

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
June 23, 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 7:04 pm following a Special Use Public Hearing. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the hearing.

BOARD MINUTES:

Upon motion by Trustee Burger seconded by Trustee Nijjar, the Board Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2022 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

Car Wash Application: APPROVED

- New Hyde Park Road School PTA is requesting to hold a car wash on Saturday, July 16th (9 am – 4pm)
- East Coast Soccer Club is requesting to hold a car wash on Saturday, July 9th (9 am – 4pm)

Christmas Tree Fundraiser: APPROVED

- The Lions Club of New Hyde Park requests the use of the Central Boulevard Parking Lot for the Club's Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser. Friday, November 25, 2022 through Friday December 23, 2022. The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 3:00 pm -8:00 pm. and 9:00 am -8:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Handicap Parking: APPROVED

- A resident has requested a handicap parking space in front 1605 Lincoln Avenue, New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

Block Party Application: APPROVED

- Nicole Ashton of North 10th Street between Park Ave. and Lowell Ave. on Saturday August 13, 2022 9:00 am -11:00 pm. Rain date would be Sunday, August 14, 2022.

Peddler/Solicitor Permit Application: *Tabled UNTIL Executive Session*

- 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 (cardboard placards with hooks to hang on door knobs) between the hours of 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Landscaping Permit Applications: APPROVED

- JNC Lawn Service LLC – 75 Bedford Avenue, New Hyde Park, NY 11040
- Dom’s Landscaping Inc. – 141 Herricks Road, Garden City Park, NY 11040
- JNJ Landscaping – 161 Broadway, Freeport, NY 11520
- EMR Landscaping – 11 Thrush Lane, Levittown, NY 11756
- Grace Landscaping Corp. – 1090 Myron Street, Uniondale 11553

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:

22-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #22-02

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

22-06 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMPLOYEE REHIRES & NEW HIRES_SUMMER REC

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

22-07 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW PART TIME LABORER FOR PARKS DEPT.

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing the hiring of new part time laborer for the Dept. of Public Works 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/.
- Improvements are underway at Memorial Park and it is exciting to see the changes taking place.
- Dept of Public Works has installed 4 new backboards and rims to the basketball courts.
- Tennis courts were resurfaced and repaired, power washed and new lines were painted.
- The Dog Park construction is completed. A local artist painted a non-working fire hydrant for the dog park.
- The Bocce Ball Court is complete.

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).
- 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.

Upcoming Events

- Katie's Run will be on Sunday, June 26, 2022
- The village held it's first concert of the summer on June 15th. 'Gentlemen of Soul' did a fabulous job. The next summer concert will be on August 10th featuring Green Machine.
- Trustee Savarese presented Mayor Christopher Devane with a plaque; the Newsday article highlighting the Donald Barbieri Dog Park.

Department of Public Works

Superintendent Sikiric stated that:

- DPW completed planting 20 trees across the village.
- Tree trimming is ongoing.
- DPW assisted with the road repair on Wayne Avenue with 15 tons of asphalt.
- The ongoing summer roadwork commenced this week on Central Avenue and it is anticipated to be completed in the fall.
- The temporary fencing at the 12th Street lot was removed.
- Sanitation Schedule; there will not be any pick up on 7/4. It will resume for the entire village on Tuesday 7/5 including cardboard for the north side.
- 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 June 15, 2022 at Village Hall. There were 29 cases on the docket; illegal use of single-family dwelling, working without a permit, property maintenance, loading/offloading during prohibited hours and during the weekend.
- The next Village building court will be held on July 20, 2022 at Village Hall, with 8 cases on the docket.
- There have been 53 permits in total approved and issued between May 19, 2022 and June 23, 2022.

G-14 Electrical Substation

- Perimeter fencing was installed.
- Activation will be in a couple of weeks as we are waiting on a schedule from 3TC and MTA.
- Landscaping – Residents requested larger, more mature trees and the MTA was in agreement.
 - Village also requested to have the curb line pushed out to provide more room for landscaping and mature trees.
 - We received a preliminary plan, shared it with some residents, we submitted comment and are waiting for update.
 - Also met with Kim Hummer and Diane Benevenga this evening to discuss the landscaping.

