

VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2023

Present: Mayor Devane
Deputy Mayor Nijjar
Trustee Burger
Trustee Sheikh
Oscar Osorio, Village Treasurer
Binu Pillay, Superintendent of Building
Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW
John Nicastro, Code Enforcement
Patricia Santomauro, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Absent: Trustee Savarese
Maria Cerda, Village Clerk

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 7:28 pm following a Special Use Public Hearing. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the hearing.

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Trustee Burger, the Board Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2023 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

The Police Report for August 2023 was submitted by the Nassau County Police Department on September 9, 2023.

License (New):

Landscaping: APPROVED

Grass-Hoppers Landscaping LLC – 154-30 21st Avenue, Whitestone, NY.

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:

23- 43 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #23-06

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

23-44 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TO FORM AND POST STANDARD WORK DAY REPORTING FOR NYSLRS

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing to form and post standard work day report for NYSLRS was unanimously approved.

23-45 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF NEW PART TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution authorizing the hiring of the new part time office assistant to the clerk's office was unanimously approved

23-46 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE JUSTICE COURT GRANT 2023-24

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the authorize the justice court grant for 2023-24 was unanimously approved

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Savarese:

Public Information

As of today, we have over 1.4k Instagram followers. If you have not yet followed us @villageofnhp, 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

Park Hours are now 8 am until 7 pm daily.

On Saturday, September 16, 2023 the Village conducted a basketball clinic for boys & girls, ages 6 to 12 years old. We want to thank our parks chairman Coach Al Lew and his sons Coach Chris and Coach Nick for teaching these clinics.

We are planning a fall baseball clinic in the coming weeks.

Friday, September 22: 2023, we will be hosting our Back-to-School Movie night beginning at 7 pm. All events are open to all and do not require Park IDs to attend.

Little League

- The fall baseball and softball teams are in full swing.
- There are two (2) boys' teams playing at Nuzzi Field and two (2) girls' teams playing at Memorial Park.
- Early registration for Spring 2024 (baseball and softball) will be available online in November.

Neighborhood Watch

- Is ongoing and we are currently looking for more volunteers to patrol the Village streets during the week.
- 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 Report

- The Street Fair is on Saturday, October 21, 2023.
Our Chamber of Commerce is giving out 550 reusable shopping bags filled with goodies from their members. Retail members can start dropping off their promotional items through Wednesday, October 18, 2023 to the office of Sheila McKeough, address below:
Roslyn Savings Bank
1114 Jericho Tpke
New Hyde Park, NY
516-327-4695
Please contact Dana at info@nhpchamber.org to volunteer

Tree Replacements

- Requests for the Spring planting season can be made through the Village website or App.

Department of Public Works: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent

- The Village will receive a new truck in the next few weeks.
- Waste and Recycling collected in August;
 - 5 tons of construction debris
 - 63 tons of yard waste
 - 20 tons of newspaper
 - 29 tons of commingled recyclables
 - 541 tons of waste and recycling
 - Total tons of municipal solid waste: 424 tons
- Due to the Columbus Day holiday on October 9th, there will be a double collection day on October 10th.
- Reminders:
 - All bulk waste which consists of any waste item with a large metal content, such a refrigerator, washing machine, or a sleeper sofa is collected on Monday and Friday by scheduled appointment only.
 - Mattresses are collected as part of regular sanitation, but must be placed in a mattress bag.
 - Electronic waste is collected on Wednesday by scheduled appointment only. E-waste consists of anything that has a cord, but is not a kitchen appliance.
 - If you have a bulk item or e-waste item you can call Village Hall to set up an appointment.

- Installation and repair of new signs and poles due to aging and damage is on-going. In the month of August there were approximately 25 signs that were repaired, replaced, or relocated.
- Street sweeping is ongoing for September and October.
- Routine tree maintenance requests as part of preventative maintenance procedures are on-going and will continue as needed. DPW removed 3 trees and trimmed 10 in the month of August. Our Tree Contractor was also in the Village in August, performing 20+ trims and 3 removals. Tree trims and removals will continue over the next few months. If you have any requests, you can call Village Hall or use the MyNHP App.
- DPW staff has been performing weekly maintenance and cleanup operations along Jericho Tpke, LIRR corridor, and parking lots. Litter pick-up along sidewalks, median areas, and parking lots is conducted on a weekly basis. All vegetation and landscape operations are conducted weekly or as needed.
- DPW received and staff responded to approximately 65 service requests that were received via the MyNHP App or phone calls during the month of August. Requests included tree trim/removal and tree planting, fallen branches, road repairs, dead animal removals, routine maintenance requests, requests for a new recycling pail, etc. The majority of calls this month were regarding Tree trims and removals.

