

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 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
Lara Verbanac, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Absent:

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the Board Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2022 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

The Police Report for January 2022 was submitted by the Nassau County Police Department.

License Renewals:

Carters: APPROVED

AM Waste Services, Inc – 40 Eads Street, West Babylon, NY
Persi Contracting Corp – 804 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY
PCI Contracting Inc – 49 Satterie Avenue, Valley Stream, NY

Restaurants: APPROVED

The Inn at New Hyde Park – 214 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY
Yesterday’s Diner – 443 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY
Taco Bell #3180 – 1650 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY
Domino’s Pizza – 1017 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY

Restaurants: PLACED ON HOLD FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Elsie Lane – 29 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY

Used Car: APPROVED

Auto PHD Diagnostic and Repair – 167 Lakeville Road, New Hyde Park, NY
SM Motor Sports Inc – 140 Lakeville Road, New Hyde Park, NY

Dance: APPROVED

The Inn at New Hyde Park – 214 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY

Tow Car: APPROVED

Grand Auto Body – 94 Denton Avenue, Garden City Park, NY

Tip Top Auto Body, Inc – 150 Denton Avenue, Garden City Park, NY

Dry Cleaner: APPROVED

Green Tree Cleaners – 1309 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY

Landscaping: APPROVED

Rafael's Landscaping, Inc – 392 Mulberry Lane, West Hempstead, NY

Daniel Escobar Landscaping – 16 Lent Avenue, Hempstead, NY

Rosario Castellano Landscaping – 35 North 11th Street, New Hyde Park, NY

Ciro P. Freitas Landscaping – 1569 Adams Street, Elmont, NY

Ponturo Landscaping – 2272 LaFayette Street, Bellmore, NY

HAO – 16-42 Jasmine Avenue, New Hyde Park, NY

Alvarado Landscaping, 35 Old Stewart Avenue, Garden City Park, NY

Victor Landscaping, Inc – 3 Locustwood Boulevard, Elmont, NY

N Perez Landscaping, Corp – 149 N Bayview Avenue, Freeport, NY

Hines & Zaffarese Landscaping – 150 Broadway, Garden City Park, NY

Benavides Landscaping – 8 Holly Lane, Westbury, NY

Hicks Nurseries, Inc – 100 Jericho Turnpike, Westbury, NY

Aguilar M. Landscaping – 499 Hawthorne Avenue, Uniondale, NY

Gabriel M. Landscaping – 74 Evans Avenue, Floral Park NY

Rami R Ramirez Landscaping – 161-30 Normal Road, Jamaica NY

B&B Landscaping Contractors – 249 Marcus Avenue, New Hyde Park, NY

Jose O Vasquez Landscaping – 57 Davison Avenue, Oceanside, NY

Velasquez Landscaping Inc – 3 Commerce Blvd, Amityville, NY

Frank Landscaping – 100 Westbury Blvd, Hempstead, NY

McNulty Outdoors Inc – 99 Lakeville Road, New Hyde Park, NY

New Images Landscaping Inc – 44 Madison Street, Franklin Square, NY

Larry's Landscaping – 178 Ferndale Blvd, Islip, NY 11751

RESOLUTIONS:

21-91 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL DWP SUPERINTENDENT TO LEASE NEW EQUIPMENT

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, the resolution to lease new equipment in the amount of \$845,218.40 with a yearly payment of \$189,751 for 5 years, was unanimously approved.

21-92 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL DWP SUPERINTENDENT TO PURCHASE

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, the resolution to purchase equipment in the amount of \$22,907.96, was unanimously approved.

21-93 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO THE 2021 ROAD PROJECT

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to authorize additional engineering services to be added to the 2021 road improvement project agreement with Drivka and Bartilucci, for drainage repair and roadway restorations for 4 areas, was unanimously approved.

21-94 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO ASSUME THE 2020-21 LIENS FOR UNPAID TAXES

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to assume the 2020-21 liens for unpaid taxes in the amount of \$19,023.41 was unanimously approved.

21-95 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #21-18

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

At 7:10 pm the Board Meeting was paused. A Public Hearing started at 7:11 pm and ended at 7:32 pm. The Board meeting resumed at 7:33 pm.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Burger:

Building Report

- The last Village building court was held on February 16, 2022 at Village Hall. There were 9 cases on the docket, violation of special exception, working without a permit, illegal use of a single-family homes, and illegally parked on lawn.
- The next Village building court will be held on March 16, 2022 at Village Hall, with 12 cases on the docket.
- There have been 45 permits in total approved and issued between January 20th and February 14th.

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.

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.
 - 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.

- Large Utility Ventilation Fans – Noise Complaint by business owner at 806 Third Ave – 3TC noted again on 2/15/2022 they will work with the Village and the resident to mitigate fan noise.
- Landscaping – Request for larger more mature trees. MTA was agreeable to larger trees.
- **Station House, South 12th Pedestrian Underpass and New Platform**
 - Work on all 3 sites is moving forward after work was delayed due to material issues and GC litigation.
 - Pedestrian underpass will be opening February 2022. Flyers/Announcement are in development.
 - Station House & Platform will be opening the first week of March 2022
- **Nightwork/Road Closures**
 - Intermittent night work within ROW and around Station Platform by EJ Electric
 - No other night work planned as of now.
 - 3TC was notified that the Village will issue a stop work if we have any further road closures with no permit and communications.
- **Scorecard**
- **Wall Construction**
 - North Side Wall Construction is moving forward.
 - The sound attenuation wall is not a sound barrier.
 - The fencing that will go on-top of the wall is now under contract.
 - No definitive timeline as yet but an estimating that it will start during the 2Q of 2022.
- **NHP Road Fencing Destroyed on December 24th.**
 - Winter Brothers Garbage Truck hit the fencing 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 several 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.
- Fencing Company is working on fencing design

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

- Meeting was held January 24th 2022
- 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	\$8,730.87
Muni-meters	\$15,671.25
Parking Permits	\$13,800.00
Licenses	\$8,105.00
Building	\$19,910.20
Zoning	\$1,625.00
Sale Tahoe	\$1,800.00
Court Fines – Traffic	\$49,500.00
Court Fines – Building	\$1,025.00

The Village Board has been working on the Village Budget. The tentative budget will be available on the website.