South 12th Pedestrian Underpass

- Opened on Feb 28, 2022
- Had several meetings with 3TC and the MTA on what needs to be completed.
- First – Construction in the Area and Underpass is not complete
 - Façade needs to be completed – Looking to smooth out and paint.
 - Mayor met with 3TC to review Mock-up on 5/17.
 - Temporary Railings have been replaced.
 - Security Gate installation is anticipated the 1st Week of June 2022.
 - Mirrors are ordered and plan to be installed by the end of May.
 - Cameras are Installed and Operational.
 - The Village will pose the following questions on the Operational Procedure to the MTA Office of Security; will the MTA Police have access to the camera? Can the county have access?

Station House

- Station House is now open and operational.

Nightwork/Road Closures

- Intermittent night work within ROW - Track Work.
- No other nightwork or Road Closures planned – As of now.

Wall Construction – Fencing

- Wall Construction is pretty much complete – fencing work will begin in late May/Early June.
- Fencing will be installed also on the Rail Access Gate. This also includes replacing the fencing that was destroyed on NHP road.

Roads

- Curb and Sidewalk work will also be beginning on 3rd Ave. 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 we will have a meeting shortly.

NHP Road Safety Concerns – 19 Jan Meeting

- Several Incidents in past year.
- Additional Traffic Study Completed – Speed and the need for left turn at NHP and Plaza.
- A meeting with MTA/Nassau County DPW and 3TC was held on April 12th.
- Traffic Analysis completed looking at Traffic Volumes,
 - Traffic Volumes similar to 2018 but in some peak hours decreased.
 - Speed – further analysis is to be conducted. There is no change from original study.
 - To combat the Speeding issue, County DPW /3TC are to implement pavement markings noting the speed limit. The village is waiting on a schedule from 3TC as to when the marking will be implemented.
 - Will install ‘No Right Turn’ signs on Plaza Avenue into New Hyde Park Road.
 - Left turn signal (Protected Signal) at NHP and Plaza.
- Traffic Study concludes that based on Criteria /thresholds and traffic volumes, it does not warrant the need for a left turn signal.

If you see problems – don’t hesitate to call the Hotline 516-203-4955 or email 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. The original Dec 2021 date was delayed due to the Water Authority experiencing a number of delays and setbacks to including, materials and manpower.
- Site Clean-up – Sidewalks and fencing to be replaced in July.

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

- The veterans would like to thank the community involvement in the Memorial Day Parade.
- The veterans would also like to thank the Board, Milena’s Garden Center for the beautiful renovations of the Memorial at Memorial Park.
- Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of every month at Marcus Christ Hall, 10 am. The next meeting is on June 11th.
- Finances – Donations Are down – If you would like to donate to the American Legion, please reach out to me at rburger@vnhp.org – Email is also on the Village website.

Noise Abatement

- TVASNAC Meeting was held on Monday May 23, 2022.
- TVASNAC pushing for more Noise Monitors.
- Complaints constantly ignored by FAA – Don Clavin appointed a special attorney to review complaints – Article 78 will be filled to challenge actions.
- See News Letter 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.

Troop 298 Scouts

- **Shyler Fernandes Eagle Scout Project to begin mid-June 2022.**

Trustee Squicciarino:

Village Clerk’s Report

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| Meters | \$11,746.00 |
| Muni-meters | \$20,856.00 |
| Parking Permits | \$660.00 |
| Licenses | \$325.00 |
| Building | \$34,508.88 |
| Court Fines-Traffic | \$59,326.39 |
| Court Fines – Building | \$3,000.00 |

- The Tax bills went out on 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.
- Trustee Squicciarino reminded residents that effective June 1st, parking will be \$6.00 a day.

Hillside Library

- The library has tons of things going on; live sign language classes, virtual chair yoga, 20-minute workouts, an ice cream/paint night on 7/17 are a few. Please visit their website for more details.
- 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.

Chamber

- Please visit the New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce website and click on the link for The Best of Long Island contest. Please vote for the chamber if you feel inclined to.

