

VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
April 20, 2023

Present: Mayor Devane
Deputy Mayor Nijjar
Trustee Burger
Trustee Savarese
Trustee Sheikh
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 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

March 16, 2023, Board Minutes

April 3, 2023, Annual Meeting Minutes

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

Block Party: APPROVED

Lauren Medina of 1731 Park Avenue (dead end off of Leonard Blvd.) has requested to hold a Block Party on Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.

William Gil Theater

APPROVED - The Scouts would like to utilize the William Gill Theater on Saturday, April 29, 2023 to conduct a CPR/AED class.

RESERVED DECISION- Cub Scout Pack 544 would like to utilize the William Gill Theater on Friday, June 9, 2023 for their pack meeting.

License Renewals

Catering: APPROVED

Mister Softee of New Hyde Park # 6024 - 158-35 82nd Street, Howard Beach

Landscaping Permit Applications: APPROVED

LTK Landscaping – 9 Fordham Street, Williston Park

Mineola Landscaping - 27 Morningside Drive, Westbury

MDR Landscaping -528 Henry Street, West Hempstead

Jose Landscaping -167 Dikeman Street, Hempstead

Jose H. Arevalo Landscaping – 686 Keil Street, Elmont

Mezzaucella Contractors Corp. – 36 Barrymore Blvd., Franklin Square

Martinez Landscaping - 164-33 108th Drive, Jamaica

Omars Landscaping Corp. – 27 Longfellow Avenue, Westbury

Landscape & Design - 241-15 85th Road, Bellerose

Charles Landscaping 17 New Hyde Park Road, Franklin Square
Mejias & Reyes Landscaping - 2170 Merrick Avenue, Merrick
Paumanok Lawn Tech – 93 E. Seaman Avenue, Freeport
Ciampa Landscaping & Construction - 187-39 87th Road, Jamaica Estates
Graham Block & Landscaping Inc. - 1231 Tulip Avenue, Franklin Square
J. Rubio Landscaping – 2431 Salisbury Drive, Westbury
T. Devito & Sons Contracting – 70 Park Avenue, Port Washington
Ruddy Lopez Landscaping LLC – 161 S. Ocean Avenue, Freeport
B&B Landscaping Contractors - 249 Marcus Avenue, New Hyde Park
Gonzalez Landscaping – 990 Wilson Blvd, Central Islip
Turf Tamer Landscaping Inc. – 20 Clarendon Drive, Valley Stream
Dom's Landscaping – 141 Herrick's Road, Garden City Park
Velasquez Landscaping – 3 Commerce Blvd, Amityville
Heriberto Landscaping – 524 N. 5th Street, New Hyde Park
Armando Landscaping – 13832 90th Avenue, Jamaica
Rojas Landscaping – 89-22 185th Street, Hollis
We care Tree Service – 2093 Hancock Avenue, N. Bellmore
JT Landscaping – 238 Kinkel Street, Westbury
Martir R. Landscaping – 34 Douglas Street, Inwood
German Beltran Landscaping – 59 Madison Avenue, Inwood
The Cutting-Edge Landscaping – 29 Fairmont Blvd., Garden City
Peter Valenti Landscaping -1175 Barnes Street, Franklin Square
Emmanuel Landscaping – 8777 146th Street, Jamaica
Daniello’s Landscaping Inc – 228 Randall Avenue, Elmont

REPORTS:

Trustee Arthur Savarese

Parks and Recreation, Little League, Public Information, Dept. of Public Works, Tree Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood Watch

Trustee Rainer Burger

Building Department, LIRR, Veterans Affairs, American Legion, Noise Abatement, Water Authorities, Scouts (Troop 298)

Trustee Eve Sheikh

Library, Senior Programs, Schools

Trustee Madhvi Nijjar

Revitalization Committee, Cultural Committee, Board of Assessors, Clerk’s Office, Community Development (CDBG), Summer Camp

Mayor Christopher Devane

Auxiliary Police, Fire Department, Nassau County Police, Facilities, LIRR Task Force, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning and ARB Board

RESOLUTIONS:

22-126 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #22-22

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

22-127 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH YOUNG EQUIPMENT

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution to enter in the agreement was unanimously approved.

