

VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2023

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

Absent

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

November 16, 2023 Board Minutes.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

License (New):

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:

23-62 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #23-12

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar, the resolution to pay the bills was unanimously approved.

23-63 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH RMB DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS, INC

- **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD AUTHORIZES AND**
Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Art Savarese, the resolution to enter into the attached agreement with RMB DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS, INC to provide design and construction management services in regards to the new Community Center was unanimously approved.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the project expenses shall be as follows:
Not to exceed the amount of \$25,000.

23-64 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MJG ARCHITECT.

- **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD AUTHORIZES AND**
Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Eve Sheikh, the resolution to enter into the attached agreement with MJG Architect to provide design and construction management services in regards to the new Community Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the project expenses shall be as follows:
Not to exceed the amount of \$250,000.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Art Savarese:

Public Information

- 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.

Parks and Recreation

- Memorial Park is currently opened at 8:00 AM till dusk every day. The park will be open most days unless there is inclement weather. The courts will also be open for use unless we have freezing temperatures. On Monday November 27, 2023 we had both bathrooms and the Dog park winterized so they can remain closed until the Spring 2024.

Little League

- New Hyde Park Little League- Spring 2024 registration is open online right now.
- [https:// www.newhydeparklittleleague.com/](https://www.newhydeparklittleleague.com/). In January there will be a bigger push for registration from the NHPLL.

Neighborhood Watch

- Is ongoing and we are currently looking for many more volunteers to patrol the Village streets during the week. 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.
- If you see something please say something. There will be many deliveries during the holiday season and we do not want packages stolen off your front stoop.

Chamber of Commerce Report

- The Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their President Gala the Third Wednesday in January. The date has been set for January 17, 2024. For more information you can visit the Greater NHP Chamber website. <http://www.nhpchamber.org/>.

Tree Planting

- Requests for trees in the Spring season are being accepted. Requests should be made through the Village website or App for Spring planting.

Department of Public Works: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent

- The month of November we collected 573 tons of waste and recycling, consisting of 407 tons of MSW, 123 tons of yard waste, 21 tons of commingled recyclables, 16 tons of newspaper, and 6 tons of C & D.
- There will be a double day on Tuesday December 26, 2023 with no collections taking place on Monday December 25, 2023 due to Christmas. Garbage collection for the entire Village will be conducted along with paper collection on the northside.
- Bagged leaf collection has ended. Will start again in April 2024.
- Bulk Waste and E-waste pickups can only be scheduled by calling Village Hall. Bulk waste is collected every Monday & Friday. E-waste is collected on Wednesdays.
- Cardboard update, when throwing out cardboard it must be broken down, flattened and bundled. DPW guys have been instructed to not take big boxes that have not been flattened.
- Waste and Recycling collected in November
573 tons of waste and recycling.
123 tons of yard waste.
16 tons of newspaper.
6 tons of C & D.
21 tons of commingled.
407 tons of municipal solid waste.

Total waste: 1,146 tons

Operations:

- Installation and repair of new signs and poles due to aging and damage is on-going. In the month of November there were approximately 5 signs that were repaired, replaced, or relocated.
- The street sweeper was out most of the month of November and will continue as scheduled for the rest of the Winter weather permitting.
- Street sweeper operations are conducted by sections. Please visit the Village website if you do not know what section you are in.
- Routine tree maintenance requests and tree preventative maintenance procedures are on-going and will continue as needed. Our Tree Contractor was in the Village in November and performed 20 tree trims, 5 tree removals, and 10 stump removals. DPW Conducted 10 tree trims, 4 tree removals, and 30 stump cleanups in November. Tree trim and removals will continue, weather permitting over the next month.
- If you have any requests, you can call Village Hall or use the MyVNHP App.
- During the month of November, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 35 service requests that were received via the MyVNHP App or phone calls to the Village Hall. Requests included tree trim/ removal and tree planting, fallen branches, road repairs, routine maintenance requests, requests for a new recycling pail, etc. The majority (15) of calls this month were regarding trees.

Leaf collection:

- Road side collection of leaves was conducted throughout the month of November. In the month of November, we collected 120 tons of leaves. Roadside leaf collection has now ended. If you have any leaves, please bag them, and put them out with your sanitation collection.
- DPW planted the 55 new trees in the month of November. We anticipate being done by the end of this week. If you are looking for a new tree in front of your house, please use the MyVNHP app or call Village Hall.

Building Department - Binu Pillay, Superintendent

Zoning Board of Appeals

- The last meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was held on Wednesday December 13, 2023 with (2) cases heard; which was approved.
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2024 with no cases submitted to date. The deadline to submit to be heard for January's hearing is this Wednesday 12/20/2023.