Scams

- Texting Scam: Reports of residents receiving texts stating they know their names and their families' names along with gruesome pictures and they want money. Trustee Squicciarino requests you call the police right away.
- Jewelry Scam: They are targeting the elder population by acting as though they recognize the victim and pull them into a quick embrace then snatch whatever jewelry the victim is wearing.

Trustee Squicciarino requests you keep your guard up and when you see something, say something.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar:

Summer Camp

- Camp will run from July 5th through August 4th.
- The first registration was on June 14th and the second registration was on June 22nd at Village Hall from 10:00 am -2:00 pm.
- Residents are free and non-residents will be charged a fee.

Schools

- The NHP Road School had a lockdown drill yesterday due to a Belmont home break-in. Please be alert of your surroundings.
- Road School and Hillside Grade School recently had their 6th grade picnics with the use of a permit.

Upcoming Village Events

- Memorial Day Parade will be on Saturday, May 28th. 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 28th. The Parish invites all active, reserves and retired members of the military to wear their uniforms or fatigues.

Cultural Commission

- The concert in the park featuring "Gentleman of Soul" on June 15th was excellent.
- The Multicultural Festival will be on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 5:00 pm and All are welcome! We are also looking for volunteers. Come out and represent your heritage.
- The next Summer Concert will be on August 10th featuring 'Mean Machine'.
- 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

- Wednesday, July 6th is the 2nd Annual Multicultural Festival at Memorial Park, 5:00 pm
- Thursday, July 7th is the New Hyde Park Fire Department Memorial Dedication. The Memorial is located on Jericho Tpke. and Central Blvd. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm. The Mayor encourages everyone to come celebrate these individuals who have dedicated their lives to our community.

NHP Fire Department

- The NHP Fire Department is recruiting junior fire fighters. For all those interested contact the NHP Fire Department.
- The Fire Department's Open House on June 12th was extremely successful. Approximately 30-35 junior volunteers were recruited.

Donald Barbieri Dog Park

- The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on June 5th with the Barbieri family present, including his 90-year-old Mother. The park is also in honor of his service dog Hailey. Residents should enjoy the park. The efforts of the Department of Public Works were a labor of love for Donald Barbieri.

Village Hall / Parks / DPW

- The Assembly Room has been completed and will be ready to be utilized by our next Board Meeting on July 21st. 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 is anticipated to begin over the summer.
- Marcus Christ Hall will be demolished and rebuilt. The building has 4 different wall coverings and 4 different floorings. Most importantly it is missing foundation on one side. Plans are being developed.
- The village is currently looking at a prefab building and various alternatives for the Dept. of Public Works building as well. That building is 94 years old and construction should break ground by the end of the year. Nuzzi Field will most likely be destroyed in the process but we will redo Nuzzi Field once Dept. of Public Works building is complete.
- The village has installed all new rims and backboards on the basketball courts, all the cracks in tennis courts were repaired and resurfaced.
- New Bocce Ball Court with new dry well. A Ladies Team is currently forming.
- A policy of Residents Only in Memorial Park was enacted in 2012 due to several issues; damage to basketball courts, barn fires and unfavorable behavior overall but it was not enforced. In light of this behavior and the costly improvements made within the park, the Village Board voted unanimously to enforce this policy.
- As of June 1st, Village residents will be our first priority when it comes to use of the park. A Park ID is required to enter the Village parks, including the Dog Park.
- Effective Wednesday, June 15th, Village residents with a Park ID can bring immediate family members as guests into the park. The resident with the Park ID must be present.
- Effective Monday, June 20, 2022 the Village will implement guest passes. These passes include; Village Resident Guest \$5.00 per person, per day. Guest must enter with Village resident.
New Hyde Park Town -11040 Community Passes \$10.00 per person per day.
All children under 5 are free and there are discount vouchers as well; 20 Village Resident Guest Vouchers for \$75 and 10 New Hyde Park Town 11040 community vouchers for \$80
- The village would like to work out a policy with non-residents but the conversation needs to be respectful and civil. Anyone with concerns is welcome to reach out to the Mayor respectfully.
- All residents are invited to all Village events at no charge to residents.

The meeting was opened to public comment at 8:09 pm and closed public comment at 9:15 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 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Santomauro

Secretary to the Board