

VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 2023

Present: Mayor Christopher Devane
Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar
Trustee Rainer Burger
Trustee Arthur Savarese
Trustee Eve Sheikh
Oscar Osorio, Village Treasurer
Binu Pillay, Superintendent of Building
Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW
Maria Cerda, Village Clerk

Absent:

- Mayor Christopher Devane opened the Board Meeting at 7: 00P M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the hearing. Mayor Christopher Devane also opened with an announcement with regards to Miller Lane. Someone robbed an item from the front porch of a resident. Mayor Devane tried speaking with the person who responsible for this and he ignored Mayor Devane. This person is frequenting the area and the Police have been made aware of this person.

BOARD MINUTES: Approved board minutes for October 19, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

The Police Report for November 2023 was submitted by the Nassau County Police Department on December 06, 2023.

Licenses (New) :

Carter's/ Solid Waste

U-Need A-Roll off Corp- 35 Dale Street, West Babylon, NY 11704

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

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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

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Trustee Rainer Burger:

Honored Jeff Reilley and he was presented with a certificate of Appreciation for all that he has done through the years.

MTA

South 12th Pedestrian Underpass & Station Platform

- MTA will be applying a new application to the cement façade to clean up the blemishes etc- They are currently preparing the surface and there is hope for the completion by the end of the year. Still waiting for an update.

Paving of Roads

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- 3TC is currently scheduled to begin paving the road on November 20, 21, 2023 Striping will follow after. We will keep you up to date on any changes to the schedule and road closures and detours.

Milling Roads

- Starting on November 18, 2023
- 2nd & 3rd Avenue will be milled completely

Landscaping

- Additional landscaping was put in by 3TC and is now completed
- Installation of remaining trees was paused due to some conflicts and we will get a credit in money.
- A number of dead bushes were replaced by the 3TRC.

LIRR Track Work

- The signal and interlock that started in September 2023 was continued on November 5, 2023.
- On November 5, 2023 they lifted and installed a new signal hut on the tracks.
- November 5, 2023 weekend work is completed
- Additional signal work was still occur in any event this is currently not planned to take place till the 1st or 2nd quarter of next year. The Board will keep everyone posted when the work is scheduled.

Water Authority

- The Well at Station 57 Rehabilitation project including the 1.4 Dioxane Removal is operational.
- Positive News. Well 57A had satisfactory test lab results and the results were received and the Water Authority has filed for approval to DOH to go operational.

Marcus Christ (MCH)

- Preliminary Architectural Drawings are developed.
- Board is currently reviewing a proposal from RMB Consultant- They will be supporting the Village in putting the construction drawings, bid package and Spec book.
- Met with RMB on November 8, 2023.
- Looking to complete the Bid Package and go out for Bid 2nd quarter of 2024.

Veterans Affairs American Legion Post 1089

- November 4, 2023 **Applebee's** Pancake Breakfast was a great success and the Legion Members would like to thank all of those who supported and donated to the Event.

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- A special Thank You to the Scout Troop 298 who helped waiter tables at the event.
- Special Thanks to all of the Restaurants and businesses who donated raffles. Special Thanks to Angry Knome who donated a 55" Samsung TV and AECOM Hunt who donated 4 NY Islander Hocket tickets at the USB Arena Dime Club. American Legion celebrated 90 years. Please join American Legion

Veteran's Day Ceremony

- Saturday November 11, 2023 Village Park Hall Special Thanks to the entire Community for coming and showing their support to our Veterans.
- Thank You to the Board for their help and to DPW and the entire staff. Without you this would not have been possible and a Special Thank You to Jeff Reilly.
- November 15, 2023 Post Birthday Dinner at Johnathan's

Troop 298

- Working with another Eagle Scout Project with Life Scout **Michael Domingo**-Hero Banners
- Scout Edward Dean completed his Eagle Project at Centennial Park.
- Lions Club Christmas trees will be arriving on November 25, 2023, Scouts and a number of us will be unloading several hundreds of trees that morning.

Neighborhood Watch

- Is ongoing. If you are interested in volunteering ,please complete an application that can be obtained from Village Hall or email Arthur Savarese asavarese@vnhp.org.
- Please set up Camara's on the outside of your home or purchase a Ring Bell this is encouraged for the safety of the community.

Noise Abatement

- The last meeting for TVASNC was on Monday September 18, 2023 held at the Village Hall in Floral Park
- There was no meeting in October 2023.
- The next meeting will be November 27, 2023 at the Hempstead Town Hall. We do encourage the residents to attend.
- Residents are urged to file a online Noise complaints at WWW.hempsteadny.gov/TVASNAC.
- Or for Hempstead residents to call 1-800-225-1071, North Hempstead residents dial 311.

