

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2023**

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
Patricia Santomauro, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 6:59 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Auditor's Report

- After a full review of the Village financial statements, the firm has verified that the Village is in excellent financial condition.
- The General Fund increased \$318,656.00.
- Revenue is up \$823,000.00, some due to financial aid.
- Expenditures are down \$23,000.
- The Village is in complete compliance regarding Grants. No instances reported otherwise.
- Communication with the Board is excellent. No disagreements with procedures in place and everyone was a pleasure to work with.

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

December 15, 2022, Board Minutes

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD: APPROVED

The Police Report for December 2022 was submitted by the Nassau County Police Department.

Car Wash Application: APPROVED

New Hyde Park Road School PTA on Saturday, May 20, 2023, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

E-Board Requests: APPROVED

NHP-GCP UFSD Kindergarten and Universal Pre-K registration with website information
NHPMHS Centre Stage Wizard of NHP February 3rd & 4th 7:00 pm \$10.00 at the door

License Renewals

Carters: APPROVED

Land Source Rentals Inc. - 5 North Peters Blvd, Central Islip
National Waste Services – 1 Jem Court, Bayshore
AM Waste Services – 40 Eads Street, W. Babylon
Certified Carting, Inc. – 30 Harold Street, Bayshore

Restaurants: APPROVED

Dunkin Donuts – 601 Jericho Turnpike, NHP
Nova Asian Bistro – 1215 Jericho Turnpike, NHP
Elsie Lane – 29 Jericho Turnpike, NHP
The Inn at New Hyde Park – 214 Jericho Turnpike, NHP

Tow Car: APPROVED

Pity Pity Bang Bang d/b/a/ Grand Auto Body – 94 Denton Avenue, NHP
Nuzzi Bros. Auto Collision – 77 Jericho Turnpike, NHP
C&N Auto Center -96 Jericho Turnpike, NHP

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:

22-83 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #22-16

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

22-84 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING VILLAGE ELECTION DAY 2023 AND POLLING PLACE

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution establishing a Village Election Day and polling place was unanimously approved.

22-85 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JASCO WINDOWS & DOORS – CONFERENCE ROOM

- Upon motion by Trustee Savarese, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution for the Mayor to enter into agreement was unanimously approved.

22-86 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JASCO WINDOWS & DOORS – HALLWAY AND BASEMENT

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution for the Mayor to enter into agreement was unanimously approved.

22-87 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JASCO WINDOWS & DOORS – CLERK & BUILDING DEPARTMENTS

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution for the Mayor to enter into agreement was unanimously approved.

22-88 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF THE OUTSIDE COURT AUDIT AND PUBLICATION OF A LEGAL NOTICE – VILLAGE COURT

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution for authorization of the receipt was unanimously approved.

22-89 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF THE OUTSIDE COURT AUDIT AND PUBLICATION OF A LEGAL NOTICE – VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK

- Upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution for authorization of the receipt was unanimously approved.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Savarese:

Public Information

We currently have over 1300 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 for the children’s playground is currently on hold due to the weather. The target to have the playground up and running is Spring 2023.

Little League

- Spring registration is currently in full swing and through their website only. Please visit the New Hyde Park Little league website to register. Registration will be ongoing through March.

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.
- If you are interested, please complete an application that can be obtained from Village Hall or email Arthur Savarese.

Tree Replacement

- Requests should be made through the Village website for Spring planting.

Department of Public Works: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent

- Department of Public Works continues performing daily maintenance activities and cleanup on a routine basis. Parking lots have been cleared of all leaves and debris.

- The warmer weather has allowed the Department of Public Works to fill some potholes through December and January which is rare. It has also allowed us to run the street sweeper often as temperatures have been above freezing.
- Department of Public Works assisted with the demolition and removal of debris from Marcus Christ Hall.
- Department of Public Works continues to remove the concrete, metal and matting at the old kiddie park.
- Department of Public Works has completed the LED Lighting project and will continue to replace any other lighting as need on Village property.
- Department of Public Works has been changing any old or damaged street signs and/or posts.
- The majority of the 2021/2022 Road Project is completed. There are several minor projects that will be completed in the spring.
- Sanitation operations continue as normal. Please note; co-mingling recyclables (Bottles and cans) are collected on Wednesdays and paper/cardboard is collected on Tuesday or Thursday depending on your address. Please do not mix the two together.
- This is the time of year we begin equipment maintenance, getting the equipment ready for the spring season.

Building Department - Binu Pillay, Superintendent

Zoning Board of Appeals

- Last hearing was scheduled on January 11th with one (1) new application which was approved.
- The next meeting is scheduled for February 8th however no applications were received prior to the deadline so there will not be a meeting.

Architectural Review Board

- The last meeting was held on January 4th where (5) cases were heard; all five (5) were approved, with one (1) contingent on Board of Trustees and BZA approval.
- The next meeting is scheduled on February 1st. As of today, no applications have been submitted.