22-128 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGETARY ACCOUNT CODES

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to transfer funds was unanimously approved.

22-129 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2023-2024 BUDGET

- Upon motion by Trustee Savarese, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution to adopt the 2023-2024 Budget was unanimously approved.

22-130 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EMIR CONSTRUCTION – BOARD ROOM

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

22-131 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE OPIOID SETTLEMENT OPT IN DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution authorizing the attorney to execute settlement was unanimously approved.

22-132 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF FULL TIME LABORER FOR THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution to hire a full-time laborer was unanimously approved.

22-133 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISBURSEMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE PARKS DEPT.

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing disbursements was unanimously approved.

22-134 A RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR DHIRAJ ANAND

- Upon motion by Trustee Savarese, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution to for Special Use Permit was unanimously approved.

22-135 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TREASURER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES

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

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Savarese:

Public Information

We currently have over 1200 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

- Opening Day was Saturday, April 15th.
- The NHPLL parade will be on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 12:00 pm. Please visit the website for more information and any updates.

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.

Chamber of Commerce

- On Thursday, April 6th the Chamber welcomed new member Fave Realty with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
- On Monday, April 17th the Chamber welcomed new member Saf-T-Swim.

Tree Replacements

- Requests for the Spring season are done. Any new requests should be made through the Village website or App 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.
- This time of year is especially busy with lawn cuts, weed whacking and watering all along the LIRR corridor as well as Jericho Tpke.
- Baseball field maintenance.
- Department of Public Works completed the demo and excavation of the old kiddie park at Memorial Park and they will begin to level the surface for equipment installation.
- Sanitation collections are on a normal schedule. Grass clippings collection began Wednesday, April 12th. To date, the sanitation crew removed 617 tons of refuse and 43 tons of yard waste.
- Department of Public Works assisted with Earth Day by creating planting beds and removing a tree.
- 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.
- The tree inventory process is complete and we anticipate a report within a few weeks.

- 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 April 13, 2023 with one application being heard; 1525 Lincoln Avenue front and side yard was approved.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2023. As of today, one application has been submitted; 500 1st Avenue – 2 story rear addition.

Architectural Review Board

- The last meeting was scheduled for April 5, 2023 however no applications were received prior to the deadline so the meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2023. As of today, no applications have been submitted.

Village Building Court

- The eighteen (18) Village building hearings scheduled for April 19, 2023 were adjourned and will be heard next month on May 17, 2023.
- There have been 64 permits in total approved and issued between March 16th and April 20th.

Clerk’s Office – Kate Hillmann, Village Clerk

Meters	\$10,114.59
Muni-meters	\$34,678.26
Licenses	\$10,601.22
Building	\$17,390.53
Interest on Accts	\$8,424.59
Health Contributions	\$12,476.29
Franchise Fee - Telephone	\$3,752.64
Federal Aid (Kaplan Grant)	\$76,655.00
Court Fines – Traffic	\$79,913.00
Court Fines – Building	\$800.00

Trustee Burger

Long Island Railroad (LIRR) 3rd Track Project

G-14 Electrical Substation

- The landscaping is complete and we are pleased with the outcome.

South 12th Pedestrian Underpass & Station Platform

- Trustee Burger met with 3TC on April 3rd.
- The electrical work is complete and the fencing around the platform is going up.
- 3TC is looking into options to clean up the façade. The current mock up is not acceptable.

Paving of Roads

- The paving for Stewart Avenue and 4th Avenue was completed in mid-April.
- Included in the agreed upon plan are 2nd Avenue, 3rd Avenue, Baer Avenue, and portions of South 12th Street. The Village is waiting on a paving schedule.
- 3rd Avenue Striping will be redone to accommodate local business operations.

LIRR Track Work

- The Village is not aware of any upcoming outages.

Nightwork/Road Closure

- There are no scheduled road closures at this time, but as the MTA continues rail work, the possibility remains.