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Trustee Eve Sheikh

She was very pleased with the following event's

- October 27, 2023 Workshop
- November 4, 2023 Holiday Greeting Workshop
- November 21, 2023 Thanksgiving Senior Luncheon
- Special Thank You to Laura and DJ Dan for the Luncheon.
- December 1, 2023 Holiday Carols for Seniors
- December 15, 2023 Holiday Workshop

Hillside Library

November 17, 2023 Movie Night

December 5, 2023 Holiday Candle Craft

Special Congratulations to Mrs. Burger New Hyde Park Road School

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Trustee Art Savarese

- Social Media Follow us on Instagram & the Village Website
- New Hyde Park Little League just finished season. Girls Junior Team won. Boys finished in Maryland 5th Place.
- Memorial Park closed by **5PM. November 26, 2023 the park will be closed to be Winterized.**
 - Need Volunteers for Neighborhood watch. You can come to the Village and fill out forms and you can Email Arthur Savarese asavarese@vnhp.org.
- Chamber of Commerce-Food Drive-Go to- NewHydeParkChamber.com

Happy & Healthy Thanksgiving to Everyone.

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar

Happy Diwali

Made some announcements for the following:

- Happy about the community being diverse.
- Extended a Thank You for everyone donating mostly everything.
- Thank You to All- In- One Party Rental for donating.

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- Thank You Jackson Diner for donating food and drinks and for the volunteers and the performers.
- Special acknowledgement for the Veterans and their service.
- November 25, 2023 Annual Tree Lighting there will be Christmas Carolers and entertainment.
- Dads club donating Hot Chocolate and candy.
- Happy about the Village Hall being fully staffed.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Hanakah.

Mayor Christopher Devane

Fire Department

- Special announcement made for the Fire Dept they were there for the 11th Hour, 11th Day they show up for the Veterans. Very Happy about that.
- They took the time to decorate the Christmas lights at the Village Hall for November 25, 2023 Tree-lighting.

Ingram Lane- Ducks

- There were ducks that were taken in from the Village of New Hyde Park and there was one duck not doing well. Theresa Blaho & Binu Pillay took the time to drive the Ducks to Bayville to the Humane Society. They are now being taken care of. Special Thank you to Theresa & Binu for all of the hard work.
- Introduced the hire of Dawn Belmonte, Domenica Zarek, Maria Cerda. Happy about there being a full staff.

Announcements

- Veteran's Day Ceremony Saturday November 11, 2023 11:00 am was a beautiful success.
- Diwali Celebration Thursday November 9, 2023 at 5:00 pm was a great time.
- Tree Lighting Saturday November 25, 2023 3:00 pm
- October 21, 2023 Street Fair was very successful.
- DPW / Marcus Christ Hall breaking ground 2024 we will have to rent a trailer for the people who will be working at the location.
- Memorial Park /Dog Park is closed for the Wintertime 11/26/2023
- The sprinkler system will shut down in the park this is necessary due to the cold weather.
- There is an amazing agreement that was made to turf the big field at Memorial Park. There are minor tweaks being made for Memorial Park. The park closes when it gets dark.
 - Halloween Parade was fun- The step team danced.
 - The 2 main events are Memorial Day & Veterans Day.

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Street Fair

- Special Thank You to Cheryl Nowak and Kimberly Kane and all the volunteers.

DPW

- DPW received approximately \$5.1 Million dollar budget and the 2021 design was \$7.1- \$7.2 Million
- Annette Fleming budget is \$5.1 Million, it came back at \$6.8 Million and that is not a good amount not within the budget.
- A bid will be going out sometime 2024.

Nuzzi Field

- Nuzzi Field shut down 18 months ago.
- Feel Free to Use the facilities.

Village Hall

- In the process of refurbishing everything in the Village Hall
Grant given to redo Clerks Office and Basement, Bathroom, Court Room.

Marcus Christ Hall

- Marcus Christ Hall was knocked down and to re-build, the attorneys are donating their fees.
- The Old Board Room will be used as a community room w/ a TV for the use of the Girl Scouts/ Boy Scouts and the TV can be used for Virtual.
- There is No elevator in the building however, there is a Lift.
- The Museum was in Bad shape and it was made into a board room. Troop 298 helped in clearing out the Museum.
- The Museum is being named Carol Nowakowski
- **Charlie Hoffman Plaque-** Noticed that Charlie Hoffman was not on the monument across the street and he will be added to honor him accordingly.
- The room upstairs had to be furnished and we spoke with Binu Pillay and he suggested that we had the board table built for ½ the price.