Village Building Court

- The last Village building court was held on January 18th. There were eighteen (18) cases on the docket; three (3) working without a permit, one (1) failed to comply with rental regulations and fourteen (14) parking on lawn. The next Village building court will be held on February 15th at Village Hall, with 20 (20) cases on the docket.
- There have been 41 permits in total approved and issued between December 15th and January 18th

Clerk's Office – Kate Hillmann, Village Clerk

Meters	\$9,235.09
Muni-meters	\$26,596.51
Parking Permits	\$34,650.00
Licenses	\$6,930.00
Building	\$13,857.83
Interest on Accts	\$9,587.65
State Aid Mortgage Tax	\$70,957.52
LIRR Reimbursement	\$85,813.00
FEMA Reimbursement-COVID	\$18,898.83
Court Fines – Court	\$47,565.00
Court Fines – Building	\$2,750.00

“R” Parking Permits

- 2023 Resident Parking Permits are now being done online.
- Go to the website, create an account, and upload all necessary documents: driver’s license, registration and proof of residency.
- The application will be reviewed to ensure all documents are in order and will then be approved.
- Once the application is approved you will receive a notification for payment.
- There are no more stickers, the code enforcement will scan your plate number to see if you are in the system as a permit holder.

Tentative Assessment Roll

- Will be available on February 1st and will be posted on the Village website. A copy will also be available in the Village Clerk’s office for review.

Veteran’s Exemptions

- If you have not returned your Veteran’s Exemption forms, please do so. The due date was January 10th but we are extending it until mid-February.

Trustee Burger

Long Island Railroad (LIRR) 3rd Track Project

G-14 Electrical Substation

- The work to push out the curb has been completed except for the landscaping which will take place in the spring.

South 12th Pedestrian Underpass

- Mayor Devane and Trustee Burger are still waiting on a new mockup to review.

Wall Construction – Fencing

- Most of the fencing is complete.
- The high rail access gate will be installed this week.
- Egress gate on Covert and 2nd Avenues will also be installed in the near future.

Roads

- Paving for the season has been completed due to weather.
- 2nd, 3rd, Stewart, and 4th Avenues will be completed in the spring.
- 3rd Avenue striping between South 9th Street and South 10th Street will 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.

Graffiti on 2nd Avenue

- Trustee Burger took pictures and was in contact with the Nassau County Police Department POP Officers. They will set up patrol in the area. The officers will also reach out to the local schools to see if they recognize tags. If the individuals are recognized, some discussion is being had is the possibility for community service consequently.
- Superintendent Pillay has reached out to local businesses to see if they could look at security cameras.

Streetscape

- NDAs are being processed and signed with the MTA and Water Authority of Western Nassau County.
- The Village Board met with WSP recently and monthly updates on the progress will be shared with the Board which will then be shared with the public.
- The Village is looking at conceptual ideas on the S. 12th Street parking lot in terms of landscaping and repaving.

NHP Road Safety Concerns

- Unfortunately we had another incident on January 10th where a pedestrian was struck by a car rushing to get to the train. She suffered a broken ankle but otherwise, thankfully okay.
- 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 still not yet received Nassau County Department of Health (DOH) approval to go full operational. Department of Health is requesting additional operating methods and lab testing. Water Authority of Western Nassau County does not have a date yet.

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

- There will not be a meeting in January or February. The next meeting will be the 2nd Saturday in March.
- We met with Diane Bentivengna and America's VetDogs on January 11, 2023. We will be promoting this awesome program and will hold an event on May 20th in Memorial Park. We are looking for volunteers to foster a dog. It is fully paid for; food, medical care and training. The fostering would take place in your home for socialization. This is 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 – next meeting will be held on January 23rd.
- 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.

Trustee Squicciarino:

Long and Lean

- Classes will resume on December 20th in the theater on the upper level of Village Hall.

The Library

- Clothing Drive through January 30th.
- Blood Drive January 31st 1:00pm – 7:00 pm. Appointments are strongly encouraged.
- Plenty of options for activities. Please visit the library website.

Chamber of Commerce

- Trustee Squicciarino would like to do a shout out to the Chamber's President's Gala. Wonderful event to welcome Donna Pagano. We would like to thank the chamber for all they do for small businesses in the Village. We would also like to welcome a new member, Beauty Bar.

Senior Program

- Thanks to all who came to the Art Workshop on January 12th.
- On February 10th there will be a Seniors/Veteran's Valentine Celebration at 11:00 am.
- March 3rd will be a St. Patrick's Day themed cooking demo.
- March 24th will be Bingo.
- April and May will bring a crafting event and Mother's Day Tea/brunch.
- Senior Bereavement Group will begin in March. This will be a small group who have suffered any type of loss. It will run for eight weeks. Further information is posted on the Village website.
- 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 as seats are limited.
- Please visit the Village website and click on the Senior Program links.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar

NHP Schools

- The schools are working with us on Senior events; making cards and placemats for the Senior Valentine Event and will also be working with us on future events.
- The schools are implementing a new program "Encouraging positive behavior". It will be broken down into groups by grade, rewarding positive behavior. Focusing on the positive instead of the negative.
- The next Board of Education Meeting is on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 8:00 pm at Hillside Grade School. The Budget Meeting will be at 7:30 pm and if you have any questions regarding the budget, please submit them beforehand. There will not be any questions addressed unless they are submitted prior to the meeting.
- Memorial High School will be hosting a Blood Drive. We encourage anyone that can donate do so.
- Culture Club – every month they honor a different culture. This month they will be honoring the Asian culture which also happens to be Lunar New Year. 2 members who work with us on Village events reached out to see if the Village could help connect them with people for their events. The Village connected them with members of the New Hyde Park Chinese Association and there will be an event on Friday, January 27th after school.

