

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 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 7:32 pm following a Special Use Public Hearing. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the hearing as well as a moment to honor Connor Tso.

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

Upon motion by Trustee Savarese seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the Board Meeting Minutes from August 25, 2022 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

Parade Request: APPROVED

- New Hyde Park Memorial High School is requesting to hold their Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 8, 2022. The parade will assemble in the Lakeville Road parking lot. The parade will begin at 10:30 am and proceed East on Jericho Turnpike, turn left onto New Hyde Park Road and head North to Evergreen Avenue. It will make a right heading East onto Evergreen and then another right on Leonard Boulevard heading south. The parade will end at the High School located at 500 Leonard Boulevard.

Car Wash Requests: APPROVED

- East Coast FC Soccer League has requested to hold a Car Wash on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm in the Lakeville Road parking lot. The rain date would be October 15, 2022.
- Hillside Grade School 6th Grade Committee has requested to hold a Car Wash on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. in the Lakeville Road parking lot. The rain date would be October 15, 2022.

Marcus Christ Hall Request: APPROVED

- Cub Scout Pack # 544 has requested the use of Marcus Christ Hall to conduct pack and den meetings during the hours of 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM on the following dates; 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9 and 12/16.

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:

22-42 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #22-08

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

22- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME SENIOR PROGRAM COORDINATOR

- *Tabled until the Executive Session.*

22-43 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MODERN ELECTRIC

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Modern Electric was unanimously approved.

22-44 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EMIR CONSTRUCTION – CLERK'S OFFICE

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Emir Construction was unanimously approved.

22-45 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EMIR CONSTRUCTION – BUILDING DEPT. OFFICE

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Emir Construction was unanimously approved.

22-46 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EMIR CONSTRUCTION – CLERK'S OFFICE COUNTER

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Emir Construction was unanimously approved.

22-47 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EMIR CONSTRUCTION – BUILDING DEPT. OFFICE COUNTER

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Emir Construction was unanimously approved.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Savarese:

Public Information

We currently have 1045 Instagram followers. If you have not yet followed us, please consider it as it provides updates, notices and events throughout the Village as well as MTS/LIRR updates. These are also posted on our website, electronic billboard, and app.

Parks and Recreation

There was a wonderful turnout for Back-to-School Movie Night at the park.

Friday, September 30th will be the final concert of this summer. Lampshade for Hiding will be performing. They are an excellent young band that performed at last year's Street Fair. The 90-minute show will begin at 7:00 pm.

Park ID's can be obtained at Village Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10:30am -2:00 pm.

The children's playground excavation will begin on October 3rd.

Little League

The fall season opened last week at Nuzzi Field with 4 boy's teams. Two girl's teams opened their season at Memorial Park and a Saturday T-ball team. The T-ball will play until it gets cold.

Neighborhood Watch

The group started watch on September 1, 2022. We started out at 7:00 pm while it was still light out so that the residents saw the presence of the truck. There are currently seven members in total and we are looking for many more.

Department of Public Works:

- The 2022 Road Improvement project is almost complete. The striping is taking place and then the top soil will be replaced.
- Department of Public Works performed 20 tree trimmings along with the removal of 3 trees. Our contractor removed 15 trees.
- Department of Public Works installed over 600 LED lights and the project is nearing completion. There are approximately 20 lights remaining to be installed and 20 replacements lights on order for when needed.
- There will be no sanitation pick-up on Monday, October 10th. All pick-ups will resume on Tuesday, October 11th.
- Department of Public Works is continuing field maintenance for the fall leagues.

Trustee Burger

Trustee Burger extended his appreciation and admiration to Binu on the excellent job he did moving everyone downstairs for the upcoming construction at Village Hall.

G-14 Electrical Substation

- The site is activated and operational as of the beginning of August.
- The Village received a funding estimate from 3TC for curb bump out and landscaping. The Village provided feedback and is currently waiting on updated estimate. The updated design includes incorporating green giant arborvitaes.

- Once the estimate is finalized, the Village will apply for the Community Benefit Fund. The work will take place in parallel. The Village is anticipating to start the work in the next few weeks.

South 12th Pedestrian Underpass

- All of the issues were addressed with the exception of the façade. Another mock-up is being created.
- The Village, along with the MTA, are working on several possibilities which include the option of working with an artist.

Wall Construction – Fencing

- The installation of the architectural fencing is nearing completion. There are only a few sections left which include the 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 will continue on 2nd and 3rd Avenues in the next few weeks and then 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;
 - 4th 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.

LIRR Track Work – Service Changes

- From 11:00 pm on September 16th through Monday, September 19th at 5:00 am.
- From 11:00 pm on September 23rd through Monday, September 25th at 5:00 am.
- There will not be any service in New Hyde Park.

Nightwork/Road Closures

- Intermittent night work within ROW during double track and at potential other times.

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 quiet zones during certain times but with the ongoing track work, the horns are necessary.

Track Noise

- The Village is meeting with the MTA and residents next week to survey and discuss.

NHP Road Safety Concerns

- Speed – In agreement with the County, 3TC will be implementing pavement markings noting the
 - Speed limit. Pavement markings to be completed with 2nd and 3rd Avenue restriping.
 - Will also install no right turn signs on Plaza Avenue into NHP Road.
- Left turn signal (protected signal) at New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue.
 - Nassau County has agreed to install a left turn protected signal.

- Legislator Nicoletto inquired as to the delay last week and we are awaiting a response with respect to the scheduled installation.

