

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
December 15, 2022**

Present: Mayor Devane
Deputy Mayor Nijjar
Trustee Squicciarino
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 Burger

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 6:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar seconded by Trustee Savarese, the Board Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2022 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

The Police Report for November 2022 was submitted by the Nassau County Police Department on December 14, 2022.

Landscaping: APPROVED

Jorge Del Priore Landscaping – 20 Daffodil Lane, Franklin Square

Carters: APPROVED

Millennium Container Service – 1732 Great Neck Road, Copiague
Daniel Finley Allen & Co. – 114 Sylvester Street, Westbury
Scherillo & Sons Construction Corp. – 7 Pumpkin Street, East Northport
Persi Contracting – 804 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
R&C Rubbish Removal – 10 Marconi Blvd., Copiague
Jamaica Ash – 172 School Street, Westbury
Long Island Waste Services – 390 N. Broadway, Jericho
Eagle Sanitation – PO Box 298, Woodbury
Winter Bros. – 120 Nancy Street, West Babylon

Restaurants: APPROVED

Umberto's of New Hyde Park – 633 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
Dominos Pizza – 1017 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
Wong's Garden – 1203 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
New China – 1525 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
Subway – 1201 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park

Dance Hall: APPROVED

Umberto's of New Hyde Park – 633 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park

Used Car: APPROVED

Auto PHD Diagnostics & Repair – 167 Lakeville Road, New Hyde Park

REPORTS:

- Tr. Savarese:** Parks and Recreation, Little League, Public Information, Dept. of Public Works, Tree Committee, and Neighborhood Watch
- 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:

22-75 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #22-14

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

22-76 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW PART TIME PARKING METER ATTENDANT FOR THE DEPT. OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Upon motion by Trustee Savarese, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution to hire a new part-time attendant was unanimously approved.

22-77 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW FULL TIME LABORER FOR THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Upon motion by Trustee Savarese, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, the resolution to hire a new full-time laborer was unanimously approved.

22-78 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE TIME STIPEND FOR THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution to distribute a one-time stipend was unanimously approved.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Savarese:

Public Information

We currently have 1136 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 MTA/LIRR updates. These are also posted on our website, electronic billboard, and my VNHP app.

Parks and Recreation

Construction is ongoing for the children's playground.

Both of the park's bathrooms have been winterized as well as the Dog Park. The water needed to be shut off for the winter.

Little League

- Spring registration is currently in full swing. Please visit the New Hyde Park Little league website to register.

Neighborhood Watch

- Is ongoing and we are currently looking for many more volunteers. Residents see the car out there and know we are looking out.
- Happy Birthday to Tommy Kane and wishing you a speedy recovery.

Trustee Savarese wishes the entire Village a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

Department of Public Works: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent

- Leaf collection for the season will be completed in the coming week. Going forward if you have any leaves to be collected, please put them out with your regular sanitation.
- The tree planting will be completed for the 2022 season by the end of the month. If you have any requests for the 2023 season, please submit them now.
- The 2021/2022 Road Project is winding down. The final repairs on Lewis Avenue will be made this week. All other roads within the road plan are completed.
- Crews have been out this past week cleaning up after approximately 15-20 stump removals.
- Sanitation operations continue as normal. However, due to the holidays, Village offices will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday January 2nd, there will be two double collection days within the next few weeks; Tuesday, December 27th and Tuesday January 3rd.

Building Department - Binu Pillay, Superintendent

Zoning Board of Appeals

- Last hearing was scheduled on December 14th with one (1) new application which was approved.
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 11th with (1) application on the agenda.

Architectural Review Board

- The last meeting was held on December 7th where (4) cases were heard; one (1) was approved, one (1) did not appear and two (2) the decision was reserved for the next meeting.
- The next meeting is scheduled on January 4th with three (3) cases on the agenda.

Village Building Court

- The last Village building court was held on November 16th. There were eighteen (18) cases on the docket; property maintenance, violations of Special Use Agreements, working without a permit, and parking on lawn. The next Village building court will be held on December 21st at Village Hall, with thirteen (13) cases on the docket.

- There have been 38 permits in total approved and issued between November 17th and December 15th.

