

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
July 28, 2022**

Present: Mayor Devane
Deputy Mayor Nijjar
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

Absent: Trustee Squicciarino
Trustee Burger

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 7:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone to Assembly Hall.

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar seconded by Trustee Savarese, the Board Meeting Minutes from June 23, 2022 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

Landscaping Permit Applications: APPROVED

- Hector Landscaping & Design – 2 Denton Place, Roosevelt, NY 11575
- Rivas Landscaping Services Corp. – 19 Sammis Place, Hempstead, NY 11550
- R Centeno Landscaping Corp. – PO Box 542, Uniondale, NY 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:

22-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #22-04

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

22-14 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT; CRONIN

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the certiorari settlements was unanimously approved.

22-15 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT; FARREL FRITZ

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the certiorari settlements was unanimously approved.

22-16 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT; HERMAN KATZ

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the certiorari settlements was unanimously approved.

22-17 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT; MAIDENBAUM

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the certiorari settlements was unanimously approved.

22-18 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT; PROPERTY TAX APPEAL

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the certiorari settlements was unanimously approved.

22-19 A RESOLUTION APPROVING SMALL CLAIM GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENTS \$10, 692.39

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the Small Claim Grievance Settlements was unanimously approved.

22-20 A RESOLUTION APPROVING SMALL CLAIM GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENTS \$2,148.29

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the Small Claim Grievance Settlements 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/.
- The Village currently have interns available to assist with creating and distributing Park ID's
- Summer Camp will be winding down. The last day is Thursday, August 4th.
- The Village is looking at options for adding 2 panic gates, one being by the children's playground. We met with four fence companies and have received 2 proposals at this time.
- The park was closed a few days due to the heatwave. The safety of residents and dogs was our priority.
- Construction of the children's playground is tentatively set to start in the fall.

Little League

- Both the boys' and girls' teams came in second place in Williamsport. Baseball will be ongoing throughout the summer.

Social Media

- Follow the Village on the Village Instagram account for Updates, Important Notices & Events. (@villageofnhp).
- The Village does not manage a Facebook page. There is one currently in place but it not operated by the Village.
- Also visit the Village website and download the MY VNHP app on your phone to stay connected with your Village.

Upcoming Events

- The 2nd concert in the park will be on Wednesday, August 10th featuring Mean Machine. All are welcome! Bring a chair or a blanket and come enjoy this rock and roll band.

Department of Public Works

Superintendent Sikiric stated that:

- Dept. of Public Works has completed 10 tree removals across the Village.
- Trim maintenance will be ongoing the next couple of weeks.
- The 2021-2022 Roadwork Project will continue on Central Avenue with grading/leveling. We are anticipating road surface placement in the next few weeks.
- LED lighting installation is approximately 90% complete.
- There are currently no changes in the Sanitation Schedule.
- Supt. Sikiric reminded residents to call DPW at (516) 354- 0064 or visit my VNHP App for tree requests; trims, stump removal.
- Supt. Sikiric reported that there was a gas main break at the corner of S. 12th Street and 2nd Avenue. The gas main was improperly marked and the contractor inadvertently hit it while excavating. The New Hyde Park Fire Department and National Grid responded immediately. They shut the area down and evacuated the residents until it was safe to return. No injuries were reported.

Trustee Burger:

Building Report

- The last Village building court was held on July 20, 2022 at Village Hall. There were 37 cases on the docket; property maintenance and parking on lawn. The next Village building court will be held on August 17, 2022 at Village Hall, with 38 cases on the docket.
- There have been 57 permits in total approved and issued between June 23, 2022 and July 28, 2022.

Long Island Railroad (LIRR) 3rd Track Project

- **G-14 Electrical Substation**
 - The Village received an updated landscaping plan which includes a 5' bump out.
 - Plan is incorrect and it did not contain Giant Green Arborvitae with the mature trees.
 - The Village is currently waiting on update and will share it with the residents.
 - Site activation was scheduled for week of July 18th but delayed and we are waiting on new date from 3TC.
- **South 12th Pedestrian Underpass**
 - Most of the issues were addressed except for the façade. Working with the MTA on several options.
 - The Village still has not had a response with respect to the Operational Procedures and camera access to the MTA Police.

