 permits in total approved and issued between December 16th and January 20th.

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.
- American Legion reached out to members and the Commander to clean out lockers at Marcus Christ Hall.
- Renovating the Memorial at Memorial Park by installing flags to represent the different branches of the military. Additionally, to honor those who gave their life in service for our county the Village is thinking of honoring them by having their names displayed at the park.

Water Authority

- There was a delay with the re-opening of the site. Station 57 should be back on line in spring 2022. Water Authority has experienced a number of delays and setbacks to include, materials, and manpower.
- Site cleanup and fencing still needs to be installed.

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.
 - Activation scheduled in 5-6 weeks.
 - Concerns of Size, Safety and Health concerns. Mayor and Trustee Burger met with MTA on January 19, 2022.
 - MTA is providing a paper on the substation to address the concerns the Village discussed.
 - G-14 is a 69 KV substation. It performs the same function that the previous substation did, which is the power distribution to the tracks. The same voltage goes in and same voltage comes out.
 - The substation does not generate any power. It converts the 69 KV power distribution and steps it down to 750 VDC.

- The size of the substation is driven by regulations such as IEEE, Health and Safety Regulations and new regulations driven by FEMA.
 - Size of the structure is driven by where the 69 KV power comes from, which are off the large ROW utility poles. The size of the poles is driven by regulations.
 - Size for ROW utility poles drive the size of substation utility poles and size of the rack to bring the power to the substation.
 - EMI/EMF – Not a power producing substation. The substation is safer and better than before as it is built in accordance to the new regulations.
 - A noise complaint was reported by the business owner on 806 3rd Avenue regarding the large utility ventilation fans.
 - Village Completed Review of Decibel Study. Several test location show decibel levels exceed the industrial district code with the fans on. Village requested 3TC review and look at possibly muffle/shield the 806 3rd Avenue property from the added noise from these exhaust fans.
 - 3TC noted that they will work with the Village and the resident to mitigate fan noise.
- Testing and commissioning of the site has begun and should be completed shortly.
- The substation is expected to be up and running by Q1 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 May 2022.
 - Work has been delayed due to material issues and GC litigation. The contractor for the Pedestrian underpass has been terminated.
 - Appellate Court met on 12/15 – Appeal Failed – GC still tried to stop and then held in contempt of court – Permits issued December 31st.
 - Denton Avenue closure detour plan has been posted on our website.
 - The plan shows 2-way traffic, and will require traffic control signal. Garden City is fighting this, and if there is no signal control then it will need to be converted to one way.
- **Wall Construction**
 - North Side Wall Construction is moving forward.
 - The sound attenuation wall is not a sound barrier
 - Concerns about the height of the wall were raised. Per the 3TC drawing the requirement is for wall to be at least 2’ above the top of rail.
 - Still waiting on a clarification on the overall height at the Street Level.
 - The fencing that will go on-top of the wall is now under contract.
- **NHP Road Fencing Destroyed on December 24th.**
 - Winter Brothers Garbage Truck the fending on New Hyde Park Road. 3TC and DPW cleaned up the site.
 - 3TC or Nassau County will process the claim for repair. 3TC will move forward on replacing fencing and light.
- **NHP Road Safety Concerns**
 - There have been 2 incidents in the past year.
 - The review of the accident reports shows no cause that the design or construction played any contributing factor but rather a situation of circumstances.
 - Trustee Burger and Mayor Devane met with Nassau County MTA and 3TC on September 9th and then held a follow-up meeting on October 26th and January 19th.

- Traffic analysis was completed looking at traffic volumes, speed and the need for a left-hand signal on New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue.
 - Conclusion was that the traffic volume is similar to 2018.
- Combatting the Speeding issue on New Hyde Park Road.
 - Nassau County DPW and 3TC were asked to implement pavement markings noting the speed limit. Drawings were submitted, reviewed and being updated.
 - Will install a no right turn signal on Plaza Avenue onto New Hyde Park Road.
- Left turn signal at New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue.
 - Traffic Study concludes that based on criteria /thresholds and traffic volumes, it does not warrant the need for a left turn signal.
 - Nassau County requested Stantec to do a further study and determine if a turn signal was put in place, would it create more of a hazard with spill over into New Hyde Park Road travel lanes.
- **NHP High Rail Access**
 - Meeting was held with 3TC and RFC fencing on Jan 11th. The fencing which will be installed will mask the utility gate fencing.

