

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 19, 2022**

**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  
Benjamin Truncale, Village Attorney  
Patricia Santomauro, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 7:53 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 Savarese, the Board Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2022 were unanimously approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

The Police Report for April 2022 was submitted by the Nassau County Police Department on May 10, 2022.

**Car Wash Application: APPROVED**

- New Hyde Park Memorial High School World Languages Honor Society is requesting to hold a car wash on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> (9 am – 4pm)

**Block Party Application: APPROVED**

- Paul & Andrea Orbon of So. 5<sup>th</sup> Street request to hold a block party on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

**Peddler/Solicitor Permit Application: *TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING***

- Annora Marino & Francesca Leonardini, real estate agents of Signature Premier Properties located at 730 Franklin Avenue, Garden City would like the opportunity to hang door knockers.

**Landscaping Permit Applications: APPROVED**

- Carlos Landscaping -162 Haig Street, Valley Stream

**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:**

**21-167 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 21-26**

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

**21-168 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF FULL TIME LABORERS FOR DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS ON/ABOUT MAY 16, 2022**

- Upon motion by Trustee Savarese, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing the hiring of full-time laborers for the Dept. of Public Works was unanimously approved.

**21-169 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW PART TIME LABORER FOR DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS ON/ABOUT MAY 23, 2022**

- Upon motion by Trustee Savarese, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing the hiring of new part time laborers for the Dept. of Public Works was unanimously approved.

**21-170 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART TIME LABORER FOR DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS ON/ABOUT MAY 23, 2022**

- Upon motion by Trustee Savarese, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing the hiring of part time laborers for the Dept. of Public Works was unanimously approved.

**21-171 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW PART TIME LABORER FOR PARKS DEPT. ON/ABOUT APRIL 23, 2022**

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing the hiring of new part time laborers for the Parks Dept. was unanimously approved.

**21-172 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART TIME LABORER FOR PARKS DEPT. ON/ABOUT MAY 23, 2022**

- Upon motion by Trustee Savarese, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing the hiring of part time laborers for the Parks Dept. was unanimously approved.

**21-173 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A NEW DEPUTY CLERK ON/ABOUT APRIL 25, 2022**

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the hiring of a new Deputy Clerk was unanimously approved.

**21-174 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 23, 2022 AT 7:30 PM**

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the Village-Clerk Treasurer to advertise a Public Hearing was unanimously approved.

**21-175 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM WSP**

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a proposal from WSP was unanimously approved.

**21-176 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW PART TIME LABORER FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT ON/ABOUT JUNE 1, 2022**

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing the hiring of part time laborers for the Parks Dept. was unanimously approved.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

### **Trustee Savarese:**

#### **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 and it is enthralling to see the changes taking place; 12 ft. fencing, curb, tennis courts being resurfaced and repainted.
- Dept of Public Works is working diligently on the Dog Park. The gravel and turf were installed and fencing installation will begin next week
- Tennis courts were resurfaced and repaired, power washed and new lines will be painted.
- The Dog Park construction is moving along. The gravel and turf have been installed and the new fencing for the Dog Park will be installed next week.
- The Bocce Ball Court is complete.
- The new entrance way is coming along beautifully. There will be one 30 ft flag pole and six 20 ft flag poles will be installed at the Memorial Park entrance.
- The infield at Nuzzi Park continues to be groomed regularly by our DPW crew. Bathrooms will be open once the Park Attendants are in place.

#### **Little League**

The Little League is playing games Monday through Friday at Nuzzi Field, T-ball on Saturdays.

#### **Social Media**

- Follow the Village on the Village Instagram account for Updates, Important Notices & Events. (@villageofnhp). As of today, we have 900 followers on Instagram from its inception last April.
- Also visit the Village website and download the MY VNHP app on your phone to stay connected with your village.
- Please send all correspondence via email and the Board will get back to you.

#### **Department of Public Works**

Superintendent Sikiric stated that:

- The Dog Park should be completed next week.
- Tree trimming is ongoing.
- Pot hole repair is ongoing.
- LED lighting is 75-80% complete.
- The paving on Wayne Avenue is ongoing.
- Roadway Improvement Program should start mid-June.
- Supt. Sikiric 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 May 18, 2022 at Village Hall. There were 16 cases on the docket, violation of special exception, working without a permit, illegally parked on lawn, loading/offloading during prohibited hours and open after permitted hours.
- The next Village building court will be held on June 15, 2022 at Village Hall, with 7 cases on the docket.
- There have been 45 permits in total approved and issued between April 21, 2022 and May 19, 2022.