Building Department - Binu Pillay, Superintendent

Zoning Board of Appeals

- The last meeting was for Wednesday, September 13th. Since no applications were submitted, the meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting is scheduled for October 11th with 2 cases to be heard (1) Special Exception Permit and the other is Taco Bell

Architectural Review Board

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on August 2nd with 3 cases heard. 2 cases were reserved decision for further clarification and the other was approved.
- The next meeting is scheduled for September 27th. 2 cases from previous hearing, and 3 additional new cases. 2 of which are for changing siding colors and another is for alterations to the front of home.

Planning Board

- The last meeting of the Planning Board was held on August 2nd but since no applications were submitted in time, meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting is scheduled for September 27th and as of this time we have no applications submitted.
- I would like remind all residents that moving forward the Architectural Review Board and the Planning Board hearings will be held on the 4th Wednesday of every month and not the first Wednesday of every month.

Village Building Court

- The last Village Court was held on Sept 20th with 265 cases. The 265 cases comprise of 237 summons for 707 7th Ave, 2 Parking on Lawn, 1 Obstructing sidewalk, 14 Property maintenance, 1 Working without permits,

- The next village court will be held on October 18th with 260 cases. The 260 cases comprise of 237 summons for 707 7th Ave, of 6 Parking on Lawn, 10 Property maintenance, 1 Working without permits, 1 Multi-families in a single family home, 5 various infractions.

Rental Registration

- Rental registration is in process and inspections are being conducted accordingly.

SPECIAL USE

- There were 3 Special Use applications heard at last month's meeting; 2 were approved and one was held over for earlier this evening.
- During the period from June 20th to today, the building department issued 58 permits, 16 building permits, 5 plumbing permits, 4 - Dumpster/POD, 4- Roof, 12-Sidewalk/Driveway, 5-Fence, 8- Street Opening/Road Closure, 2- Sign & 1- Tree Removal, 1 Demolition 8 - Certificates of Approval, 1- Certificate of Occupancy 9- Certificates of Completion, 5- Special Exceptions, 2 - Close Expired Permits

Treasurer's Report - Oscar Osorio, Village Treasurer

- \$64,785 in Traffic Court Fines.
- \$9,225 in Building Court Fines.
- \$31,600 in Muni meters.
- Residential Rehab funds expire on August 31st.

Code Enforcement – John Nicastro

- September 1st through September 24th the Village has issued 19 Notice of Violations, 32 Summonses, 637 Parking tickets
- Code Enforcement is still monitoring the situation at North 12th. Tires are marked in the four (4) hour parking and 500 tickets have been issued last month, just on that lot.
- Bus on Jericho. The debris address issue

Trustee Burger

Long Island Railroad (LIRR) 3rd Track Project

South 12th Pedestrian Underpass & Station Platform

- The LIRR have agreed to the application to go over the façade. They are prepping the area now.

Paving of Roads

- Trenching work will continue through next week, September 29, 2023. Please report any issues

Landscaping

- The tree planting was stopped due to concerns with placement.
- The Village requested no more trees be installed and requested payment instead.

LIRR Track Work

- The LIRR is performing switch and signal work on Premier's main line to Floral Park Station.

- The Village is constantly sending out LIRR communication to residents.
- The Village has received complaints about vibrations.
- Pictures of the foundation were taken
- The Village requested that all locomotive idling be moved back to behind Floral Park pool.
- Track work may be pushed back to next week..

Rodent – Rats – 11 Av

- The track work on the south side on Premier is stirring up the rodents. The LIRR rebaited the track.
- Stewart Manor is a possible source.
- The water basin has revegetation traps.
- The Village will continue to go after businesses that leave debris out.
- Residents are asked to keep the lids on the trash cans.

Water Authority

- The Well at Station 57 Rehabilitation project is operational.
- Regarding Well Station 57A, the results from the testing were not good, contaminants were found.

MCH

- Mark V. Cruz Architect will be putting together a bid package by early next year. There is still much to lay out.