If residents see any issues that arise, they are encouraged to contact the 3TC Hotline 516-203-4955 or email communityoutreach@lirrexpansion.com

Noise Abatement

- No Meeting was held for the Town-Village Aircraft Safety and Noise Abatement Committee (TVASNAC) meeting for December 2021. The next meeting will be held on January 24th.
- 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

Meters	\$11,546.00
Muni-meters	\$15,142.25
Parking Permits	\$40,550.00
Licenses	\$6,345.00
Building	\$49,006.31
Zoning	\$1,625.00
Sale Tahoe	\$1,800.00
Court Fines – Traffic	\$50,385.00
Court Fines – Building	\$2,050.00

Tax grievance day is coming up. For all those who would like to grieve their taxes do so by February 15, 2022.

Hillside Library

The library is offering Roku for rental to its patrons. Additionally, there are online museum passes available as well as online classes for all those interested.

Long and Lean

The long and lean exercise class for the spring months will begin in February. More information to come on our website.

Chamber of Commerce

The presidential gala usually held this week has been postponed to March 2nd at 6 pm. The chamber president will be installed at the gala.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Nijjar:

Revitalization Committee

Discussion has started on the streetscape and revitalization of 2nd and 3rd Avenues. Updates will be provided to residents as more detailed plans are discussed.

NHP Schools

- The Village Board received information from NHP Memorial and the NHP Road School that because covid testing has become difficult they are working to open sites where students and family members can go to get tested. A site is available on Hempstead Turnpike in Elmont for anyone who is exposed.

Cultural Commission

- In January 29th the Chinese American Association was going to hold a Chinese New Year celebration. Due to covid the celebration has been postponed indefinitely.
- On March 12th the Village will hold its first St. Patrick's Day parade. We will update you as we have more information.
- In April we will celebrate Earth Day. The Board will coordinate with DPW about planting trees at Memorial Park.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar thanked Senators Kaplan's office for providing at home covid testing kits to those in our community in need.

Mayor Devane:

Upcoming Events

- St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on March 12th, at 10 am. It will start on Hillside Boulevard, down Jericho Turnpike, and end at the NHP Fire House. There will be refreshments at the Firehouse afterwards.

NHP Fire Department

- Mayor Devane congratulated Fire Chief Gallagher and Fire District Commissioner Abukoush for their newly elected positions at the 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. The installation should take place in April.

- The Village will recognize them by making a video honoring each one of the members who will be named on the plaque.

Village Hall / Parks / DPW

- By mid-February the Village Neighborhood watch should be active. At this time there are 4 members. For anyone interested they can contact the Mayor.
- Mayor Devane thanked Trustee Burger and the LIRR Taskforce for their hard work. At the last meeting it was announced that this is the last year for the LIRR improvement project in the Village.
- Great progress has been done with the dog park at Memorial Park.
- The bocce ball court area has been dug up and construction has begun.
- The Village is working with Presiding Officer Nicoletto in trying to obtain funding to improve the playground area at Memorial Park.
- The front entrance to Memorial Park will honor the service members lost in the line of duty while serving our country.
- The Village Board is planning to have Memorial Park complete by Memorial Day.
- The Village Board is looking into updating Marcus Christ Hall. Four architects have looked over the building with recommendations for improvements. The Board is looking into funding from Senator Kaplans office.
- Village Hall is being repainted.
- There will be a track outage on January 22-23, January 29-30 and February 5-6.

The meeting was opened to public participation at 8:09 pm and closed at 8:33 pm.

RESOLUTIONS:

21-82 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #21-16

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

21-83 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT – TONH YOUTH PROGRAM

- Upon motion by Trustee Savarese, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, the resolution to authorizing the Mayor to get into an agreement with the Town of North Hempstead regarding the youth program grant funds, was unanimously approved.

21-84 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A BUDGET OFFICER AND ESTABLISHING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET HEARING DATE

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the resolution to appoint a budget officer and establish a budget hearing date, was unanimously approved.

21-85 ACCEPTING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2021 VILLAGE AUDIT

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to accept the Village Audit for the year ending May 31, 2022, was unanimously approved.

21-86 ACCEPTING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2021 COURT AUDIT

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, the resolution to accept the Village Court Audit for the year ending May 31, 2022, was unanimously approved.

Old Business: no old business

New Business: no new business

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 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cathryn Hillmann

Village Clerk Treasurer