

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 25, 2022**

**Present:** Mayor Devane  
Deputy Mayor Nijjar  
Trustee Savarese  
Binu Pillay, Superintendent of Building  
Patricia Santomauro, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

**Absent:** Cathryn Hillmann, Village Clerk-Treasurer  
Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW

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 July 28, 2022 were unanimously approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

The Police Report for July 2022 was submitted by the Nassau County Police Department on August 9, 2022.

**Block Party Application: APPROVED with Amended Rain date of Sunday, September 18, 2022.**

- Eugene Suh of Millers Lane between Jericho Turnpike and Station Road (2ns Avenue) requests permission to have a Block Party on Saturday September 10, 2022. 8:00 am -10:00 pm. Rain date would be Sunday, September 11, 2022.

**Marcus Christ Hall Request: APPROVED**

- Park Association of Girl Scouts request the use of Marcus Christ Hall on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Leaders of local Girl Scout troops will meet to discuss the upcoming year.

**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:**

### **22-31 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #22-06**

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

### **22-32 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BOND FOR 2021 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

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

### **22-33 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGETARY ACCOUNT CODES: \$132,829.07**

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between Budgetary Account Codes was unanimously approved.

### **22-34 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGETARY ACCOUNT CODES: \$255,878.23**

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between Budgetary Account Codes was unanimously approved.

### **22-35 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGETARY ACCOUNT CODES: \$238,743.93**

- Upon motion by Trustee Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between Budgetary Account Codes was unanimously approved.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

### **Trustee Savarese:**

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- Installed over 600 LED lights and the project is nearing completion.
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## **Trustee Burger**

### **G 14 Substation**

- The site is activated and operational as of the beginning of August. The noise level currently seems quieter.
- The Village received one complaint regarding the Port-a-potties. The Village explored it, and we were informed it is law within the construction industry to have them on site. The Village is reaching out to see if there is a possibility they can be moved.
- The Village is anticipating finalizing the cost of the landscaping and the 5-foot bump out by month's end.
- Once the pricing is finalized the Village will apply for a Community Benefit Fund. The work will take place parallel to the submission of the application process.

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

- Most of the issues have been addressed except for the façade. The Village is working on several options with the MTA which include the possibility of working with an artist.
- The Village has not received a response regarding the Operational Procedures as well as whether or not the MTA Police will have access to cameras.

### **Wall Construction and Fencing**

- The installation of the architectural fencing is nearing completion. There are only a few sections left which include a High Rail Access Gate.
- The High Rail Access Gate is in the final design stage and will be installed in late fall.

### **Roads**

- The paving work is ongoing. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Baer Place and portions of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues are complete.
- The paving will continue on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues after Labor Day and the striping will follow.
- The Village is working with the MTA and 3TC on several roads that the Village wants repaved due to the construction;
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (estimate and funded by CBF)
  - Stewart Avenue between Covert Avenue and the New Hyde Park Department of Public Works facility). The Village is currently waiting on estimate and funded by CBF.

### **LIRR Track Work Service Changes**

- There will be a Double Track outage August 27<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup> due to track work in Mineola and Denton Avenue.

### **Nightwork/Road Closures**

- Intermittent night track work within ROW.

### **Train Horns**

- The Village has requested the engineers do not lay on the horn, but safety regulations govern the requirement for horns on approach to the platforms, gate crossings and when personnel are working on the tracks.
- The Village is looking into establishing a quiet zone but with the ongoing track work, the horns are necessary.
- The tracks have been welded and inspected.

### **NHP Road Safety Concerns**

- Speed – further analysis is to be conducted as there was no change from the original study.
  - To combat the speeding issue, County DPW/3TC will implement pavement markings noting the speed limit. These pavement markings are scheduled to be completed with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue restriping.
  - No Right Turn signs will be installed 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 Hand Turn protected signal.
  - The Village inquired again this week on when this will occur. The Village is waiting on information from the County.