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- Mentioned that Mayor Christopher Devane & Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar took a 7- hour afternoon to go to the clearance center to purchase 2 End Tables & 2 Couches.
- Taco Bell-Planning Commission rejected the renovation.
- We are asking for Construction Workers & Plumbers to donate their time.

Happy Thanksgiving

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TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Savarese:

Social Media

- Follow the Village on the Village Instagram account for updates, Important Notices & Events, (@villageofnhp).
- You should also visit the Village website and download the My VNHP app on your phone to stay connected with your village.

Memorial Park

- Park hours are now till 8:00 am till dusk every day.
- The village was scheduled two baseball clinics but unfortunately the weather has not cooperated on either weekend so far. Look for a notice on Instagram and the Village website as we try to reschedule these clinics. These clinics are open to all boys and girls from the ages 6 to 12 years old and are free for Village residents. Non- residents can sign up their player for a small fee of \$25.00 per player.

New Hyde Park Little League

- The fall baseball & softball teams are in full swing despite the challenge they have been facing with the weather.
- Early registration for Spring 2024 (baseball & softball) will start in November 2023

Neighborhood Watch

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

Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce Report

- Greater NHP Chamber of Commerce will be a vendor at our upcoming Street Fair this October 22, 2023.
- We want to thank our wonderful sponsors for this year's Street Fair.
- **Northwell Health**
- **New Hyde Park Funeral Home**

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- **Maspeth Federal Savings Bank**
- **First Flag Realty**
- **Park Place Restaurant**
- **FBS**
- **Flushing Bank**

Department of Public Works: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent

Sanitation

- DPW is currently running 3 garbage trucks and one roll-off for the collection and disposal of all municipal solid waste and recycling. We had purchased new vehicles in 2022 and anticipated receiving them several months ago, but due to supply chain issues, we are now scheduled to receive one of our new garbage trucks in January 2024 and the other in April 2024.

Waste and Recycling collected in October 2023

- 560 Tons of waste and recycling consisting of 426 tons of MSW.
 - 18 tons of construction and demolition debris
 - 12 tons of sweeping debris
 - 23 tons of newspaper
 - 21 tons of commingled recyclables
 - 78 tons of Yard Waste
- There will be a double day on Friday November 24, 2023 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Garbage collection for the entire village will be conducted along with paper collection on the Southside.
 - Bagged Leaves can be placed curbside for collection every Wednesday, this collection will continue until December 6, 2023.
 - Bulk Waste and E-waste pickups can only be scheduled by calling Village Hall. Bulk Waste is collected every Mondays & Fridays. E-waste is collected on Wednesdays

Operations

- Installation and repair of new signs and poles due to aging and damage is on-going.
- In the month of September 2023 there were approximately 10 signs that were repaired, replace, or relocated.
- The Street Sweeper was out most of the month of October 2023 and will continue as scheduled for the rest of the fall. Street Sweeper operations are conducted by sections. If you do not know which section you are located in, please visit the Village Website.
- Road Improvement Plan in place South 9th Street Bet Jericho Turnpike & Broadway. November 27, 2023.

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Routine Tree Maintenance

- Routine tree maintenance request and tree preventative maintenance procedures are on-going and will continue as needed.
- The Village Tree Contractor was in the Village October 2023 performing 8 tree trims, 5 removals, and 15 stump removals. Tree trims and removals will continue over the next couple of months. If there are any request, you can call Village Hall or use the MyVNHP App.

DPW

- 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 45 service requests that were received via MyVNHP App or phone calls during the month of October 2023. Request included tree/ trim removal and tree planting, fallen branches, road repairs, dead animal removals, routine maintenance request, request for a new recycling pail etc. The majority (20) of calls this month were regarding Trees.

Leaf Collection:

Road Side collection of leaves has begun and will continue till December 15, 2023. We would ask that you please make sure leaves are placed in piles and there are no branches or rocks mixed in with the leaves.

Trees:

If you would like a tree planted in the Spring, please go to Village website or the app to make your request.

- We have begun planting 50 new trees that were received in October.
- We anticipate being done by the end of this week
- In the month of October DPW assisted in several large events including the Street Fair, the Columbus Day Parade and the Halloween Parade.

Building Department - Binu Pillay, Superintendent

Zoning Board of Appeals

The last meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was held on **Wednesday November 08, 2023** with 1 case which was heard and also approved.

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The next Zoning meeting was scheduled for **Wednesday December 13, 2023** with no cases submitted to date. The deadline to submit to be heard on **Wednesday December 13, 2023** is **November 22,2023**.