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

- Perimeter Fencing is being installed this week.
- Activation will be mid-June.
- Landscaping – We requested larger more mature trees and MTA was agreeable to the larger trees.
  - The Village also requested to have the curb line pushed out to provide more room for landscaping and mature trees.
  - Also met with Kim Hummer and Diane Bentivegna this evening to discuss the landscaping

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

- Opened on February 28, 2022 construction is not complete but moving forward.
- Façade needs to be completed; we are looking to smooth out the surface and paint.
- The temporary railings are being replaced.
- The security gate should to be installed the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June 2022.
- Mirrors are ordered and plan to be installed by the end of May.
- Cameras are installed and operational.
- The Village posed questions to the MTA Office of Security regarding the operational procedure of the MTA; processes, procedures and access to cameras.
- ADA Concerns; the gratings have been repaired.

### **Station House**

- Station House is open and functioning. Road work and curb work continue in the area.

### **LIRR Track Work/Double Track Outage/Nightwork**

- Double Track outage Friday, May 20, 2022 at 9:00 pm through Monday, May 23, 2022 at 5:00 am.
- Location: between Covert Avenue and New Hyde Park Road.
- Scope: Replacing old rail and wooden ties with new rail and concrete ties.
- Intermittent night work within ROW - Track Work.
- No other nightwork or road closures planned at this time.

### **Wall Construction – Fencing**

- North side wall construction is almost complete. Fencing will begin late May/early June.
- Fencing will be installed also on the rail access gate. This includes the fencing destroyed on New Hyde Park Road.

### **Roads**

- Curb and sidewalk work will also be beginning on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. We can expect some lane restrictions and closures as this work progresses.
- Village provided a listing of roads to 3TC and MTA that the village once repaired. 3TC is reviewing and will have a meeting shortly.

### **New Hyde Park Safety Concerns – January 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

- Several incidents in the past year.
- Additional traffic study completed; speed and the need for a left turn signal at New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue.
- Meeting with MTA, Nassau County Dept. of Public Works and 3TC was held on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Traffic analysis looking at traffic volumes completed;

- Traffic volumes similar to 2018 but have had a decrease in some peak hours.
- Speed; further analysis to be conducted. No change from original study.
  - To combat the speeding issue, County PDW/3TC to implement pavement markings noting the speed limit. We are waiting on a schedule from 3TC as to when the markings will be implemented.
  - They will also install No Right Turn signs on Plaza Avenue into New Hyde Park Road.
- Left Turn Signal (protected 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 the left turn signal.
  - The county did not want Stantec to further study if a turn signal was installed, it would create more of a hazard with spill over into New Hyde Park Road travel lanes. The study came back that a traffic light is not needed.
- LIRR looking at installing additional signage on the pedestrian bridge.

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**

- Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Parade will begin at 10:00 AM. Lineup will start at 9:30 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.
- Renovating the Memorial at Memorial Park – Flags –inquiries have started with respect to acquiring information for veteran flags.
- Meetings are the second Saturday of each month at Marcus Christ Hall at 10:00 am. The next meeting is June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Finances – donations are down. If you would like to donate to the American Legion please reach out to Rainer Burger at [rburger@vnhp.org](mailto:rburger@vnhp.org).

### **Noise Abatement**

- The next TVASNAC meeting will be on May 23, 2022 and Rich Pallisco will attend.
- The committee is working on getting daily noise level down to 55 dB's as it is currently hovering at 60 dBs to 65 dBs'
- Noise is a quality-of-life issue.
- 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 Newsletter. 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.

### **Troop 298 Scouts**

- Eagle Project – Shyler Fernandes will start his project mid-June 2022.