2nd and 3rd Avenue Streetscape

- The Village is meeting with WSP monthly. The focus of the last meeting on April 6th was the South 12th Street Parking lot.
- Once the Village receives a decent plan that balances out green space, parking and a functional area, the Board will share this plan with the residents to obtain feedback. We anticipate being ready to show a plan at the next Board meeting.

Water Basin 21 (Area Across from DPW – Not Village Property)

- The County permitted 3TC to use the area as an access point to the Hempstead Line Tracks.
- The Board is currently working with the County to get the area restored.

NHP Road

- Left turn signal (Protected Signal) at New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue.
 - Installation is at a standstill due to a funding dispute between the County and MTA.
 - The last meeting was held on April 5th without a resolution.
- The fence at the underpass that was damaged by the February accident was ordered by 3TC. The Village does not have a date for repair/installation as yet.

Water Authority

- The well at Station 57 Rehabilitation project including 1.4 Dioxane Removal is operational.
- Well Station 57A is still undergoing testing.

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

- The last meeting was held on April 8th. The next Meeting will be on May 6, 2023
- The Legion is currently coordinating a Vet Dog Event on May 20th at Memorial Park.
 - Donation Boxes are out, one is located in the foyer at Village Hall.
 - The event will be held in Memorial Park at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 20th.
 - The team met yesterday to coordinate the logistics in the park.
- Memorial Day event planned.
 - The Memorial Day Tribute Parade will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2023. We will assemble at 9:30 am on Hillside Blvd. The parade will step off at 10:00 am.
 - There will be a small ceremony at Village Hall and then a larger ceremony at Memorial Park.
- Post 1089 will be sponsoring NHP Memorial Student Varun Pillai for Boy State 2023.
 - Boy State will be held at SUNY Morrisville from June 25th through 30th
- The American Legion would like to thank one of its members, Gerald Pecard, for his generous donation of \$3000 to the post.

Troop 298

- The Troop will be hosting a car wash on Saturday, May 13th in the Lakeville Road Parking lot from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The payment amount of having your car washed is at your discretion.

- Troop 298 is working on two (2) Eagle Project moving forward at Memorial Park. One (1) is for additional exercise stations. This will take place weekend of June 2nd thru the 4th. The second (2) is Memorial Flags to honor our war dead from New Hyde Park. This is still in the planning stages.

Noise Abatement

- TVASNAC (Town-Village Aircraft Safety Noise Abatement Committee) meeting was held on March 27, 2023.
- Town of Hempstead has appointed a new attorney to represent TVASNAC since the previous attorney has retired.
- There is still no response to letters written from Town Supervisor Don Calvin and Nassau County Legislator Rich Nicoletto to our federal government officials regarding the overuse of runways, noise, health concerns and quality of life issues for residents affected along flight paths.
- A letter was also written by TVASNAC to the Nassau County Department of Health urging them to test the air quality along certain flight paths. Assemblyman Ed Ra is looking into bill A 2140 signed by Governor Houchul which gives N.Y. State approval to spend \$500,000 dollars for the study of aircraft noise and human studies. TVASNAC is looking to invite Congressman Anthony D’Esposito to the next meeting in May 2023
- 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.

Trustee Sheikh:

Trustee Sheikh wished to thank the Cultural Commission for the wonderful Earth Day Event. It was a great turnout.

Senior Program

- Trustee Sheikh attended the Seniors Card event on Friday, April 14th. It was great to meet and talk with the residents and meet Laura, the director of the program who does a wonderful job.
- The Village is looking forward to some upcoming events; a Card Workshop on April 29th 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, a Mother’s Day Tea on May 5th at 11:00 am and Cuddle with LI therapy Dogs on May 19th at 11:00 am.
- 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.

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. Deputy Mayor Nijjar and Trustee Sheikh met with both of them and are looking forward to a great collaboration moving forward.
- The next Road School PTA meeting is Thursday, May 18th
- The School Budget Vote is Tuesday, May 16, 2023. There is no increase to the school taxes this year.

Library

- There are some wonderful programs on schedule for the month of April;
 - April 21st – Game Day for Adults.
 - April 29th – Defensive Driving course
 - April 30th – Movie “The Fabelmans”.
 - Clothing Drive
 - Plant Sale

Trustee Sheikh wishes all who celebrate Eid Mubarak.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar

Taxes

- The physical year end is May 31st.
- Tax bills will be sent out on May 31st and payment is due by July 1st.