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 still not operational.
- The Water Authority has not yet received Nassau County Department of Health (DOH) approval to go operational. We did, however, have the DOH visit walk through last Wednesday for Well 57 operations. Well 57A, still needs adjustments.
- The Water Authority did not give a specific date but we are anticipating late September.
- New fencing was shipped on Aug 17th as scheduled and the installation has started.

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

- Last meeting was held on September 10th.
- We are pleased to report that the American Legion Website is up and running. The link is on the Village website.
- Post Birthday Dinner will be held on Oct 20th at Saint Annes K of C Hall, 263-15 Union Turnpike, Glen Oaks.
- The next meeting will be on November 12th at 10 am in Marcus Christ Hall.
- Veterans Day Ceremony will be on Friday, November 11th at 11:00 am.
- 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

- There was no TVASNAC meeting in August but there will be a meeting on September 19, 2022.
- The committee is working on getting daily noise level down to 55. It is currently hovering at 60 to 65.
- 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.
- Invitations will be sent out for State Senator Anna Kaplan, Legislators Rich Nicoletto and John Guiffre and Assemblyman Ed Ra. to attend next meeting.

Building Report

- The last Village building court was held on August 17, 2022 at Village Hall. There were 39 cases on the docket; loading/off-loading during prohibited hours, property maintenance, violations of Special Use Agreements 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 25 permits in total approved and issued between August 25, 2022 and September 15, 2022.

Troop 298

- New Eagle Scout – Shyler Fernandez
- Thank you for supporting the Tree Lighting today.
- Thank you to the community for coming out and supporting the car wash.

Trustee Squicciarino:

Trustee Squicciarino would like to extend a thank you to the clerk’s office for working diligently on the Nassau County Community Development Grant money for Senior Development. We are excited to be starting a Senior Program here at Village Hall. The Senior Social would meet one to two times a week and will have special calendar events. We are really excited to get this going.

Village Clerk’s Report

Meters	\$11,514.00
Muni-meters	\$23,364.92
Parking Permits	\$710.00
Licenses	\$100.00
Building	\$32,640.20
Zoning	\$2,318.75
Interest on Accts	\$1,451.86
Court Fines-Traffic	\$59,795.00
Court Fines – Building	\$216.00

The library

- 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.
- There is a link to discounted tickets for the Aquarium
- On 9/21 there is a webinar on Property Tax Exemption Assistance from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.
- Long and Lean is on hold for now. Once the basement is back, we will be back.

Residential Rehab money is still available.

Trustee Squicciarino would like to extend her gratitude to those who participated in tonight’s Trees of Gold Ceremony.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar

Friday, September 9th was the 2nd Annual Back to School Movie Night which featured the movie “Dog”. The evening was an absolute success. Deputy Mayor Nijjar would like to thank the Cultural Commission; Christie Cosuanco, Dhanya Sanichara as well as our new addition Eve for all their hard work to make the evening a success. Alvin Su ensured the projector displayed properly. These individuals always go above and beyond and we are grateful.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, September 17th - 25th 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 28th – 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.
- Saturday, October 8th NHP Homecoming Parade. The Board will march.

Mayor Devane

Nassau County Police Department/Auxiliary Police

Neighborhood Watch is looking for members. Be a visible deterrent to anyone that might need it; be it 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

The Junior Fire Department has over 50 members. We would like to congratulate Deputy Mayor Nijjar's son, Arman, who was just promoted to Second Lieutenant of the Junior Fire Dept.

The alarm boxes have been removed. All calls now come through the phone.

On October 16th Engine 2 Company along with Hook and Ladder will host a fundraiser with a corn hole tournament while watching the NFL games.

Village Hall

- Village operations was moved to the basement starting on Monday, August 29th and it could not have gone more smoothly. Construction is well underway and the asbestos was removed. The entrance to the lower-level Village Operations during construction is 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.
- The handicap ramp construction will begin by the end of the month.
- The shingles on the side entrance will begin by mid-October.
- The end of October the stairwells will be completed.

Marcus Christ Hall

- Plans are being drawn to submit to the County and State for grant monies; 250k from Nassau County and 450k from Anna Kaplan's office. Marcus Christ Hall will be coming down this year, most likely in December.
- The last official function will be the Tree Lighting on November 26, 2022.

Parks

- The Village has issued 1,917 Park IDs to date.
- Excavation of the children's playground will begin early in October. The Department of Public works will save the Village approximately \$10, 000 by doing a large portion of the work. Details will be forthcoming as we move forward.
- Looking at possibly keeping the gazebo.
- The Dog Park is doing well.
- The Memorial is great.
- The Bocci Court is phenomenal.

Upcoming Events

- Mayor Devane announced that Friday, September 16th the Gladiator Fund will host a Golf Outing. There will be a luncheon afterwards at the New Hyde Park Inn at 1:00 pm. \$80 per person and there will be a Chinese raffle. All proceeds will benefit Lily Ercegovic.
- Saturday, September 17th is the VNHP 25th Annual Street Fair. It is a fun event. Good food, good entertainment and we invite all to come out.
- Friday, September 21st is the NHP Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing at Harbor Links. All proceeds to benefit Mike Stein.
- The last concert of the season will be on Friday, September 30th. We close the gates 15 minutes prior out of respect to the performers.
- Movie Night this past Friday night, September 9th was a great success and we are looking forward to next year.
- October 9th is our Columbus Day Parade. The Grand Marshal is Remo Scarapicchia. Vendors will be serving Italian specialties at the conclusion of the parade at no charge.
- October 22nd is the 2nd Halloween Parade. We will meet in the Lakeville Road parking lot at 9:30 am and will kickoff the parade at 10:00 am. We will proceed East on Jericho Turnpike to Village Hall where there will be games and contest for both adults and children.

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 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Santomauro

Secretary to the Board