**Trustee Squicciarino:**

**Village Clerk's Report**

Meters	\$11,403.00
Muni-meters	\$18,900.00
Parking Permits	\$3,000.00
Licenses	\$3,060.00
Building	\$157,222.83
Sale of Refuse	\$358.80
Court Fines-Traffic	\$53,739.00
Court Fines – Building	\$7,350.00

- The Tax bills are going out next Friday, May 27, 2022. Payments are due by July 1, 2022. Payments can be made by check, ACH or credit card. Please note, there is a minimal service fee for ACH and credit card payments.
- Due to a scheduling conflict, next month's Board Meeting originally scheduled for June 16, 2022 will now be held on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 7:00 pm.
- Uncut Grass: Trustee Squicciarino requests the residents to share in the pride of the Village and keep their lawns cut. The Village does not wish to summons residents.
- LED lighting: Trustee Squicciarino would like to thank Department of Public Works for making our streets brighter.
- Trustee Squicciarino mentioned that the transformation at the park is amazing and really taking shape.

**Long and Lean**

- The long and lean exercise class for the Spring 2022 will conclude on May 26, 2022. Classes will resume after the summer.

**Hillside Library**

- The library is hosting a Book Sale on Sunday, May 22, 2022 in the All Purpose Room on the second floor from 12:00 pm -4:00 pm
- The library is now providing Curbside Pickup 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Reserve your pickup time AFTER you receive an email confirming that your items are ready. Please refer to the library website for more information [hillsidelibrary.info](http://hillsidelibrary.info).

**Newsletter**

- Has been sent to the printer and should be available in the near future

**REAP Program**

- PSEG program where households earning \$125, 000 or less can have a free in-home energy assessment. There is potential for free replacement of appliances not running properly.

## **Deputy Mayor Nijjar:**

Deputy Mayor Nijjar mentioned the turnout at Earth Day was disappointing and encouraged the community to give back through involvement. The Cultural Committee works day and night to plan and organize events and are always looking for volunteers. All residents are welcome to all Village events at no charge.

### **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.

### **Upcoming Village Events**

- Memorial Day Parade will be on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Assembly will be at 9:30 am. Parade will kick off at 9:30 am. Rain or shine.
  - New Hyde Park District Band will be marching and perform the National Anthem at Memorial Park.
- Holy Spirit will be having a 5:00 pm Mass of Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. The Parish invites all active, reserves and retired members of the military to wear their uniforms or fatigues.

### **Cultural Commission**

- Wednesday, June 15, 2022 there will be a concert in the park featuring “Gentleman of Soul” at 7:30 pm.
- The Multicultural Festival will be on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 and we are looking for volunteers.
- 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**

- Memorial Day Parade; the Memorial Day parade is the most significant parade of the year and we request all to come out to participate and pay your respects.
- May has had very exciting projects under way; Memorial Way, Memorial Park front entrance, new Bocci Ball Court and the Don Barbieri Dog Park.

### **NHP Fire Department**

- Construction on Memorial Way pocket park started today.
- The NHP Fire Department is recruiting junior fire fighters. For all those interested contact the NHP Fire Department.
- The Fire Department will be hosting an Open House on June 12<sup>th</sup> and all residents are invited.

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

- I am receiving great feedback on the LED lights. Thank you, Igor and the Dept. of Public Works for all that hard work.
- The new tiles were placed in the Village Hall hallway and Board room.
- HVAC is almost complete at Village Hall.
- The chairs arrived for the Assembly Room and new frames were ordered. We are anticipating the Assembly Room to be completed by our next Board Meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Moving forward, the Assembly Room will host Board Meetings, ARB Meetings and Zoning Board Meetings among others.
- The Building Dept. Office and Clerk’s Office construction will begin over the summer.
- Front entrance has had new landscape lighting installed; the landscaping was paired down to highlight the Memorial Rock in front of Village Hall paying homage to those that made the supreme sacrifice.

- New lighting was installed on the outside of Village Hall along with new shingles on the side entrance.
- Marcus Christ Hall will be demolished and rebuilt. The village is currently looking at a prefab building and various alternatives. The village is also currently looking at a prefab building and various alternatives for the Dept. of Public Works building as well.
- Road resurfacing will start the first or second week of June. The contractor may come in ahead of time and under budget. Residents are responsible for the concrete in front of their residence. You can reach out for the contractor information to have your sidewalk worked on simultaneously. The Village will provide the information but the agreement would be between the homeowner and the contractor.
- 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 in June, 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 without any exceptions. 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 along with guest pass fee policies.

The meeting was opened to public participation at 8:43 pm and closed at 10:51pm.

**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 10:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Patricia Santomauro*

Secretary to the Board