Newsletter

- The Spring Newsletter is being worked on as we speak and will be out at the end of May.

Events

- Earth Day was a success. Thank you to the Cultural Commission team, Department of Public Works, Tommy Kane, Scout Troops and some Little Leaguers that came out to help clean up and plant. The focus of the day is on the kids – simple and fun. Thank you to all involved.
- Our Annual Memorial Day Parade will be on Saturday, May 27th. We will assemble on Hillside Blvd and Jericho Tpke at 9:30 am and will step off at 10:00 am. Please make every effort to attend.
- This year's Multicultural Festival will be on Friday, June 9th. The High School always goes above and beyond to assist with this event and we are excited for this year's collaboration.

Summer Camp

- The Village Summer Camp will run from July 5th through August 4th.
- The approved hours for the camp are five (5) hours a day broken up into two sessions; 10:00 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.
- Residents are free and will come first. Non-residents will be charged \$150.00
- Registration will take place on June 14, 2023 from 10 am – 2 pm at Village Hall.

Residential Rehab

- The Village was allotted \$75k funds and there is currently \$52K left. Please contact Village Hall for assistance in applying.

Mayor Devane

Mayor Devane provided an update he received from Newsday; the State Budget does not include Gov. Hochul's housing plan. We won't know for sure until the state budget passes. We will continue to fight the plan moving forward.

Mayor Devane wished everyone a Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak.

Mayor Devane clarified that the work done at Village Hall on Easter Sunday was authorized by him as an emergency repair on the sprinkler system need to be tended to.

Mayor Devane stated that residents may have noticed a boat parked in the Central Blvd. parking lot across the Street from Village Hall. Mayor Devane wanted to make clear it was not authorized by the Mayor or the Village Board. The Village does not allow the storage of boats on any Village property.

Memorial Park

- The Village is simultaneously working on the bathrooms, bocce ball court, basketball courts.
- The Village was informed if all goes as planned, we can optimally open by Memorial Day weekend.
- The bathrooms are almost complete in addition to a new roof. A small overhang with a table and chairs on the south side of the park house.
- The children's playground is a lot more detailed than anticipated. The equipment will arrive on April 24th and installation will take approximately four (4) to six (6) weeks.
- Opening of the dog park, tennis courts and basketball courts will be by the second week of May. Access will be limited to those areas and will be subject to closure for equipment trucks coming in. Safety is the Villages main concern.
- The new steel fence will encompass the border of the park; William Street, Lincoln Avenue and Albert Street. The park will have four (4) exits.
- The Village is looking into adding Wi-Fi to the park.

Village Hall

- The Board Room is being relocated to the 2nd floor. The current Board Room will still be utilized for court, when in session and it will also be a general community room, especially geared towards the seniors.
- The Community Room is complete. The office of Laura Trentacoste, our Senior Program Coordinator, will be located in there as well.
- The outside of the building needs work. We are getting estimates on painting the outside of the building, repointing the brick work.

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.

Marcus Christ Hall

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

Miller Bros.

- The discussions are still a work in progress, but the Village is in constant contact with the owner.
- The Village is hoping to share plans with the residents in the near future.

Taxes

- The Mayor stated that he was the one who communicated to the residents that the Village would be returning the \$100.00 increase imposed on last year's taxes. This was presented with every intention to do so but unfortunately prior to estimates of outstanding projects received. The increase in materials and labor costs have left the Village unable to fulfill that promise.

Mayor Devane asks all the residents to come on out for the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 27th at 10:00 AM rain or shine.

Mayor Devane also thanked Milena's Garden Center for donating flowers for Earth Day.

Church of the Holy Spirit's Annual Family Festival will be held on June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of 2023.

Friday June 2nd 5:00 pm – 11:00pm

Saturday, June 3rd 2:00pm – 11:00 pm

Sunday, June 4th 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Old Business: no old business

New Business: no new business

There being no further business, upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting went into executive session at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia Santomauro

Secretary to the Board of Trustees