Trustee Burger

Long Island Railroad (LIRR) 3rd Track Project

G-14 Electrical Substation

- The work to push out the curb began this week.
- The hydrant relocation was completed this week. It was initially delayed due to a permitting issue but Superintendent Pillay was able to resolve the issue.
- 3TC started their work on 12/14/22. The mark outs are done and materials were delivered.
- Landscaping will be pushed to the spring as it is too late in the season to plant now.

South 12th Pedestrian Underpass

- Mayor Devane and Trustee Burger are waiting on a new mock up to review.

Wall Construction – Fencing

- The wall construction is complete. There is a section by 2nd and Covert Avenues that is open. The bridge emergency egress gates will be installed here. Emergency gates still need to be installed in other locations as well.
- The high rail access gate final design is complete. The MTA review generated comments and 3TC is working on resolutions. Once these issues are resolved, the installation will move forward. We are anticipating this to occur by the end of the year.

Roads

- Paving for the season is completed due to weather.
- 2nd, 3rd, Stewart and 4th Avenues will be completed in the spring.
 - 3TC asked the Village to waive NYDOT weather specification requirements but the Village did not. It was outside of our authority and would void contractual paving warranties etc.
- 3rd Avenue striping between South 9th Street and South 10th Street to be modified as it has impacted business operations; parallel parking vs. angled parking.

LIRR Track Work – Service Outages

- The Village is not aware of any service outages in the near future although there is always the potential for track work.

Nightwork/Road Closures

- The Village is not aware of any upcoming nightwork or road closures at this time.

Track Noise

- Weld and Ballast work was completed the weekend of November 29th.

Streetscape

NDAs are being processed and signed with the MTA and Water Authority of Western Nassau County. The Village would like to set up a meeting with WSP on a way forward based on available documentation.

NHP Road Safety Concerns

- Speed pavement markings are completed.
- Left turn signal (protected signal) at New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue.
 - The County has approved the install of the left turn protected signal. The Village is just waiting on a schedule to get it installed.

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. Department of Health is requesting additional operating methods and lab testing. Water Authority of Western Nassau County does not have a date as yet.

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

- A meeting was held on December 10, 2022. There will not be a Post meeting in January or February. The next meeting will be the 2nd Saturday in March.
- We are meeting on January 11, 2023 with Diane Bentivengna and America's VetDogs to learn how we can educate our community and maybe work together on a project that just may enable us to genuinely help a veteran in need of a service dog.
- The post will host a Bingo event in March or April to raise money.

Noise Abatement

- TVASNAC held a meeting on Monday, November 28th
- Newly elected Congressman Anthony D'Esposito and Congressman George Santos are being brought up to speed on TVASNAC.
- A letter to the FAA was mailed from TVASNAC in early December regarding low flying aircraft that are destroying the quality of life for residents living under the flight paths well as potential health issues caused by such. There has been no response as yet.
- Residents are urged to file online noise complaints at www.hempsteadny.gov/TVASNAC. Or Hempstead residents should call 1-800-225-1071. North Hempstead residents can dial 311.

Kate Hillmann, Village Clerk/Treasurer

- 2023 Resident Parking Passes will be going digital in 2023 and we anticipate the website be fully operational after Christmas.
- Letters went out to confirm Veteran's Exemptions on November 30th and are due back to the clerk's Office by January 10, 2023.

Village Clerk's Report

Meters	\$10,287.00
Muni-meters	\$26,388.33
Licenses	\$420.00
Building	\$29,471.22
Interest on Accts	\$6,612.81
Franchise Fee - Optimum	\$10,302.44
Franchise Fee – FIOS	\$11,605.00
Court Fines-Traffic	\$59,375.00
Court Fines – Building	\$4,750.00

Trustee Squicciarino:

Long and Lean

- Long and Lean class on Tuesday, December 13th had to be cancelled. Class will resume on December 20th in the theatre on the upper level of Village Hall.

The Library

- Clothing Drive through January 30th.
- Will be hosting a Defensive Driving Class on January 7th. This will be the first of a few sessions. Please visit the library website to register.

New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce

- NHP Chamber is conducting a Food Drive through tomorrow, December 16th. There will be a box in the lobby of Village Hall for non-perishable donations.