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

- Next Meeting - October 14, 2023 at 10:00 am.
- Upcoming Events; Street Fair, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Pancake Breakfast
- Pancake Breakfast will be on Nov 4th at Applebee's. The Legion is selling tickets. Also see Trustee Rainer for tickets. The funds will be used for scholarships.

Troop 298

- Hero Banners
- Life Scout project is refurbishing the room upstairs.

Noise Abatement

- The Village held a noise abatement meeting with Congressman Anthony D'Esposito.
- The TRAVASNAC meeting held on Monday, September 18, 2023 had an outstanding turnout.
- The FAA responded to the FOIL request. They will reroute aircrafts towards the ocean.
- The UN is in session and aircrafts will be circling over NY this week looking for security issues. Residents should email Trustee Rainer with any questions.

Trustee Sheikh:

Senior Program

- On September 8th at 11:00 am we successfully hosted Bagels and Games. Great job Laura.
- On September 22nd at 11:00 am we are hosting a Terrarium event which should be fun.
- On October 22nd at 11:00 am we are hosting Taste of Autumn
- On October 27th at 11:00 am we are hosting Book Sculpting

Library

- Some upcoming Library events;
 - September 26th - Paint
 - September 28th – Property Taxes
 - The library held Movie Day – Little Mermaid, Defensive Driving and the Library Board Meeting
 - For more information on the many events taking place at the library, please visit www.hillsideLibrary/info

Rd School

- PTA invites people to join at a cost of \$10 per person/\$20 per couple
- September 30th – Home Coming

Deputy Mayor Nijjar

Upcoming Events

- All events are free and no ID is necessary.
- The Back-to-School Movie Night featuring “Maverick” will be held on Friday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm in Memorial Park.
- The Village of New Hyde Park Columbus Day Parade will be held on Sunday, October 8th at 10:00 am with Monday October 9th as the rain date. The Grand Marshall for this year is Nick Nuzzi.
- The Street Fair will now be on Saturday, October 21st with Sunday, October 22nd as the rain date.
- The 3rd Annual Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday, October 28th at 10:00 am. No Superhero costumes allowed. There will be a best costume competition. Costumes are mandatory.
- The 3rd Annual Diwali Event will be on Wednesday, November 8th at 5 pm in the Gil Theater.
- The Veteran’s Day Event will be held on Saturday, November 11th at 10:30 am.
- The Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, November 26th. Fun events were planned including Santa visiting.

Clerk’s Office

- The Audit will take another couple of days to complete.
- Senior Funding – Continuation of funds. Excellent Job Laura and Eve.
- Food Pantry – The Boy Scouts are collecting non-perishable food items. The drop off box will be left indefinitely.

Mayor Devane

New Hyde Park Fire Department

- On Saturday, September 9th the New Hyde Park Fire Department hosted a block party to honor Frank Valerio’s 50 years of service. The Board participated in this event.
- On Tuesday September 19th the Fire Department dedicated a room to John Melinski and Marie Cochran for their extended service following their deaths.

Upcoming Events in September and October

- Tomorrow is Movie Night – Friday, September 22nd at 7:00 PM featuring Maverick.

- 2nd Annual Columbus Day Parade -Sunday, October 8th at 10:00 AM - the Grand Marshall this year is Nick Nuzzi.
- There is an outside food pantry box for Vet dogs. Please contribute. Our community is very generous.

Memorial Park

- The DPW shut down Nuzzi Construction
- The little league uses the field for all ages and the construction is designed to accommodate all. Further developments will come.
- All the courts are being utilized.
- Clinics are being held.

Miller Bros. Property

- There is currently is still no plan before this Board at this time.
- The Board will discuss a plan once one is put forward.

General Comments

- Trustee Sheikh is successfully working with Larry Gordon, 99 Cent Store, to upgrade the façade of his building. Arlan printing also agreed to improve their façade. 608 Jericho Turnpike has a beautiful building with local ownership. Congratulations to Binu and Eve on their tremendous efforts and success with Gordon.
- In response to the Mayor's question, John commented that the garbage outside of business on Jericho Turnpike are responsible of the property maintenance and notices were given.
- The Street Fair committee will be reaching out to volunteers tomorrow.
- The Mary Ruchalski Foundation held a Hearts of Gold Gala to raise money for research for the pediatric cancer. The Ruchalski and McBride families together raised over \$1 million.

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 10:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Oscar Oseric

Village Treasurer