

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 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
Peter Trentacoste, Village Attorney

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Devane followed the pledge with a presentation of appreciation for outgoing Trustee Donna Squicciarino. The Mayor thanked Trustee Squicciarino for her 10 years of dedicated service, five of those years as Deputy Mayor and having served under three (3) Mayors.

Trustee Squicciarino thanked the Mayor, the Board, and her family. Trustee Squicciarino is happy to be leaving the Village in great financial shape. Trustee Squicciarino would especially like to thank Kate Hillmann for all the hard work of the Village Clerk's office, the Building Department and Department of Public Works, Binu Pillay, Igor Sikiric and John Nicastro. The Village is filled with incredibly talented people and is truly a lovely place to be.

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

February 16, 2023, Board Minutes

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

The Police Report for February 2023 was submitted by the Nassau County Police Department.

Willian Gill Theater: APPROVED

Cub Scout Pack 544 requests the use of the Willian Gill Theater on Friday, March 24, 2023 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.

License Renewals

Restaurants APPROVED

Gino's Trattoria & Pizzeria of NHP -1130 Jericho Turnpike, NHP
The Angry Gnome Pub -1217 Jericho Tpke, NHP

Dance Hall APPROVED

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Games/Amusement APPROVED

The Angry Gnome Pub -1217 Jericho Tpke, NHP

Landscaping Permit Applications: APPROVED

Lutz Lawncare Inc. – PO Box 907, New Hyde Park
Rafael’s Landscaping – 392 Mulberry Lane, West Hempstead
Gomez Landscaping – 8652 260th Street, Floral Park
Oscar Molina DBA Father Landscaping – 8 E. Jamaica Ave, Valley Stream
J & C Landscaping Corp. – 526 Cedar Street, Uniondale
Abel Landscaping – 11 Farm Lane, Levittown
HC Landscaping – 271 Washington Avenue, Roosevelt
Jose Lawn Care Corp. – 46 Hill Avenue, Elmont
Rosali Landscaping Corp. – 94-09 215th Street, Queens Village
J & R Landscaping & Design – 119 Crown Avenue, Elmont
Mata Landscaping Corp. -128 N. Grove Street, Freeport
Golden Mean Landscaping Inc. 465 Woodbridge Lane, Jericho
Deleon Brothers Landscaping – 101 N. Montague Street, Valley Stream
M & L Gisonda Inc. – 785 3rd Avenue, Franklin Square
Sagittarius Landscaping – 29 Hausch Blvd., Roosevelt
J & M Landscaping -
J & M Landscaping Corp. – 88 Cottage Place, Mineola
MM Bari Landscaping Inc. – 1058 Lydia Drive, Franklin Square
Alvarado Landscaping – 35 Old Stewart Avenue, Garden City Park
EZ Green Corp. – 266 Stone Street, Elmont
Ponturo Landscaping Inc. – 2272 Lafayette Street, N. Bellmore
Rami R. Landscaping – 161-30 Normal Road, Jamaica
Carlos Landscaping – 12 Van Sicklen Avenue, Floral Park
Nedy’s Landscaping – 727 Jerusalem Avenue, Uniondale
Paniccia Landscaping Inc.- 11 W. Hitchcock Avenue, Floral Park
American Elm Landscaping Inc. – 122 Laurel Drive, New Hyde Park
Arturo Landscaping – 46 Allers Blvd, Roosevelt
Joe “D” Landscaping – 32 Canyon Lane, Westbury
Brant’s Landscaping LLC – 1229 Theodora Street, Elmont
Deamorin Landscaping LLC – 35 Cherry Lane, Carle Place
GB’s Landscaping – 100 Jerusalem Avenue, Hempstead
JNJ Landscaping – 161 Broadway, Freeport
Ciro Freitas Landscaping – 1569 Adams Street, Elmont
Eagle Lawn Service – 254 Devonshire Drive, New Hyde Park
Uniondale Landscaping – 700 Winter Avenue, Uniondale
Marcus Cabral Landscaping Corp. – 556 Hilda Street, East Meadow
PG Landscaping Of Nassau Inc - 341 Marcellus Road, Mineola
Mario And Aleydi Landscape Inc – 21 South Lerisa Street, Bethpage
Jose Figueroa Landscaping – 275 Caryl Drive, Lawrence
R Centeno Landscaping – 96 Manhattan Avenue, Roosevelt
Roberto's Lawncare & Landscaping – 257 Covert Avenue, Floral Park
Julio Lawn Care – 18 Bedford Avenue, Elmont
RMC Landscaping- 100 Old Broadway, Garden City Park
Illusions Landscaping – 265 Uniondale Avenue, Uniondale
WM Landscaping - 285 Hempstead Avenue, Malverne
Rose & Thorn Landscaping – 696 Lenore Lane, Elmont
MB Argueta Landscaping LLC – 100 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hempstead
Lino Garden Corp - 32-18 99th Street, East Elmhurst
JP Landscaping - 29 Lincoln Blvd, Hempstead

