

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 21, 2022**

**Present:** Mayor Devane  
Deputy Mayor Nijjar  
Trustee Squicciarino  
Trustee Burger  
Cathryn Hillmann, Village Clerk-Treasurer  
Binu Pillay, Superintendent of Building  
Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW  
Lara Verbanac, Deputy Village Treasurer  
Patricia Santomauro, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

**Absent:** Trustee Savarese

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 7:18 pm following a Special Use Public Hearing. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the hearing.

**BOARD MINUTES:**

Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar seconded by Trustee Burger, the Board Meeting Minutes from March 24, 2022 were unanimously approved.

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES:**

Upon motion by Trustee Burger seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the Annual Board Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2022 were unanimously approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

The Police Report for April 2022 was submitted by the Nassau County Police Department on March 8, 2022.

**Car Wash Application: APPROVED**

- East Coast Camps is requesting to hold a car wash on Saturday, June 11th (9 am – 4pm)

**Festival Request: APPROVED**

- Church of the Holy Spirit's is requesting DPW's assistance with their Annual Festival  
The festival will be held on the following dates:  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm  
June 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm – 11:00 pm  
June 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**License Renewals:**

**Restaurants: APPROVED**

The Angry Gnome – 1217 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY  
Indian Bistro Inc. – 247 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY

**Dance: APPROVED**

The Angry Gnome – 1217 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY

**Games: APPROVED**

The Angry Gnome – 1217 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY

**Catering: APPROVED**

Mr. Softee of New Hyde Park, 158-35 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, New Hyde Park, NY

**Landscaping: APPROVED**

- P. Gironda Landscaping Inc. -1631 Imperial Avenue, NHP
- We Care Tree Service – 2093 Hancock Avenue, Bellmore
- Green Line Landscaping - 73 Cortland Avenue, Hicksville
- HC Landscaping -271 Washington Avenue, Roosevelt
- Cabrera Landscaping – 427 Beach 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Far Rockaway
- Jose Landscaping – 167 Dikeman Street, Hempstead
- Sagittarius Landscaping – 145 Ellison Avenue, Roosevelt
- Martinez Landscaping - 164-33 108<sup>th</sup> Drive, Jamaica
- LTK Landscaping LLC. – 9 Fordham Street, Williston Park
- Jose H. Arevalo Landscaping Inc. – 686 Keil Street, Elmont
- J. Alvarez Landscaping – 156 Argyle Avenue, Uniondale
- MDR Landscaping - 528 Henry Street, W. Hempstead
- Cat’s Landscaping – 944 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, NHP
- JAA Landscaping -14710 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Flushing
- Three Seasons Lawn Maintenance & Design Inc. -PO Box 487, W. Hempstead

**REPORTS:**

- Tr. Savarese:** Parks and Recreation, Little League, Public Information, Dept. of Public Works, and Tree Committee
- Tr. Burger:** Building Department, LIRR, Veterans Affairs, Noise Abatement
- Tr. Squicciarino:** Board of Assessors, Chamber of Commerce, Clerk’s Office, Library, Business Development, Community Development (CDBG)
- Deputy Mayor Nijjar:** Revitalization Commission, Cultural Commission and Schools
- Mayor Devane:** Auxiliary Police, Fire Department, Nassau County Police, Facilities LIRR Task Force, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning and ARB Board

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**21-145 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 21-24**

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

**21-146 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2022-2023 BUDGET**

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to adopt the 2022-2023 Budget as presented was unanimously approved.

**21-147 A RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR ALL IN ONE PARTY RENTALS**

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to authorize a Special Use Permit at 1 Jericho Tpke, NHP, NY 11040 was unanimously approved.

**21-148 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GR-DER CONTRACTING CORP.**

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Gr-ader Contracting Corp. was unanimously approved.

**21-149 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH DVIRKA AND BARTILUCCI, 330 CROSSWAY PARK DRIVE, WOODBURY, NY 11797**

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with Dvirka and Bartilucci was unanimously approved.