Tax grievance period for Nassau County is will be closing soon. Anyone interested in grieving their taxes are encouraged to do so.

Long and Lean

The long and lean exercise class for the spring 2022 season has begun. For anyone interested they classes will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:45 am to 11:45 am, at Village Hall.

Hillside Library

The library is offering many virtual classes for residents. On March 10th there will be a class on arthritis health and on March 30th there will be a class on skin cancer awareness.

Chamber of Commerce

The presidential gala at the Inn at New Hyde Park will be held on March 2nd at 6 pm. The chamber president will be installed at the gala.

GoGov App

Trustee Squicciarino reminded residents to submit information on potholes, down wires, trees etc. via the Village GoGov app. The app can be downloaded from the Google or Apple stores.

Residential Rehab

There is still monies available for residential rehab. Residential rehab is offered to residents who have limited income and need help making repairs to their homes. For anyone interested contact the Village Clerk.

Trustee Savarese:

Parks and Recreation

- Bret Fence will be replacing 2 dug out fences at Memorial Park along with a new dry well and concrete floors.
- Bocce ball court construction has begun and will be completed by the spring of 2022.
- The dog park construction is coming along. The dog park should be complete sometime in the spring.
- The Village is gathering proposals to fix the cracks in the tennis courts.
- As of now two concerts have been scheduled for the summer. One on June 15th and the other on August 10th.

Little League

Registration for next season is ongoing. For anyone interested they can register their children online

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:

- Snow storm accumulation was 15-16 inches in the Village. The Superintendent reminded residents not to push snow into the streets. This extends the time for DPW to be able to clear the streets of the snow.
- Pothole repair has been ongoing over the last 3-4 weeks. This will continue into March.
- Major repairs to the roads will be conducted though the spring and into the summer.
- DPW has been working on the dog park, weather permitting the work is moving forward.
- Street sign and street sign maintenance is ongoing.
- Replacement of old lights with the new LED lights will take place over the next month.
- Dry well at Memorial Park has been installed along with the concrete in the dugouts. New benches will be in next month.
- The emergency manhole repair on Hillside Blvd. has been completed.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar:

The Deputy Mayor wished everyone a Happy Chinese New Year. The planned celebration was canceled by the Chinese American Association due to covid.

NHP Schools

- The School Board meeting will be held on March 14th. The School Board requests all questions be sent in advance.
- The NHP Road School had a malfunction of the fire alarm.
- Schools will be distributing additional home test kits to all students.

Cultural Commission

- The tentative calendar for 2022 of all events planned are posted on the Village Website.
- The next event is the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 12th. The NC Police Commissioner Ryder will be the Grand Marshal. The Parade will be in honor of all first responders to show our appreciations.
- Upcoming events for April, May and June, will be Earth Day, Memorial Day Parade, 1st Concert sponsored by Maspeth Bank. More information will be posted on our website as the dates get closer.

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. The celebration will honor all first responders. Everyone is invited to join the line of march.
 - All spectators are instructed to stand on the south side of Jericho Turnpike. They can congregate on the front lawn of Village Hall.
 - The Mayor is asking the community to come out and make banners for the parade. The banners will be displayed on the front lawn of Village Hall.
 - There will be food at the Firehouse, including music entertainment and Irish step dancers.

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 NHP Fire Department is recruiting junior fire fighters. For all those interested contact the NHP Fire Department.

Village Hall / Parks / DPW

- Construction began at Village Hall. As of now the ceiling tiles have been removed to expose the high ceilings.
- New flooring will be installed upstairs and downstairs at Village Hall.
- A court grant was received and construction in the court room will start shortly. The next meeting will be held at Marcus Christ Hall.
- Plans for updates to Marcus Chris Hall were received from K.Garvin. The Village is currently looking for funding to make improvements.
- Memorial Park construction and updates are on the way, including dog park, bocce ball court and baseball fields.
 - Presiding Officer Nicoletto is looking into making grant monies available for improvements to the children's playground.
- Front entrance of Memorial Park will be centered, the monument moved, and flag poles repositioned, once the construction begins. A new sign will be centered over the front gates. Additionally the monument will have a separate path so that people do not walk through the monument area.
 - The monument is erected in honor of all those in our community who gave their life in service of our country.
- The Village Neighborhood watch should be active shortly. The Village is looking to acquire a car. For anyone interested they can contact the Mayor.
- The DPW facility paperwork has been completed and sent to the governor's office. Since we have a new governor the paperwork is on hold.

- In May the Village residents will be the only ones who will be able to use the park. Residents pay taxes for their park and they should be able to use them without fighting with non-residents for space. The rules will be enforced upon entry into the park.
- When the dog park opens all dog owners will have to register their dog before using the new dog park.
- We will allow residents to bring with them one nonresident into the park.

The meeting was opened to public participation at 8:37 pm and closed at 9:02 pm.

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 9:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lara Verbanac

Secretary to the Board