- **Wall Construction – Fencing**
 - Wall Construction is almost complete.
 - Installation of architectural fencing is ongoing which includes the completed section from Premier Blvd. towards Covert Avenue. This work will continue over the next few weeks.
 - Fencing will also be installed on the Rail Access Gate.
 - The fencing on New Hyde Park Road that was destroyed in an accident during Christmas was replaced a few weeks ago.

- **Roads**
 - The curb, sidewalk, and paving work along 2nd and 3rd Ave will be on-going. We expect some lane restrictions and closures as this full depth replacement progresses.
 - Conversations with the field contractors are that work will continue through the rest of July and possibly into the 1st part of August.
 - The Village is working with the MTA and 3TC on a number of roads that the Village wants repaved due to the construction.
 - Baer Place and portions of 2nd and 3rd Avenues have been paved. Fourth Avenue will be paved as well under the agreement with the MTA.

- **LIRR Track Work – Service Changes**
 - As the 3rd track is being completed and activated, there will be significant changes on eastbound service throughout August and September at NHP Station, Merillon, Mineola, Carl Place and Westbury Stations.
 - Residents/Commuters should visit <http://new.mta.info/mainline> to learn more about the service changes.

- **Nightwork/Road Closures**
 - Intermittent night work within Right of Way will take place for Track Work.

- **NHP Road Safety Concerns**
 - Fencing repair is complete.
 - Speed: further analysis was conducted without any new findings from original study.
 - To combat the speeding issue: County DPW /3TC to implement pavement markings noting the speed limit. These pavement markings are to be completed with 2nd and 3rd Avenue restriping.
 - Installation of ‘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.
 - The County has agreed to install a Left Turn Protected Signal.
 - We are currently waiting on details from the County on when this will occur.

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 the summer of 2022 (Originally Dec 2021). The Water Authority has experienced a number of delays and setbacks to include materials, and now, equipment problems.
- Currently they are trying to resolve a leak in the Clear Well tank.
- Sidewalks are complete and the landscaping is in process.
- New Fencing is intended to be installed at end of month/early August.
- Despite dealing with some issues, we are looking to go operational late August/September.

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

- The Legion will not meet over the summer. The next meeting will be September 10th at 10 am in Marcus Christ Hall.
- The Legion has started planning for Street fair.
- Regarding finances; donations are down – If you would like to donate to the American Legion, please reach out to me at rburger@vnhp.org. My email is also on the Village website.

Noise Abatement

- The last TVASNAC meeting was on 7/25/2022.
- The committee is working on getting daily noise level down to 55 dBA. It is currently hovering at 60 to 65 dBA.
- TVASNAC is pushing for more noise monitors.
- 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.
- Monthly statistics indicate over 2,400 aircraft fly over the New Hyde Park area monthly with only 146 residential complaints.
- An invitation will be sent out to State Senator Anna Kaplan, Legislators Rich Nicoletto and John Guiffre and Assemblyman Ed Ra to attend the next meeting.

Troop #298

- Trustee Burger took a group of Scouts out to Philmont Scout Ranch. They will be backpacking over 35 miles through the wilderness in the mountains of New Mexico. We wish them all well.

Trustee Squicciarino:

Village Clerk’s Report

Meters	\$14,700.00
Muni-meters	\$23,148.25
Parking Permits	\$1,505.00
Licenses	\$835.00
Building	\$26,349.10
Court Fines-Traffic	\$55,435.00
Court Fines – Building	\$3,600.00

Deputy Mayor Nijjar:

Summer Camp

- Camp is coming to an end with August 4th being the last day. We are looking at possibly changing a few things up next year.