Figueroa Landscaping - 339 Laurel Road, West Hempstead
 Gabriel M Landscaping - 74 Evans Avenue, Freeport
 Junior Landscaping - 88-15 179th Street, Jamaica
 Cat's Landscaping - 944 N 5th Street, New Hyde Park
 Oscar D. Landscaping – 1180 Alcyon Place, Uniondale
 Oscar Hernandez Landscaping – 1063 Jackson Avenue, Franklin Square
 JAA Landscaping - 147-10 41st Street, Flushing
 Hines & Zaffarese Landscaping Inc – 150 Broadway, Garden City Park
 Jose A Escobar Landscaping – 468 William Floyd Pkwy, Shirley
 Felicito Argueta Landscaping Corp -164 Harrison Avenue, Franklin Square
 Alfredo Landscaping – 26 William Street, Hempstead
 Paul Tramantana Landscaping - PO Box 212, Floral Park
 JNC Lawn Care Service – 75 Bedford Avenue, Garden City Park
 M. Ramirez Landscaping – 14 E. Greenwich Street, Roosevelt
 Ed Ochoa Gardens & Landscaping - 174 Wellington Street, Hempstead
 L.G. Gardening - 92-25 212TH Street, Queens Village
 Community Landscaping - 35 Elk Street, Hempstead
 Greenline Landscaping – 73 Cortland Avenue, Hicksville
 Anthony Landscaping Corp – 1032 Adams Street, Uniondale
 Brother's Landscaping & Construction – 176 Beverly Road, Hempstead
 German Collado Landscaping – 157 Church Street, Freeport
 Four Seasons Landscaping – 45 Marcus Avenue, New Hyde Park
 Fuschetto Landscaping – 81 James Street, Franklin Square
 Ales Landscaping – 21 Virginia Drive, Elmont
 EMR Landscaping Inc – 11 Thrush Lane, Levittown
 J. Alvarez Landscaping – 156 Argyle Avenue, Uniondale
 Joe Mannino Landscaping Inc – 217 Guilford Court, West Hempstead
 Galdino's Landscaping -139-55 35th Avenue, Flushing

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:

22-107 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #22-20

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

22-108 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH LONG ISLAND GEESE CONTROL

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

22-109 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO ASSUME THE 2022-2023 LIENS FOR UNPAID TAXES

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Squicciarino, the resolution authorizing the clerk to assume the 2022-23 liens for unpaid taxes was unanimously approved.

22-110 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART TIME COURT CLERK FOR THE VILLAGE JUSTICE COURT

- Upon motion by Trustee Savarese, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing the hiring of a part time Court Clerk for the Village Justice Court 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

Renovations on the children's playground is ongoing and the park remains closed during construction. There are many projects going on; children's playground has been excavated and is awaiting new playground equipment. There will be a Senior area and electricity will be run to the new event area. Installing a new park house with ADA accessible bathrooms

We are in the process of receiving proposals to resurface both basketball courts. The scope of the work will be to repair the cracks, apply two (2) coats of acrylic and apply two (2) coats of deco color to the courts. New white lines and three (3) point lines will be painted as well as new Pickle Ball lines on both courts.

Little League

- Spring registration is closed
- The NHPLL opening day parade will be on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 12:00 pm. Please visit the website for more information and any updates.
- A new scoreboard was purchased for the small field in Memorial Park.

Neighborhood Watch

- Is ongoing and we are currently looking for many more volunteers. We do not have enough volunteers to cover Monday through Sunday. We will work with your schedule.
- If you are interested, please complete an application that can be obtained from Village Hall or email Arthur Savarese asavarese@vnhp.org

Tree Replacements

- Requests for the Spring season are done. Any new requests should be made through the Village website for Fall planting.

Department of Public Works: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent

- Department of Public Works continues performing daily maintenance activities and cleanup on a routine basis.
- Department of Public Works continues to demo and excavate old kiddie park at Memorial Park and the excavation is almost complete. Grading will begin soon.
- Department of Public Works has been changing any old or damaged street signs and/or posts.
- Sanitation collections are on a normal schedule. Grass clippings will begin to be collected the second Wednesday in April.
- Department of Public Works painted the shamrocks in the street, and placed signs and flags for the St. Patrick’s Day parade.
- Department of Public Works completed 25 tree trims and 6 tree removals.
- Department of Public Works will continue pot hole repair. With the warmer weather approaching, hot patch can now be used for the deeper and larger holes.
- Department of Public Works managed the few minor snow events with laying salt.
- If you need a recycling pail, you can purchase one at Village Hall for \$16.00.

