

VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
February 15, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Devane
Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar
Trustee Rainer Burger
Trustee Arthur Savarese
Trustee Eve Sheikh
Maria Cerda, Village Clerk
Oscar Osorio, Village Treasurer
Binu Pillay, Superintendent of Building
Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW
Arlene Drucker, Village Assistant Treasurer
Peter S. Trentacoste, Attorney to the Board of Trustees
Benjamin Truncale, Jr., Attorney to the Board of Trustees
Laura Daly, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the Board Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2024 were unanimously approved.

Special Presentation:

Mayor Devane introduced Mr. Barrett, the Auditor from Rykner Vail & Barrett, LLC., Certified Public Accountants/Advisory Services, to review the Independent Auditor's Report of Incorporated Village of New Hyde Park's Audited Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2023. There were two sets of books reviewed, The Incorporated Village of New Hyde Park and the Village of New Hyde Park Court. The final results indicate that The Incorporated Village of New Hyde Park's financial condition is excellent and the Village Court is also doing well. There is a Letter to Management with suggestions to improve Internal Controls which the Mayor agreed that the suggested changes will be implemented. It was requested that the Auditors report be posted on the Village of New Hyde Park's website.

The DPW Construction Presentation by Dominic Calgi:

Michael Smith from Smith & Pucillo Architects presented the plans for the DPW. The plans include an Office, a Garage, and Salt Shed (steel building). New electric, gas, repaving and clean up are included in the plans. The existing garage will remain to house 4 - 6 trucks. The new office will be 1,500 sq. feet, and the garage will be 4,500 sq. feet. The office will have a secretary space, 2 offices, a training room and 2 bathrooms, one with a shower. The design estimate was originally \$7 million but with Igor's help it is now estimated at \$5.1 million. The turnaround time for bids is two weeks and are expected by March 26th. Breaking ground will take place in about 2 months and last about 18 months. It was noted that the drawings will be posted on the Village website.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

The Police Report for January 2024 was submitted by the Nassau County Police Department.

License / Permits New / Renewal:

Carting Renewals - All Approved:

Certified Carting - 30 Harold Ct., Bayshore
Jamaica Ash & Rubbish Removal - 172 School St., Westbury
Persi Contracting Corp - 804 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park
Millennium Container Services - 50 Sprague Ave., Amityville
AM Waste Services Inc. - 40 Eads St., West Babylon

Landscaping – Renewals - All Approved:

Ed Ochoa Gardens & Landscaping - 174 Wellington St., Hempstead
J & R Landscaping & Design Inc. - 119 Crown Ave., Elmont
Hicks Nurseries Inc. - 100 Jericho Tpke., Westbury
Marcus Cabral Landscape Corp. - 556 Hilda St., East Meadow
Ciampa Landscaping & Construction Inc. - 187-39 87th Road, Jamaica Estates
Ramie R Landscaping Inc. - 161-30 Normal Rd, Apt. 3, Jamaica
Velasquez Landscaping - 3 Command Blvd., Amityville
Jose H. Arevalo Landscaping - 686 Keil St., Elmont
Paul Tramantana Landscaping - PO Box 212, Floral Park
Jose A Escobar Landscaping - 468 William Floyd Pkwy., Shirley
Brant's Landscaping - 1229 Theodora St., Elmont
Larry's Landscaping - 178 Fendale Blvd., Islip
M&L Gisonda Inc. - 785 Third Ave., Franklin Square
HAO - 1642 Jasmine Ave., New Hyde Park
Frank Landscaping - 89-19 168th St., Jamaica
Golden Mean Landscaping Inc. - 465 Woodbridge Lane, Jericho
Fuschetto Landscaping Inc. - 81 James St., Franklin Square
M. Aguilar Landscaping - 499 Hawthorne Ave., Uniondale
C. Escobar Landscaping - 148 Patterson Ave., Hempstead
Ruddy Lopez Landscaping - 161 S. Ocean Ave., B15, Freeport
G P Landscaping - 85-46 151st St., Jamaica
Olivia Landscaping Inc. - 15 West Hitchcock Ave., Floral Park
Arturo Landscaping - 46 Allers Blvd., Roosevelt
MM Bari Landscaping - 1058 Lydia Drive, Franklin Square
De Leon Brothers Landscaping Inc. - 101 N Montague St., Valley Stream