Architectural Review Board

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on December 13, 2023 with (6) cases heard, which range from 2nd floor additions and front porches (4) cases were approved and (2) were held over the next meeting for additional comments, one of which was a commercial building.
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2024 with (4) cases to be heard which range from adding porches, replacing stone veneer at front of dwelling and the repainting of commercial building.

Planning Board:

- The last meeting of the planning board was held on December 13, 2023 but since no applications were submitted the meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2024 and as of this time we have no applications submitted.

Village Court:

- The last Village Court was held on November 29, 2023 with 24 cases, which comprised of (1) Parking on Lawn, (4) obstructing sidewalk, (4) Property maintenance, (1) Working without permits, (1) Multi families in a single -family home, (3) Failure to register rental property and (10) various infractions.
- The next Village Court will be held on December 20, 2023 with 13 cases which comprise of (2)- obstructing sidewalks, (4) Property maintenance, (1) Working without permits, (1) Multi families in a single- family home, (2) Failure to register rental property and (3) various infractions.

Rental Registration:

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

Special Use:

- There were no Special Use applications heard tonight.
- During the period from 11/16/2023 to today, the building department issued 50 permits, 13 building permits, 11 plumbing permits, 3- Dumpster/POD, 9-Roof, 9 Sidewalk/Driveway, 1- Fence, 4-Street Opening/ Road/Closure. 8 Certificates of Approval, 10- Certificate of Completion and 2- Special Exceptions.
- Taco Bell is still awaiting approval from the Nassau County Planning Board.

Wishing everyone and your families a Happy Holiday!

Clerk's Office –

Meters	\$11,256.00
Muni-meters	\$34,468.09
Parking Permits	\$1,450.00
Licenses	\$595.00
Building	\$21,206.96
Interest on Accounts	\$5,895.11
Gross Receipts -Cablevision	\$11,496.00
Gross Receipts -Fios	\$10,825.24
Court Fines – Traffic	\$71,242.00
Court Fines – Building	\$4,800.00

Treasurer's Report - Oscar Osorio, Village Treasurer

- General fund is \$2.9 Million
- The Village is in good fiscal shape.
- This figure does not include incoming taxes or expenses going out.
- The audit is coming to a close with fieldwork was completed today with auditors working to provide financial statement and audit report within the next few weeks.

Trustee Rainer Burger

Trustee Burger opened with a Happy Holiday's!

LIRR Track Work

- Track work for this year is complete.
- Additional Signal work will still occur but 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

South 12th Pedestrian Underpass & Station Platform

- MTA will be applying a new application to the cement façade to clean up the blemishes etc- Waiting for an update. Currently there has been no progress.

Paving of Roads

- Paving on 2nd was completed and striping in progress.
- Village not happy with the patch work that was completed between South 11th and the Station House- Village has voiced its displeasure to the MTA and 3TC. Waiting for a response.
- 3rd Avenue- Waiting on Paving by substation. Striping mark outs in process.

Landscaping

- Additional Landscaping was put in by 3TC but is now complete.
- Village is waiting on re-imbursement for trees not planted.

NHP Roads

- The Protected Signal has been installed at NHP Road and Plaza.

Water Authority

- Both Station 57 and 57A are now operational- Rehabilitation project including 1.4 Dioxane Removal is Operational.
- The NYSDOH did place additional laboratory testing requirements for this Well moving forward and the Well is not operating at full capacity.
- The capacity for Well 57A is 1200 GPM but currently operating at 850 GPM for full removal of 1.4 Dioxane.
- In order to return to full- capacity the Water Authority will need to add an additional 3rd treatment reactor on this site.

Marcus Christ

- Preliminary Architectural drawings are developed.
- Board has completed reviews of proposal to support the Village in putting together the construction drawings, bid package and Spec book, as well as support the Village throughout the construction process and build.
- This includes the filing of all permits with the State and County.
- Resolution to be proposed later at the Board Meeting with recommendation to award to MJG Architect and RMB.
- Looking to complete the bid package and go out for Bid 2nd Quarter of 2024.

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

- After busy November (Pancake Breakfast, Veterans Day and Post Dinner) December has been quite at the post.
- There will be no post meeting during the Winter Months.
- Next Meeting will be March 9, 2024 at Village Hall.
- Post 1089 and myself wish the NHP Community a Happy and Healthy Holiday.

Troop 298

- Working with another Eagle Scout project with Life Scout Michael Domingo- Hanging up 100 or more name with regard to the Hero Banners.
- Lions Club Christmas Trees arrived November 25, 2023. Scouts and leaders unloaded 750 Trees that morning.