Building Department - Binu Pillay, Superintendent

Zoning Board of Appeals

- The last meeting was scheduled for March 8, 2023 however no applications were received prior to the deadline so the meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2023. As of today, no applications have been submitted.

Architectural Review Board

- The last meeting was scheduled for March 1, 2023 however no applications were received prior to the deadline so the meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2023. As of today, no applications have been submitted.

Village Building Court

- The last Village building court was held on March 15, 2023. There were twenty-six (26) cases on the docket; three (2) property maintenance, one (1) failed to comply with rental regulations and twenty-three (23) parking on lawn. The next Village building court will be held on March 15th at Village Hall, with twenty-eight (28) cases on the docket.
- There have been 41 permits in total approved and issued between February 16th and March 16th

Clerk’s Office – Kate Hillmann, Village Clerk

Meters	\$12,396.54
Muni-meters	\$27,018.54
Licenses	\$9,600.00
Building	\$49,484.28
Interest on Accts	\$8,824.09

Health Contributions	\$14,566.50
Franchise Fee - Telephone	\$4,832.15
Franchise Fee - Optimum	\$11,220.00
Franchise Fee – Fios	\$11,418.37
Court Fines – Traffic	\$45,775.00
Court Fines – Building	\$250.03

Village Election

A reminder that the Village Election will take place in Assembly Hall within Village Hall on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 from 12:00pm – 9:00pm.

Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting

The Tentative Budget will be available on the website on Friday, March 17, 2023. The Annual Meeting will be on Monday, April 3, 2023.

Trustee Burger

Trustee Burger thanked the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on the outstanding job on this year’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Everyone had a great time.

Long Island Railroad (LIRR) 3rd Track Project

G-14 Electrical Substation

- The work to push out the curb has been completed except for the paving and landscaping which will take place in April/May.

South 12th Pedestrian Underpass

- The chain link fence was removed and permanent fencing has been installed.
- Currently finishing up some electrical work.

Wall Construction – Fencing

- 3TC has been non-responsive in terms of the mock-up we are looking for.
- Some temporary utility poles are being removed.

Roads

- Still on track for the spring in respect to 2nd and 3rd Avenues, just waiting on a date.
- We are continuing discussions with the MTA regarding paving Stewart Avenue to the DPW facility, 4th Avenue and S. 12th Street to New Hyde Park Road.

3rd Avenue

- The Village has received a few complaints from local business groups due to the striping being problematic for the business’ deliveries.
- The Board and the chamber took a walk along 3rd Avenue over the weekend and determined some areas need to be redone.

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 night work.

Streetscape

- The Board will be meeting with WSP in executive session this evening regarding beautification.
- The Village Board will continue to provide the public updates on the progress.

NHP Road Safety Concerns

- There have been enhancements made; speed limit markings and the county installed pedestrian walking signs.
- The Mayor, Trustee Burger and Rich Nicollelo met with the county today regarding Left turn signal (protected signal) at New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue. The Board is receiving push back. Continuous back and forth between 3TC and the MTA on who's responsibility it is to move forward with getting this done. The next step is to contact the MTA directly.

If you see problems – don't hesitate to call the Hotline 516-203-4955 or email communityoutreach@lirrexpansion.com

Water Authority

- The well is up and fully operational.
- Currently completing Well 57A.

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

- Trustee Burger thanked the Legionnaires for their support during the St. Patrick's Day parade.
- Next meeting will be on March 18th.
- America's VetDogs on January 11, 2023 event on May 20th in Memorial Park.
- The Memorial Day Parade will take place on May 27, 2023.
- More to come on both events, add them to your calendars.

Troop 298

- Currently working on a few spring projects for Memorial Park which include extra exercise stations and some Memorial Flags to honor our World War II veterans.
- Troop 298 Pancake Breakfast was this past Sunday and Trustee Burger wished to thank the Board, Fire Department and all those who came out in support.

Noise Abatement

- The next TVASNAC meeting will be on March 27th. February's meeting had been canceled.
- 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:

Budget

- The tentative budget will be available on the website as of Friday, March 17th.
- The tentative budget hearing will be on Monday, April 3rd.
- The budget adoption will be on April 20th.

Long and Lean

There will not be a class held on Tuesday, March 21st. Class will resume on Tuesday, March 28th.

Senior Program

- On March 10th there was a Cooking Demonstration. There was a corned beef and cabbage stir fry and it was a lot of fun. There was also Irish Soda Bread that everyone took home the recipe for.
- March 24th will be Bingo. Currently 35 people are registered. If you would like to join us, please call Village Hall.
- April and May will bring a crafting event and Mother's Day Tea/brunch.
- Senior Bereavement Group was postponed due to lack of interest at this time. We will revisit the idea at some point in the future.
- 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.

Tax Grievances

- The deadline to grieve your taxes with Nassau County is April 4th. Please visit www.nassaucountyny.gov.