Landscaping – New - Approved:

Antonio Lopez Landscaping Inc. - 95 Lucille Ave., Elmont

Restaurant – Renewals - All Approved:

New China - 1525 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park
Subway #23542 - 1201 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park
Pho Island - 1200 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park
Umberto's - 633 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park
Dominos Pizza - 1017 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park

Elsie Lane - 29 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park
The Inn at New Hyde Park - 214 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park
The Angry Gnome Pub - 1217 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park
Dunkin Donuts - 601 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park

Restaurant – New - Approved:

Sobol New Hyde Park - 1219 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park

Public Dance Hall - Renewals - All Approved:

Gino's Trattoria & Pizzeria of NHP - 1113 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park
Umberto's - 633 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park
The Inn at New Hyde Park - 214 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park
The Angry Gnome Pub - 1217 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park

Games / Amusement – Renewal - Approved:

The Angry Gnome Pub - 1217 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park

Tow Car Owner Operator Permit / Tow Car Permits – Renewals – All Approved:

Grand Auto Body - 98 Denton Ave., Garden City Park
Pitty Pitty Bang Bang - 94 Denton Ave., Garden City Park
Jerry's Auto Towing - 91 Powerhouse Rd., Roslyn
C & N Auto Center Inc. - 96 Jericho Tpke., Floral Park
Nuzzi Bros Auto Collison - 77 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park

Car Wash Application - Approved:

New Hyde Park Memorial High School; Class of 2024 requests holding a car wash on Saturday, May 4, 2024, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.

It was requested that, when the permits are approved and mailed to the applicants, we also distribute the “Regulations and Restrictions” applicable to a specific permit.

Resolutions:

23-93 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE VILLAGE'S NEW DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

- Upon motion by Tr. Savarese, seconded by Tr. Burger, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids for the construction of the Village's new Department of Public Works facility was unanimously approved.

23-94 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT # 23-17

- Upon motion by Tr. Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Burger, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 23-17 was unanimously approved.

23-95 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENTAL OF A CASSONE MOBILE UNIT CA 1260 OFFICE TRAILER

- Upon motion by Tr. Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Savarese, the resolution authorizing the rental of a Cassone Mobile Unit CA 1260 Office Trailer was unanimously approved.

23-96 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OMNI RECYCLING OF WESTBURY TO ACCEPT THE VILLAGE'S COMMINGLED RECYCLABLES

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- Upon motion by Tr. Burger, seconded by Tr. Nijjar, the resolution authorizing Omni Recycling of Westbury to accept the Village's Commingled Recyclables was unanimously approved.

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

Trustee Art 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.
- Also check out the E Board for updates and notices

Memorial Park

- Park hours are now 8 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.
- Park ID's for the 2024 season are currently being renewed.
 - If you need a new Park ID visit our website for more information. From the website, you can print the application or pick one up from village hall.
 - Bring proof of driver's license, utility bill, birth certificates (for your children), dog information plus vaccine information for your dog
 - Clear Photos for each family member and your dog (if needed).
 - Once we have all of this information, we will process the application, print out the cards and notify the residents when it's available for pick up at village hall.
- Mark your calendar: Wednesday June 19th, we will be hosting a Concert in the Park. More details to follow in the next month.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS: Neighborhood Watch

- Neighborhood Watch program is ongoing and we are looking for more volunteers to patrol the Village streets during the week. If you are interested, please send me an email to asavarese@vnhp.org and then go to Village Hall to fill out an application.

Other Items

- Greater NHP Chamber of Commerce Networking Meeting is tonight. If you would like to join the Chamber or need additional information you can visit the Greater NHP Chamber website. <https://www.nhpchamber.org/>
- If you would like a tree planted in the Spring, please go to the Village website or the app and make your request.
- Thank you to all the staff from our DPW crew who cleared the streets for the Village during Tuesday's snow storm.
- Igor will fill us in on the rest of the DPW report.