If you see problems, please do not 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 which includes 1.4 Dioxane removal is still not operational.
- The Water Authority has not yet received Nassau County Department of Health approval to go operational. The Village did however have the Department of Health site visit and walkthrough on August 17<sup>th</sup> for Well 57 operations. It was determined Well 57 still needs adjustments.
- The Water Authority did not provide a specific date but the Village is anticipating late September.
- The leak is resolved; they were losing about 18 inches per day and it is now less than an inch per day.
- The sidewalks are complete, and the landscaping is in progress. The grass needs to be cut and the Water Authority has been notified.
- The new fencing was shipped on August 17<sup>th</sup> and will be scheduled to be installed later this month or shortly after Labor Day. The Water Authority will notify the Village on the start date.

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

- There were no meetings over the summer.
- The next meeting will be on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in Marcus Christ Hall.
- The Legion has started planning for the Street Fair.
- Finances: donations are down. If you would like to donate to the American Legion, please reach out to me at [rburger@vnhp.org](mailto:rburger@vnhp.org). My email is also on the Village website.

### **Noise Abatement**

- The last TVASNAC meeting was on July 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The committee is working on getting the noise level down to 55 dBA's. They are currently at 60 to 65 dBA's.
- TVASNAC is pushing for more noise monitors.

- Residents are urged to file online noise complaints at [www.hempsteadny.gov/TVASNAC](http://www.hempsteadny.gov/TVASNAC) , for Hempstead residents, call 1 (800) 225-1071 and for North Hempstead residents dial 311.
- An invitation will be going out to State Senator Anna Kaplan, Legislators Rich Nicollelo, and John Guiffre and Assemblyman Ed Ra to attend the next meeting.

### **Building Report**

- The last Village building court was held on August 17, 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 September 21, 2022 at Village Hall, with 38 cases on the docket.
- There have been 66 permits in total approved and issued between July 28, 2022 and August 25, 2022.

### **Trustee Squicciarino:**

Trustee Squicciarino would like to extend a shoutout to the clerk’s office. The auditors were in the past two weeks requiring an extensive amount of information. Thank you to Eileen and the office for pulling it together.

### **Village Clerk’s Report**

Meters	\$10,665.00
Muni-meters	\$20,823.65
Parking Permits	\$160.00
Licenses	\$595.00
Building	\$28,750.27
Health Care Contributions	\$13,555.28
Court Fines-Traffic	\$46,565.00
Court Fines – Building	\$4,410.00

- The library is currently working with the Coalition for the Homeless and collecting lunch boxes filled with healthy snacks such as granola bars, fruit cups, etc. Please consider helping if you can.
- On September 15<sup>th</sup> Village Hall will light the Trees of Gold in honor of Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month. The tree lighting will take place at 6:30 pm. Gold bows will be available for purchase so you can show your support for the children and their families as well as help raise foundation funds.
- Trustee Squicciarino would also like to do a shoutout to the businesses in the area for their winning Best in Long Island;
  - Bob Howard’s Candy
  - Yesterday’s Diner
  - Umberto’s of New Hyde Park
  - Luxury Pet Spa
  - Catalano’s Music
  - Best Chamber
  - Cheaper Peepers

### **Deputy Mavor Nijjar**

We are ready for Fall. Monday was 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation where the students received their lockers, locks and iPads. September 1<sup>st</sup> will be the official opening day of school.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – Back to School Movie Night featuring “Dog”. All are welcome. No fee for admission, just bring a chair or a blanket.
- Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - Lighting the Trees of Gold in honor of Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month. The lighting of the Trees of Gold will take place at 6:30 pm, prior to the Village Board Meeting.
- Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Street Fair. The street fair will take place on Jericho Turnpike from New Hyde Park Road to Lakeville Road from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm.
- Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – Final concert of the season “Lampshade for Hiding”. 7:00 pm at Memorial Park. All are welcome. No fee for admission, just bring a chair or a blanket.