**21-150 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A VILLAGE OFFICIAL**

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing the appointment of Andrew Faglio to the Revitalization Committee was unanimously approved.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Trustee Savarese: was absent. His report was presented by Trustee Burger**

**Parks and Recreation**

- All residents age 5 and older are required to present a PARK ID to enter any Village Park. This policy applies to the Dog Park as well. You can download your application at [www.vnhp.org/parks-recreation/](http://www.vnhp.org/parks-recreation/).
- Improvements are underway at Memorial Park. New fencing will be installed for both dugouts on the small field starting on Friday 4/22.
- New benches were recently installed in these dugouts.
- The entire infield of the small field received a complete makeover by our DPW crew.
- Tennis courts will be resurfaced and all cracks will be repaired. After the tennis courts are power washed, new lines will be painted.
- Both basketball courts will also be power washed.
- Building the Dog Park is moving along. Fence proposals have been submitted and the new fencing for the Dog Park will be installed by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Bocce court is 90% complete and is scheduled to be fully completed by the end of this month.
- The new entrance way and new flag poles will be installed at Memorial Park.
- The infield at Nuzzi Park has been groomed for opening day by our DPW crew for this Saturday's games.

**Little League**

The Little League Parade Little League is having their opening day parade starting at noon on Saturday 4/23. Please lineup at 11:30 am at Applebee's parking lot on Leonard Blvd and Jericho Turnpike. The parade will end at Nuzzi Field. After the opening day ceremonies, NHPLL will play two games one from the Boys Majors (2 pm) and one from the Boys Minors (4 pm) division at Nuzzi Field.

**Social Media**

Follow the Village on the Village Instagram account for Updates, Important Notices & Events. (@villageofnhp). As of today, we have 842 followers on Instagram.

Also visit the Village website and download the MY VNHP app on your phone to stay connected with your village.

## **Department of Public Works**

Superintendent Sikiric stated that:

- The Dog Park needs additional gravel for drainage.
- Three trees were installed today.
- Water line has been excavated.
- Central Ave/Jericho Tpke is all set for the Firefighter Monument.
- Sanitation is on schedule.
- Spring tree planting will take place next week.
- Igor reminded residents to call DPW at (516) 354- 0064 or visit my VNHP App for tree requests; trims, stump removal.

## **Trustee Burger:**

### **Building Report**

- The last Village building court was held on April 20, 2022 at Village Hall. There were 19 cases on the docket, violation of special exception, working without a permit, illegally parked on lawn, loading/unloading during prohibited hours and open after permitted hours.
- The next Village building court will be held on May 18, 2022 at Village Hall, with 21 cases on the docket.
- There have been 51 permits in total approved and issued between March 24, 2022 and April 21, 2022.

### **G-14 Electrical Substation**

- Perimeter fencing is stalled. The foundation work and posts are installed but the fabric is not up yet.
  - The holdup continues to be the completion of the grounding on site.
  - 3TC will be providing a schedule on the activation of the site by our next scheduled bi-weekly meeting.
  - Activation has been pushed back to later this spring.
- Landscaping – The village has requested larger, more mature trees. The MTA was agreeable to the larger trees.
  - Looking to push out the curb to provide more room for landscaping and mature trees.
  - Designers are reviewing hydrant location and catch basin.
    - Met with Water-Authority on the hydrant.
    - Scheduled to meet in the next 2 weeks to discuss the challenges and what can be done.

### **South 12<sup>th</sup> Pedestrian Underpass**

- Had several meetings with the MTA on what needs to be completed as well as on ADA concerns:
  - Construction in the area and underpass is not complete.
  - Façade needs to be completed; looking at smoothing it out and paint.
  - 3TC will provide a mock-up in the next couple of weeks for the village to look at.
  - Temporary aluminum railings are being replaced with permanent railing.
  - Security gate needs to be installed and is projected for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June 2022.
  - Mirrors are ordered. There is currently one (1) for each side but 3TC noted that it may need two (2) on each side.
  - Cameras are installed and operational. The MTA has confirmed that they have completed the testing and commissioning of the site.
  - The village questioned the operational procedure. Will MTA Police have access to the cameras? Can the county have access? Questions will be posed to the MTA Office of Security.