Department of Public Works: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent

Waste and Recycling collected in January 2024

- 477 Tons of waste and recycling consisting of:
 - 385 tons of MSW
 - 19 tons of newspaper
 - 29 tons of commingled recyclables
 - 44 tons of Yard Waste
- There will be no double days scheduled between February 15, 2024 and the next Board Meeting March 21, 2024.
- Bulk waste and E-waste pickups can only be scheduled by calling Village Hall. Bulk Waste is collected every Monday and Friday. E-waste is collected on Wednesdays.
- There is a write-up in the Winter Newsletter, on our website, and a notification went out on the MyVNHP App that details proper handling procedures for all recyclables.
- Cardboard must be flattened and bundled. No full boxes or boxes with Styrofoam inside will be accepted.

Operations

- Installation and repair of new signs and poles due to aging and damage is on-going. In the month of January there were approximately 30 signs that were repaired, replaced, or relocated.
- Street sweeper operations were limited in January, due to freezing temperatures. Street sweeping will continue into the Winter months, weather permitting.
- **DPW**
 - Approximately 30 pothole repairs were performed in the month. Road repair operations are limited in the Winter months. Only large potholes will be repaired until the weather gets warmer.
- **Routine Tree Maintenance**
 - Requests and tree preventative maintenance procedures are on-going and will continue as needed. DPW conducted 5 tree trims and 1 tree removal in January. 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 January, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 20 service requests that were received via the MyVNHP App or phone calls to Village Hall. Requests included tree trim/removals, road repairs, routine maintenance requests, and requests for a new recycling pail, etc. The majority of requests this month were regarding trees and street lights.
- **Village Property Incidents**
 - A decorative light fixture on Jericho Tpke in front of Holy Spirit was knocked down. This happened overnight and there were no witnesses or a police report.
 - A second incident involved the Welcome to the Village planting area across from DPW. A vehicle travelling East Bound on Stewart Ave veered into the planting area. The area was demolished and could not be easily repaired. Over the next year, we will be conducting construction activities in this area and it is my recommendation to the board that the repair be made once the new DPW facility was completed to avoid damaging the area during construction.

Building Department - Binu Pillay, Superintendent

ZBA

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was held last night with 1 case heard and approved.
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 13th, and as of today no applications have been submitted. The deadline to submit for the next hearing is Feb 21st.

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on Jan 24th with 6 cases heard, which range from 2nd floor additions, front façade renovation, repainting a commercial building, front porch addition and commercial signage.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 28th with 1 case to be heard, as of now which is a continuation from last month. The deadline to submit for the next ARB hearing is Feb 21st.

Planning Board

- The last meeting of the Planning Board was scheduled for Jan 24th, however no applications were submitted and the meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Feb 28th and as of this time we have no applications submitted.

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held yesterday, January 17th with 14 cases, which comprise of 1 Obstructing sidewalk, 5 Property Maintenance, 1 Working without permits, 1 - Multi-families in a single family home, 2 Failure to register rental property and 4 various infractions.
- The next village court will be held on March 20th, with 10 cases. The 10 cases are comprised of 5 Property Maintenance – Litter Not Being Cleaned Up, 1 working without permits, 1 multiple family in a single family and 3 various infractions.

RENTAL REGISTRATION

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

SPECIAL USE

- There was one Special Use application heard last month regarding 1441 Jericho Turnpike which was approved.
- There were no Special Use hearings heard tonight.
- During the period from 1/18 to today, the building department issued 23 permits, 5 building permits, 8 plumbing permits, 1 - Dumpster/POD, 3- Roof, 1-Sidewalk/Driveway, 4- Street Opening/Road Closure, 1- Sign, 7 - Certificates of Approval, 9 - Certificates of Completion, 1 – Special Use, 2- Special Exceptions, 2 Closed Expired Permits.

I'd also like to thank Trustee Eve and DPW Employee Tom Kane for helping stop a new tenant that was attempting to paint a mural on the face of the building as advertisement for their business without getting proper approvals. Thank you!