Tree Inventory

- Tree Inventory began on March 9th. The Davey Resource Group software will compile a visual of all the trees in the village. This will help identify old trees, young trees, types of trees, etc.

Chamber of Commerce

Had a meeting this evening at 5:30 pm – Guest speaker was Elaine Phillips.

Trustee Squicciarino would like to thank the chamber for the \$1,200.00 donation to Bravo Foxtrot.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar

Deputy Mayor Nijjar would like to note a special appreciation to Trustee Squicciarino for her ten (10) years of service.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

- Deputy Mayor Nijjar would like to thank the Cultural Committee that the Village is blessed with. Their endless hours of work on Friday preparing for the St. Patrick's Day Parade did not go unnoticed. It is a lot of work that began months ago with arranging, ordering, planning and decorating. This dedication holds true for every event in the Village. They check every box of every little detail. Deputy Mayor Nijjar feels as though she does not thank them enough so would like to extend her gratitude to the Cultural Commission.
- Deputy Mayor Nijjar would like to thank the Fire Department.
- Deputy Mayor Nijjar would like to thank the staff- they know who they are.
- Deputy Mayor Nijjar would like to thank the Board as they always come together, work well together and get things done.
- Thank you to all who came out and supported.

Events

- The next big Village event is Earth Day. The date had to be moved due to a conflict. The Earth Day celebration will now be held on Saturday, April 15th at 11:00am.
- We will clean up and plant the area at Nuzzi Field.
- If anyone has an area they would like to see addressed, please send an email or call Village Hall so we can plan.

Schools

- The current New Hyde Park Road School Principal, Ms. Kim LaRegina has been promoted to a new position. Ms. Anne Donnelly will be replacing her.

Summer Camp

- The Village advertised for Summer Camp Counselors and received a lot of applications, we are beginning the process of interviewing.
- The approved hours for the camp are five (5) hours a day broken up into two sessions; 10:00am – 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 4:00pm.
- Residents are free and will come first. Non-residents will be charged \$150.00

Mayor Devane

Mayor Devane wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick's Day Parade

- The 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade was held on Saturday, March 11th which was a great event.
- Our Grand Marshal was Mike McBride, owner of New Hyde Park Funeral Home, former New York City detective and generous supporter of everything we do in the New Hyde Park community. Mike is an outstanding individual, so we were honored to have him as our Grand Marshal.
- The Mayor thanked the Village employees that came out to march and even though the Board anticipated them to enjoy the festivities back at the firehouse, we turned to find them serving food. That just serves as credit to the Village employees, they jump in to help.

Troop 298 Pancake Breakfast

- The event was held on Sunday, March 12th and was a great success. If you ever need a group to organize an event, Troop 298 is your group. Outstanding organization and an outstanding event.

Election

- Tuesday, March 21st in Assembly Hall.
- The 2 candidates running, Rainer Burger and Eve Sheikh, are here with us this evening.
- Please come out and vote.

Budget

- Last year the Village raised your taxes \$100.00. At this moment, the Mayor is confident that the taxpayers will be receiving that \$100.00 back this year. The tentative budget will be available tomorrow on the website.

Village Hall

- New Chandelier in the main hallway.
- The Board Room will be relocated to the 2nd floor. The current Board Room will still be utilized for court when court is in session and it will also be 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.
- New windows; the first floor and basement will be completed at the end of the week.
- The outside of the building needs work. We are getting estimates on painting the outside of the building, repointing the brick work.

Nuzzi Field and Department of Public Works

- The Village met with Calgi, a design company and told them our budget was 5.1 million dollars and they came up with a plan to get the DPW facility done.
- Nuzzi field will get ruined during the construction process but it will be restored.

Marcus Christ Hall

- The Village Board will be presenting a plan to the public in the near future, after the budget.

Memorial Park

- Electricity will be installed by the VNHP Pride Memorial Park sign which will serve as a focal point for concerts and events.
- The Village has a grant from Nassau County and we are actively looking to redo the house which has a leak in the roof and desperately needs new bathrooms.
- The Board has designs on expanding the Memorial side of the park.
- New fencing. The current fencing is over 25 years old and a safety issue.
- Resurfacing the basketball courts.
- Adding a sprinkler system in the outfield.

Nuzzi Field and Department of Public Works

- The Village has 5.1 million dollars set aside but unfortunately it will cost more than that. We are constantly looking for ways to generate revenue.
- Nuzzi Field will be restored to its full glory once the DPW building is completed.

TOD Housing Scheme

- VNHP vehemently opposes Gov. Hochul's offensive Transient Oriented Housing scheme.
- All Villages & towns in Nassau County are opposed to the 50 units per acre in Nassau County.
- Contact your representatives to voice your concerns.
- We will be starting a Red Ribbon Campaign. Display your red ribbons on your trees, doors, etc.

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 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Santomauro

Secretary to the Board