Events

- The Village of New Hyde Park is working in conjunction with the New Hyde Park Chinese Association on a Chinese New Year event on Saturday, January 28th at Clinton G. Martin Park from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Village Hall will also be decorated in celebration of the New Year.
- 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.
- The next Village event will be the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 11th at 10:00 am. Further details to follow.
- New Hyde Park Fire Department Junior's Program will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's on Saturday, February 4th from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. All you can eat. If you would like tickets, please contact

Deputy Mayor Nijjar or you can purchase them at the door. Please come out and support this wonderful program.

Mayor Devane

Nassau County Police Department

- In the month of December, we had sixteen (16) auto accidents with three (3) injuries.
- One (1) burglary on December 8th on Ingraham Lane. They entered a rear bedroom window during the day and ransacked only one bedroom.
- No commercial burglaries.
- Two (2) cars were stolen.
- Eight (8) Larcenies (other than auto).
- One (1) Criminal Mischief charge.
- Four (4) moving violations.
- Ten (10) parking violations.

Neighborhood Watch

- The guys are still going out and they are doing a great job.
- We always need new people. It is a very easy system.

Events

- The Nassau County premiere of the documentary “Long Island’s Forgotten Heroes” will take place at the New Hyde Park Inn on Thursday, January 26th 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm. Matthew Simoni, is a former member of Seal Team 6, was once a New Hyde Park resident and is founder of **Bravo Foxtrot United Veterans**; a residential housing/advocacy and holistic therapy for veterans and will present his very moving documentary on the homeless veterans of Long Island. You will interact with and meet homeless veterans. Tickets are \$65.00 and can be purchased through a link on our website or at the door. Please come out to support this great cause. It’s the least we can do.
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 11th at 10:00 am. We will assemble at 9:30 am in the southbound lanes of Hillside Boulevard. Our 2nd Grand Marshall is Mike McBride, owner of New Hyde Park Funeral Home and a former New York City detective. Mike is an outstanding individual and founder of the Katie McBride Foundation.

The New Hyde Park Fire Department

- New Hyde Park Fire Department Junior’s Program will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at Applebee’s on Saturday, February 4th from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. All you can eat. The Board will be serving. If you can, come out and celebrate this great program.
- The New Hyde Park Fire Department will be utilizing Gill Theater in Village Hall to hold some classes, one of which is a CPR class.

Village Hall

- The 2nd floor hallway lighting is almost complete. The Building Department and Clerk's Office lighting is complete.
- New LED lighting downstairs is in the process of being done.
- The Auxiliary Police office is getting a much-needed makeover.
- One of our Scouts is working on the museum renovation. The museum will be moved from the 2nd floor of Village Hall to the lower level in order to make it more accessible.
- The New Hyde Park Little League storage will be moved to the basement as well.
- 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.
- There is much to do on the outside of Village Hall. It needs painting, pointing, the wood is rotting and needs to be replaced.
- Handicap ramp will be installed thanks to a \$50,000 grant from Nassau County.
- A new front door. New lighting and new wiring.
- Construction at Village Hall will be ongoing for some time.

Marcus Christ Hall

- The building was demolished in 2 ½ days. The Mayor would like to extend his gratitude towards Cyril Kearney of Kearney Construction for doing the demo. Cyril is a former resident and completed the demo free of charge.
- Department of Public Works helped cart away all the debris.
- The building will be rebuilt but it is a work in progress and will take some time.
- When completed, it will provide a wonderful space to transition the Senior Program over to, along with the American Legion and Cub Scouts.

Memorial Park

- The Children's Playground is being done.
- The Mayor would like to thank Department of Public Works for their efforts. They saved the Village approximately \$15,000.00.
- The Board will meet with the Bocce group to discuss a second court.
- Electricity will be installed by the VNHP Pride Memorial Park sign which will serve as a focal point for concerts and events.
- The Board is working with Trustee burger on expanding the Memorial side of the park.
- New fencing. The current fencing is over 25 years old.

Nuzzi Field and Department of Public Works

- The Village has 5.4 million dollars set aside but unfortunately it will cost more than that. We are constantly looking for ways to generate revenue.

Miller Bros.

- The Mayor met with the new architect and owner.
- The decision is the old way of mixed-use retail does not work and it is time to revision Jericho Turnpike.
- Create a resident building with amenities; gym, laundry, café.
- The Board will present plans to residents.

Covert and Avenues

- There have been concerns over the empty lot on Covert and 2nd Avenues.
- There have been no calls, no discussions and no plans regarding this lot.

Old Business: no old business

New Business: no new business

There being no further business, upon motion by Trustee Squicciarino, seconded by Trustee Burger, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting went into executive session at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Santomauro
Secretary to the Board