Trustee Rainer Burger:

Long Island Railroad (LIRR) 3rd Track Project South 12th Pedestrian Underpass & Station Platform

- MTA will be applying a new application to the cement façade to clean up the blemishes etc - Work will be completed in the Spring/Summer.

Paving of Roads

- Paving on 2nd was completed – No update on the striping other than it will be completed once the weather warms up again in the spring.
- 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. Still waiting for response.
- 3rd Ave – Waiting on Paving by substation and Striping. Will be completed in the spring.
- Updated Traffic Pattern on web site.

LIRR Track Work

- MTA/LIRR noted that additional Signal work will still occur but this is currently not planned to take place till the 2nd or 3rd Quarter of this year. The Board will keep everyone posted when the work is scheduled.

Marcus Christ

- Contracts Awarded to RMB and MJG Architect and Kick-off meeting was held in January.
- Feb 1 the Board met with MJG and went through and discussed a number of items to include:
 - Soil Boring
 - Utilities
 - Type of Structure - Steel, Timber, Masonry
 - Design
 - Site Construction Logistics
- Looking to complete the Bid Package and go out for bid 3rd Qtr 2024.
 - Budget: Estimated approximate \$2.5 Mil. Currently have \$1.1M Bond Remainder.

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

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- There will be no Post meetings during the Winter Months.
- Next Meeting will be March 16th, 2024.
- Parades: Little League Parade, St Patrick's Day Parade, Memorial Day Parade.

Scouting

- Feb 3 Troop Pancake Breakfast - Thank you for everyone who supported the Pancake Breakfast.
- Pack 544 Pancake Breakfast - Also want to say thank you for the support.
- Last Friday the Board handed out certificates to Weeblose from Pack 544 who earned their Arrow of Light and crossed over to Troop 544. Congratulations.
- Eagle Scout Project – Life Scout Michael Domingo - Memorial Wall to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Freedom. The Wall will have 57 Plaques with the Name, Rank, Unit, Service and Dates of Service. Target is to have the Project Completed by Memorial Day. Scout Michael Domingo will give a short presentation at the next Board Meeting. He will be looking for Donations to support the project.
- Congratulations to Troop 298s latest Eagle Scout Edward Dean!

Water Authority

- The Station 57 Emerging Contaminant project as originally designed is complete. That being said, the Water Authority has 100% of Well 57 water production but only 73% of Well 57A water production capability at this time. In order to regain 100% for Well 57A we will have to install a 3rd AOP reactor. Design for this will begin shortly and we plan to order a new reactor which is estimated to take 6 to 9 months to manufacture and deliver. I estimate some additional work to be performed in late 2024 or early 2025.
- The Water Authority is about to begin Phase 3 of Station 44 Elmont rehabilitation project and will be bidding out the Emerging Contaminant project here at the Headquarters site within the next 2 weeks with construction expected to begin in several months.

NOISE ABATEMENT

- The last meeting for TVASNC on Jan 22, 2024.
- At the last TVASNAC meeting on January 22 there was a discussion on whether to hire an Environmental attorney to work with the Department of Health to look into the harmful effects of airline fumes that emit a fine mist into the air that can cause asthma and certain cancers.
- TVASNAC committee members are asking all Mayors and Board Members to choose an alternate volunteer member to attend meetings just in case a primary member is not available. Since our 3rd Congressional District Congressman Tom Suozzi has been reelected to his previous position and has listened to our concerns in the past, he will join forces with our 4th Congressional District Congressman Anthony D'Esposito and together work on legislation on aircraft noise and pollution over our area.
- The next meeting for TVASNC will be Monday Feb 26 at 7:00p at the Hempstead Town Hall.
- 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:

Senior Programs

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- On January 26th we had a Chocolate tasting event for the seniors! It was indeed a very sweet day! The seniors enjoyed tasting different types of chocolates that included- Gingerbread, Candy cane, Egg Nog, Raspberry (which was one of the favorites), Caramel and Tiramisu!
- On February 9th we had our Book Sculpture Art workshop for the seniors. The seniors definitely got a hand workout creating beautiful book art! It was amazing to watch it come all together!