### **Mayor Devane**

Mayor Devane stated that Fall is going to be a very active and exciting time.

### **Nassau County Police Department/Auxiliary Police**

Neighborhood Watch in coordination with Nassau County Police Department will hold a meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> at Village Hall. There are currently 6 members, and the vehicles are ready. We would like to start by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone in the room can do it. Be a visible deterrent to anyone that might need it; be a senior citizen or a young lady out on a nightly stroll. Say hello, make sure they are safe while wearing visible indicators you are from the Village. The Neighborhood Watch will be looking into setting up a booth at the street fair.

### **The New Hyde Park Fire Department**

This year will mark the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of 9/11. The New Hyde Park Fire Department will be hosting a commemoration on 9/10 at 6:30 pm. Community participation is encouraged. There will be light refreshments afterwards.

### **Village Hall**

- Assembly Hall completely redone
- Board Room construction is complete
- Village operations will be moved to the basement starting on Monday to begin construction on the Clerk’s Office and the Building Department. Ideally the construction will take place over the month of September, possibly into the month of October. There will be no entrance through the front door on Jericho Turnpike or the usual New Hyde Park Road entrance of the building. The entrance to the lower-level Village Operations during construction will be through the gate, to the left of the usual New Hyde Park Road entrance.
- Marcus Christ Hall will be open during the Street Fair.
- Mayor Devane commended the Clerk’s Office and Building Dept. with the transition of moving downstairs. Binu has done a phenomenal job coordinating A/C, heat, electrical, etc., making it happen.

### **Marcus Christ Hall**

Plans are being drawn to submit to the County and State for grant monies. It will be coming down this year, most likely in November or December.

### Department of Public Works

- There are good conversations are being had regarding planning. We will continue to try and get this done.
- The Village has suffered the burdens and yet to see the benefits. It is time for the MTA to get out.

### Parks

- Excavation of the children's playground will begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Department of Public works will save the Village \$10, 000 by doing a large portion of the work. Details will be put forth as time goes on.
- The Dog Park is doing well.
- The Memorial is great
- The Bocci Court is phenomenal

### Incidents

- On August 3<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 7:00 pm, four individuals that were recognized as an issue from a past diatribe of expletives walked up to the gate. It was explained as politely as possible that a Park ID would be required to enter the park. These individuals again continued a barrage of expletives and blasted music while parked in an SUV. These four individuals are the poster children as to why there is a need of a Park ID.
- One week ago, Park attendants were taunted continuously by another group to the point the police were called.
- This is not about finances; it is about residents.

### Upcoming Events

Diane Bentivenga spoke to the audience regarding the **Guide Dog Foundation**. They train service dogs for veterans. Ms. Bentivenga spoke to the importance of supporting the foundation. Plans include a Veteran to come, along with his dog, to engage members of the members of the American Legion and Fire Department to learn and educate others.

The Village will host its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Columbus Day Parade on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The parade route will run from Lakeville Road to Village Hall.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween Parade will take place on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Gladiator Fund will be hosting Golf Event on September 16<sup>th</sup> which will include a luncheon and raffles at New Hyde Park Inn. All proceeds will benefit Lily Ercegovic.

### Road Safety

The Village is in the process of installing 21 No Left Turn signs on both the north and south sides of Jericho Turnpike.

In light of the tragedy of the three fatalities, the Village is looking to do what it can to mitigate accidents. The Board is open to all suggestions in keeping Jericho Turnpike safe. While inevitably people will disobey and disregard rules, the Village is doing the best they can do within its limitations and will continue to do so.

Speed bumps are in place to slow down traffic. They are temporary installments as they need to be pulled up for snow removal.



We are nearing the end of the LED lighting installation. There are approximately 35 to 40 lights left to be installed. The feedback the Village is receiving is good.

**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 8:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Patricia Santomauro*

Secretary to the Board