Architectural Review Board

- The last meeting was held on **Wednesday October 25, 2023** with 3 cases heard. 3 cases were approved. The cases ranged from 2 siding color changes and 1 to maintain a rear accessory structure.
- Due to Thanksgiving, the Architectural review board has decided to reschedule November cases to the same night as the next Zoning board hearing which is **Wednesday December 13, 2023 at 8:30 PM**.

Planning Board

- The last Planning board meeting was held on **Wednesday October 25, 2023** since no applications were submitted, the meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting was scheduled for **Wednesday December 13, 2023**. As of this time we have no applications submitted.

Village Court

- The last Village Court was held on **Wednesday October 18, 2023** with 26 cases, which comprise of 6 Parking on Lawn, 1 Obstructing sidewalk, 11 Property Maintenance, 1 multi-family in a single- family home and 7 various infractions.
- The next Village Court will be held on **Wednesday November 29, 2023** with 26 cases. The 26 cases comprise of 1 Parking on Lawn, 3 Obstructing sidewalks, 10 Property maintenance, 1 Working without permits, 1 multi-Family in a single- family home, 10 various infractions.

Rental Registration

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

Special Use

- There were no Special Use applications heard at last month's meeting.

- During the period from **October 19, 2023 to today**, the building department issued 41 permits, 16 Building Permits, 9 Plumbing Permits, 5 Dumpster/POD, 2 Roof Permits, 4 Sidewalk/Driveway Permits, 2 Fence Permits, 1 Street Opening/Road Closure, 1 Tree Removal & 1 Demolition.
- 10 Certificates of Approval, 1 Certificate of Occupancy, 9 Certificate of Completion, 3 Special Exemptions 2 5 Close Expired Permits.

Trustee Rainer Burger

Long Island Railroad (LIRR) 3rd Track Project

South 12th Pedestrian Underpass & Station Platform

- 3TC is looking at options to clean up the façade. The current mockup was deemed unacceptable by the Board.
- The Village met with MTA and 3TC on July 24th and the Village is currently looking at an application applied at the Hicksville station as a possible option.

Ground Work & Paving of Roads

- All roads are paved except for 2nd Avenue. The LIRR is working on a grounding issue. The design is in development and is scheduled to be completed by the end of July with the work to begin in August.
- 3rd Ave paving is complete. The stripping will be redone to accommodate local business operations. This re-stripping will be completed after 2nd Ave Paved.

Landscaping

- Additional Landscaping was installed by 3TC.
- 3TC stopped the installations of the remaining trees due to some conflicts.

LIRR Track Work

- The signal and interlock that started in September has been on hold since September due to Manpower issue
- Work will start up November 5 2023 to lift and install a new signal hut on the tracks.
- The lift itself will actually be done from the north side of the tracks and we will have our employee parking on the south side. I've requested of the right of way, where they have been for a bit.
- There will be follow on work in the future but no schedule as of yet.
- There may be some night work in August due to prep work for certain aspects of the switch installation.

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Water Authority Water Authority

- Announcement of the 1.4 Dioxide removal and Well 57A problems corrected and Happy to announce that the samples are at State requirements.
- Positive New Well station 57A- Last several Well test samples have met the Water purification requirements. Looking to do some additional testing and the water authority will be applying to DOH approval to go operational shortly. Good News!

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

- Upcoming Events; Street Fair, Veterans Day, Pancake Breakfast
- November 4, 2023 Applebee's Pancake Breakfast is being held between 8:00 am – 10:00 am and tickets are being sold \$12.00/ Ticket \$10.00 Legion Members/Scouts we will also have some and raffle tickets are being sold as well. Please support and purchase some tickets.
- Troop 298 will support the event by serving for the Veterans.

Noise Abatement

- The last TVASNAC (Town-Village Aircraft Safety Noise Abatement Committee) meeting was held on July 31st at 7:00 pm.
- Residents have voiced complaints regarding low flying helicopters, these complaints can be reported as well per a FAA.
- Residents are urged to file online noise complaints at www.hempsteadny.gov/TVASNAC. Or for Hempstead residents to call 1-800-225-1071, North Hempstead residents dial 311.
- Ann Burger of the Village of New Hyde Park was awarded Annual Woman of Distinction by the State Assembly of New York in honor of her volunteer service of the past 15 years within the schools as Parent Teachers Association President, her work with the church as a Religious Education Teacher, and as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader. She will be honored on September 9th at Adelphi University.

Illegal Parking:

- Multiple cars are parking Illegally and this will not be tolerated.