- ADA Concerns
  - On March 26<sup>th</sup>, the Village met with Nadia Holubnyczyj, a Floral Park Resident and Rebecca Sheehan, Senator Anna Kaplan’s Chief of Staff.
  - On April 4<sup>th</sup> a site visit was conducted with Nadia, The Board, MTA, 3TC and the Senators office.
  - Nadia demonstrated some of the difficulties and issues with the ADA Ramp and underpass.
  - Overall, it was agreed that the underpass meets code but it could have been thought out more and we are looking for some clean up and improvements to make it better.
    - Focus was on the gratings and cleanup of the under pass.
    - Gratings replaced; others correctly installed.
    - Security – Mirrors and Camera Accessibility.
    - Also went up on the platform.
  - The village be seeking Nadia’s guidance regarding any future projects so we can properly incorporate ADA accessibilities/requirements.

**Station House**

- Station House is complete. Just waiting on code approval. Scheduled to be opened on/about May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**LIRR Track Work – Double Track Outage - Nightwork**

- Dates April 22 – 24, 2022.
- Time: Friday 9 PM to Monday 5:00 AM.
- Location: Between Covert Ave and NHP Road.
- Scope: Replacing old rail and wooden ties with new rail and concrete ties.

**Nightwork/Road Closures**

- Intermittent night work within ROW - Track Work.
- No other nightwork or road closures planned as of now.

**Wall Construction – Fencing**

- North side wall construction is pretty much complete. Fencing work has started on sections of the ROW. 3TC is working on the overall Schedule and they will provide that schedule in the next week or so.
- Fencing will be installed also on the rail access gate.

**NHP Road Fencing Destroyed – 24 Dec**

- Winter Brothers garbage truck hit it; 3TC and DPW worked and cleaned up the site.
- 3TC will be repairing the fencing.
- Schedule is forthcoming.

**Community Benefit Fund**

- \$2.1 M for DPW.
- Trees.
- Truck Access \$150K etc.
- Working with Village Clerk Hillman to put accounting together.
- Looking to possibly acquire additional money for Village.

If you see problems – don’t hesitate to call the Hotline 516-203-4955 or email [communityoutreach@lirrexpansion.com](mailto:communityoutreach@lirrexpansion.com).

## **Water Authority**

- The well at Station 57 Rehabilitation project, including 1.4 dioxane removal is scheduled to come on line sometime in June 2022 (Originally Dec 2021). Water Authority has experienced a number of delays and setbacks to include, materials, and manpower.

## **Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089**

- Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month, at Marcus Christ Hall, at 10 am. The next meeting is on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Finances/donations are down. If you would like to donate to the American Legion, please reach out to [rburger@vnhp.org](mailto:rburger@vnhp.org).
- Currently looking at ways to cut expenses and also creating a website
- Next major event will be the Memorial Day Parade held on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Parade will begin at 9:30 AM. Lineup will start at 9:00 AM.
- The parade will run from Hillside Blvd to Village Hall. There will be a wreath laying at village hall and then the parade will move on to Memorial Park.
- Invites will be sent out later this week.
- Renovating the Memorial at Memorial Park – Flags – Started inquiries with respect to acquiring information for veteran flags.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class Scout Michael Domingo has started the research and Life Scout Andrew Canese will follow.