Noise Abatement

- The last meeting for TVASNAC (Town-Village Aircraft Safety Noise Abatement Committee) on November 27, 2023 was not held. There weren't enough members for a Quorum.
- The next meeting for TVASNAC will take place on Monday January 22, 2024 at 7:00 PM.
- TVASNAC will continue working with our N.Y State Congressman from the 3rd and 4th Congressional Districts to put pressure on the FAA in the coming year.
- The main concerns are low flying aircraft's, frequent usage of runway 22L and the Health impacts from the dangers of air emissions over our community.
- 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.

Trustee Eve Sheikh:

- Trustee Sheikh wished to thank everyone that was a part of the Senior Lunch on November 21, 2023. It was a great turnout with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Village Hall staff served the seniors. Thankful to Park Place and Manor Place and the children and the staff. Special thanks to the Road School Carolers.

Senior Program

- On December 1st was Holiday Carols for the seniors, student from Road School came and sang classic Christmas carols.
- On December 15th was Holiday Art Workshop where seniors got to paint candy canes.
- Registration is required for all senior programs. Email seniorprograms@vnhp.org.

Some upcoming senior events:

- Lavender Workshop January 12, 2024 Bet 11:00AM-12:00PM at Village Hall.
- Chocolate Tasting January 26, 2024 Bet 11:00AM-12:00PM at Village Hall.

Library

- On December 14, 2023 Hillside Library Board Meeting. Added a new museum membership pass to their collection; The 9/11 Memorial Museum.
- On December 22, 2024 at 1pm, Miricle on 34th Street.
- On January 11, 2024 Bet 1:00PM- 2:00PM Diabetes Talk.
- On January 31, 2024 Valentines will be collected for Veterans
- For more information on the many events taking place at the library, please visit www.hillsideLibrary/info

Happy Holidays to Everyone!

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar

Wished everyone a Happy & Healthy Holiday.

Thankful for all of the donations made from all of the businesses and all resident's for their time.

Clerk's Office

- Clerk's Office doing great.
- February 19,2024 will be the cut-off date to Grieve Taxes.
- The Village will be applying for Grants in March 2024.
- The Village is getting the Calendar ready for the New Year.

Mayor Christopher Devane

- Read complete Police report.
- Mentioned that there were wires down on New Hyde Park Road and the Police were there all day making sure everything was remaining safe.
- Special Congratulation to the following:
 - Chief Patel. Going out after 5 years
 - Chief Joseph Babagalo.- Head Chief
 - Chief Thomas Farina. – 1st Deputy Chief
 - Chief John Waldron – 2nd Deputy Chief
 - Chief Joseph Kotarski – 3rd Deputy Chief
 - Ron Sakowich- Vice Chairman Board of Fire Commissioners

Was very happy with the Tree Lighting on November 25, 2023.

- Thanked the Dad's Club for the Coffee and the Hot Chocolate.
- Thanked Christopher Cooney and Aiden Shenbeck from the Best Buddies program in Memorial H.S for lighting the tree.
- Thankful to Reid Sakowich and the Fire Dept for all of the Holiday Lights.
- Thankful to the Lions Club for the Tree Donation.

Boardroom and every part of the building is open and accessible to everyone.

Marcus Christ Hall

- The Village fully expects to break ground on a brand-new Community Center in early 2024.
- The Village is currently waiting on a grant for this project. Hopeful that there will be a bid for April/May 2024.
- We are always looking for Contractors/ plumbers/ electricians to donate their time.
- If anyone knows of a local furniture store, please let us know.

Memorial Park

- Once it becomes icy the courts and playground will close.

Department of Public Works

- Mayor Devane spoke of at least 75 businesses that have complained of the litter on Jericho Turnpike. DPW is not responsible for that litter. Businesses and Homeowners are responsible for that clean up.
- S 9th & 6th and also South 12th & 2nd and Jasmine & Terrace had a lot of branches and DPW did a great job for that clean up.
- Going out on Bid for DPW by January 2024. We are moving DPW across the Street.

Little League

- There was a donation for little league of \$100,000 for opening Day April 2024.

Village Hall

- Village Hall Boardroom was completed upstairs last summer.
- We are working on having Village Hall painted and refurbished and there needs to be pointing done.

General Comments

We should be hearing from Taco Bell next month depending on what happens in the Nassau County Planning Commission.

We will be hearing from Cheapers Peepers Next month.

Have not heard anything from the Miller's Brother developers.

Old Business: no old business

New Business: no new business

There being no further business, upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting went into executive session at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Domenica Zarek

Secretary to the Board