Senior Program

- The official kick-off of this program, the Senior Luncheon on Tuesday, December 6th was a great success. We had approximately 60 people in attendance
- The next event will be an Art Workshop on January 12th from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.
- In February there will be a Seniors/Veteran's Valentine Celebration at 11:00 am
- March 3rd will be a St. Patrick's Day themed cooking event.
- Laura Trentacoste, our Senior Coordinator, will be hosting these events and registration is required in order to plan accordingly. Please call Village Hall or email seniorprograms@vnhp.org to register for any Senior Program events.
- Please visit the Village website and click on the Senior Program links.

Enhanced Star Credit:

- It is time to register for your Star Credit, now through January 2nd. If you are 65 years or older, make less than \$92, 000.00, you can apply for the Enhanced Star credit.

Trustee Squicciarino would like to remind everyone that with the holiday season here, please be mindful of identity theft. Put blocks on your accounts, open your mail even if you think it is junk mail, always take a look. Trustee Squicciarino wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar

NHP Schools

- Christmas Concerts are going on this week and next week.
- The Village was contacted regarding a speed bump on Belmont Avenue, along the New Hyde Park Road School. The request is moving onto the next steps.
- The next Board of Education Meeting is on Monday, January 9, 2023.

Events

- The Annual Tree Lighting was held on Saturday, November 26th. This was a beautiful event with a special guest; Connor the event is a true collaboration of Memorial High School volunteers, the New Hyde Park Fire Department, Dan Wesler and the Cultural Committee. Thank you, guys, for all you do.
- The Cultural Committee; Christie, Dhanya and Eve have a full calendar for the coming year. If you are interested in incorporating an event or celebration, please feel free to contact us.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

Mayor Devane

Events

- The last event of the season, the Village Tree Lighting, took place on Saturday, November 26th. It was great to share this event with so many members of the Village. We thank all involved in making this event possible.
- Senior Luncheon; the mayor thanked both Donna and Laura for organizing this great event. There was a great turnout and the seniors really enjoyed the day.
- The current Boardroom across the hall will be moved upstairs and this room will become a Senior/Community Room.
- As mentioned at the Memorial Day Ceremony, Matthew Simoni, once a New Hyde Park resident and founder of Bravo Foxtrot United Veterans; a residential housing/advocacy and holistic therapy for Veterans, will present a showing of his documentary “Long Island’s Forgotten Heroes” at the New Hyde Park Inn sometime in late January or early February. The New Hyde Park Chamber has expressed interest in getting involved.

The New Hyde Park Fire Department

- We would like to congratulate the new Fire Commissioner Joseph Papa. Commissioner Papa is also a Lieutenant on the NYFD.

Nassau County Police Department

- The Nassau County Police Department has contacted me about Zombie Houses. I informed them that we do not have the so-called zombie houses but we do have three or four empty houses in which we will keep communicating about.
- Inspector Ciaccio, along with two POP Officers were on hand at last month’s meeting and we are in constant contact with them as well.
- Both the Board and I are aware of the burglary on Ingraham Lane which occurred mid-morning during the week last week. The home was ransacked but thankfully no one was home.

Facilities

- The children’s playground is being worked on and we are currently picking out equipment.
- The Board will be meeting with the Bocce Ball Club to discuss an additional court.
- The Board Room will be relocated to the 2nd floor. The current Board Room will be utilized for a general community room, especially geared towards the seniors. The office of Laura Trentacoste, our Senior Program Coordinator, will be located in there as well.
- The second floor now has new paint, lighting and flooring.
- The museum will be moved to the basement in order to make it more accessible. The New Hyde Park Little League storage will be moved to the basement as well. The current Board Room will move upstairs into that space that is not being utilized that well.

Marcus Christ Hall

- Asbestos abatement is complete and the electricity and water to the building have been shut off. We are waiting on the gas shutoff.
- The Fire Department has approached us regarding holding drills in there until the demolition date.

Department of Public Works

- The Mayor expressed his gratitude to the efforts of the Department of Public works for the ongoing issue regarding leaves. The Mayor has been in contact with neighboring towns and they are too having the same issues.
- Department of Public Works building is still a work in progress. We are working through many ideas.

There are many things going on at one time but the 2023 top priority is going paperless.

The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year.

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 6:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Santomauro

Secretary to the Board