## **Noise Abatement**

- TRAVNAC meeting was held on March 28 2022.
- The committee is working on getting daily noise level down to 55 dB's as it is currently hovering at 60 dB's to 65 dB's.
- Loud noise disturbs our quality-of-life.
- TVASNAC is pushing for more noise monitors.
- Complaints are constantly ignored by FAA. Don Clavin appointed a special attorney to review complaints, Article 78 will be filled to challenge actions

Please see our News Letter. Residents are urged to file online noise complaints at [www.hempsteadny.gov/TVASNAC](http://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                 | \$13,151.00 |
| Muni-meters            | \$22,511.05 |
| Parking Permits        | \$2,700.00  |
| Licenses               | \$9,250.00  |
| Building               | \$47,731.75 |
| Court Fines-Traffic    | \$59,635.00 |
| Court Fines – Building | \$5,400.00  |

The Tax grievance period for Nassau County will be closing on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone interested in grieving their taxes are encouraged to do so.

NYS was granted \$250 million to upgrade the water system. Western Nassau County will receive 31 million of that. Considered a huge win.

### **Long and Lean**

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

### **Hillside Library**

The library is hosting a Plant & Garden Club. They will be distributing seeds to residents and will have a seed exchange. Trustee Squicciarino encourages all residents to follow the library on Instagram.

### **NHP Museum**

Trustee Squicciarino encourages all residents to visit the museum website. [www.newhydeparkmuseum.org](http://www.newhydeparkmuseum.org)

### **Car Break-ins**

Trustee Squicciarino reminded residents that car break ins are happening all around our neighborhood. Residents are reminded to be mindful and lock up but don't leave keys/fobs in cars. If you are unfortunately a victim, please call 911 and file a report.

### **Deputy Mayor Nijjar:**

#### **Streetscaping**

- Very preliminary discussion on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues have started.

#### **Summer Camp**

- Camp will run from July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>
- Registration will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Village Hall from 10:00 am -2:00 pm.

#### **NHP Schools**

- The Road School PTA wanted to express their gratitude for the generosity extended with the Clothing Drive.
- Board Of Education Budget Public Meeting will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. This will be an informative meeting with Board Candidates up for election.
- School Budget Vote will be on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Cultural Commission**

- A small ceremony will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm whereas the New Hyde Park Lions Club will be contributing a Japanese Maple tree in the Dog Park.
- Earth Day Celebration will be on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at Memorial Park. Focus will be on the playground area. DPW created planting beds for planting flowers.
- Memorial Day Parade will be on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Assembly will be at 9:00 AM. Parade will kick off at 9:30 am.
- A full calendar of events is on the Village website.
- Please visit New Hyde Park TV on YouTube for videos of all village events.

## Mayor Devane:

### **Upcoming Events**

- May has a very exciting number of projects; Memorial Way, Memorial Park front entrance, new Bocci Ball Court and the Don Barbieri Dog Park.

### **NHP Fire Department**

- Memorial Way will be a living memorial in the pocket park on the corner of Jericho Tpke and Central Blvd. It will contain a 7.5 ft. bronze statue to honor members of the New Hyde Park Fire Department, especially 50-year members.
- The NHP Fire Department is recruiting junior fire fighters. For all those interested contact the NHP Fire Department.

### **Village Hall / Parks / DPW**

- 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 created in honor of all those in our community who gave their life in service of our country.
  - There will be six flag poles with lighting. All flag poles have been donated.
  - The front entrance to Memorial Park will serve a sense of pride to our community members.
  - The village is always looking for ways to be cost efficient; new bocci ball court labor was supplied by the players, DPW did the work on the Donald Barbieri Dog Park.
- The Village Neighborhood Watch should be put in full force and effect shortly. For anyone interested in participating they can contact the Mayor.
- All residents are invited to all village events at no charge to residents.
- Beginning May 16, 2022, Village residents will be the only ones who will be able to use the park. This policy was passed in 2012. This Board did not set the policy but will enforce the policy. A Park ID is required to enter village parks, including the Dog Park.
- For the first 30 days, there will not be any guests allowed. We are currently discussing policy options for guest passes and grandparent/grandchild passes.

The meeting was opened to public participation at 9:26 pm and closed at 9:51 pm.

**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 9:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Patricia Santomauvo*  
Secretary to the Board