Upcoming Village Events

- Concert in the Park – Wednesday, August 10th 6:30pm. All are welcome. Free of Charge.
- Back to School Movie Night – Friday, September 9th at Memorial Park. All are welcome. Free of Charge.
- 25th Annual Street Fair – Saturday, September 17th. Rain date: Saturday, September 24th more information to come at the next meeting.

Cultural Commission

- The 2nd Annual Multicultural Festival on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 was a huge success. Thank you to the organizers; Cultural Commission, Department of Public Works and the Clerk's Office.
- A huge thank you to the interns and performers who volunteer their time in the hot sun.
- A huge thank you to the community. The turnout was great. Please keep coming out.
- 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:

Events

- Katie's Run was a phenomenal success and the Village was honored to be a part of it. The McBride family turned tragedy into a tremendous cause.
- The 2nd Annual Multicultural Festival at Memorial Park was a huge success. The young and old talent was remarkable. This will be a tradition to follow through on.

NHP Fire Department

- The New Hyde Park Fire Department Memorial Dedication honored 38 members with fifty years of service. Combined, these members provided 2,050 years of service! It was a special and emotional night for the members, some having four generations who served or are serving. The well-deserved dedication ceremony occurred in the beautifully designed pocket park located at the corner of Jericho Turnpike and Central Boulevard.
- The NHP Fire Department is recruiting junior fire fighters. For all those interested contact the NHP Fire Department.

Neighborhood Watch

- Looking for possibly 3 audience members to sign up.
- White SUV (old NHPFD Chief's car) with a magnetic sign on door; VNHP Neighborhood Watch
- Please come out and participate; be the eyes and ears. No one is to intervene if they see something, other than calling the Police Department.

Village Hall / Parks / DPW

- Welcome to Assembly Hall; a brand-new room funded through a State Grant. Demolition began on March 3, 2022 and completed July 28, 2022 which consisted of new windows, new varnish on the flooring, lighting and brick wall. All new picture frames to proudly display past Village Mayors and Justices.
- On Monday, August 1, 2022 new flooring will be installed throughout the hallway, from the basement to the second floor.
- In mid-August, both the Building Dept. and Clerk's Office will move into Marcus Christ Hall so that construction can be done on both divisions at the same time. The estimated time for completion is 4 weeks.
- We are currently working with a grant to upgrade the handicap ramp per ADA guidelines.
- Excavation on the children's playground will be done by Dept. of Public Works in early October. The playground will not be able to be used at that time. Conservative estimate for the playground is \$300k
- A community effort by the Dept. of Public Works, Nuzzi, FDNY and the Village of New Hyde Park replaced a bench dedicated to Michael Lynch who lost his life on 9/11. The old bench went to Mrs. Lynch's home.
- Marcus Christ Hall demolition is anticipated for mid-November allowing for the Legion to celebrate one last Veteran's Day prior to demolition. ARB is working designs. We are looking at scaling it down. The goal is to make it a source of pride within the community.
- Demolition of the Dept. of Public Works building will follow in November. Nuzzi Field will need to be closed down while the work is in progress.

- The Village has issued 1800 Park Id's to date. Registrations are constantly ongoing week to week.
- The Board has met with 6 Village residents to create a Guest Policy. The Village is trying to forge a compromise and one idea that is possible is an Annual Non-Residents Pass. This pass would provide a family of 4 an annual pass for a fee of \$250.00. This policy would be limited to 75 families.
- Effective Monday, August 8, 2022 Village Residents who wish to bring a guest to the park must present their village issued park ID card to the park attendant at the entrance. The park attendant will hold the resident's park ID and stamp the guest's hand. The resident's park ID will be returned when both the resident and their guest leave the park. There is a limit of one guest per resident.
- The Village will be installing a 'No Left Turn' sign on Miller's Lane onto Jericho Turnpike.
- All residents are invited to all Village events at no charge to residents.

Old Business: no old business

New Business: no new business

There being no further business, upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting went into executive session at 8:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Santomauro

Secretary to the Board