Our upcoming Senior events are:

- March 1st at 11AM the Long Island Therapy Dogs Return! The Seniors Love spending time with therapy dogs - absolutely adore watching them interact together!
- March 21st at 11AM the seniors will be making Spring Wreaths with Corey of Coco and Cobblestone! Looking forward to it!

Registration is required for all the senior programs- please email Seniorprograms@vnhp.org

Hillside Library

Some of the upcoming events are:

- February 20th at 4:30pm- Move N Groove with Ms. Jane
- February 23rd at 1pm- Movie Time showing Lee Daniels ‘The Butler’
- February 28th from 12-2pm- In person Monthly blood pressure screenings
- March 7th from 10:15am to 12:45pm- they are having Free AARP Tax Assistance program

For more information about other interesting events can be found on the library’s website which is hillsidelibrary.info

New Hyde Park Road School

- This week is Spirit week!
- On February 29th at 7pm at Road School Gym Join them on Staff vs. Parents Volleyball Game!!
 - The entrance Fee will be Donations of New Winter hats and gloves. Should be a fun game to watch!
- Winter recess is February 19-23rd. Staff and students please enjoy the time off!

NHP Memorial High School

I am VERY EXCITED to share on Pep Rally Day which was January 22nd - a student by the name of Kevin Kuriakose, threw a basketball from half court and made it in!! It was like a scene from a movie!! I would like to share the video with you all!! (Video shown during the Board Meeting.)
 Congrats to Kevin! Amazing job!

Village Clerk Maria Cerda:

Revenue Report thru January 2024

Meters	\$7,366.00
Muni-meters	\$34,891.00
Parking Permits	\$30,400.00
Licenses	\$14,160.00
Building	\$33,716.27
Zoning	\$910.00
Interest on Accts	\$10,993.93
Registrar	\$570.00

Revenue Report thru January 2024

Traffic Court Fines	\$62,775.00
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Building Court Fines

\$3,350.00

Village Treasurer Oscar Osorio:

Total revenues for the month of 1/31/24 were \$223,070.

Total expenditures were \$381,986

Leaving a deficit of \$158,916

The tentative assessment roll is ready and available to view online or at Village Hall in the Clerk's Office.

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar

- The Audit is done and will be posted on the Village of New Hyde Parks website as soon as we receive a digital copy.
- The last day to grieve taxes is Tuesday, February 20th.
- The 3 projects will fall under a Capital project. The projects are the DPW; 2nd and 3rd Industrial Streets and the Turf for the Little League field.
- The February bond payment has been made totaling \$40,478. The payment is for 3 road projects and 1 LED project. The payment is made twice a year with the next bond payment due on August 15th.
- The Marcus Christ Community Center will be a Capital Project as well.
- We are celebrating the Chinese New Year, the year of the "Dragon", this month. Members of the Board will be at an event on Sunday, February 18.
- The 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day parade will take place on Saturday, March 9th.
- Earth day will be celebrated on Sunday, April 14th. There is an error on the flyer regarding the location which is TBD at this time.
- The Little League Parade is Saturday April 13th.

Mayor Christopher Devane

- A review of the January 2024 police report was given; 12 auto accidents; 35 total aided cases (other than auto); 1 robbery; no residential burglaries; no commercial robberies; 1 car was stolen; 1 criminal mischief charge; 6 moving violations; and 13 parking violations.
- The Board was present for 3 consecutive weeks of pancake breakfasts: Pack 548, Pack 298 and the Juniors. Keep supporting our Youth.
- The Chinese American Association is holding a Year of the Dragon event at Sunday, February 18. It should be a great event. Go and celebrate with them.
- Some went to see the Best Buddies production of The Best of Broadway. Going to try to get them to the March meeting to recognize them.
- Michael Domingo will be at the March meeting to present the plans to beautify our Memorial Park even more. He is going to raise money to do it. The Memorial will recognize only the members of this community who gave the ultimate sacrifice.
- The 3rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, hosted by the NHP Fire Department will take place on Saturday, March 9th, rain or shine, honoring Tony Jackson and our First Responders. There is a great lineup. Everyone is invited to come out.
- Facilities going out to bid tomorrow for DPW; Marcus Crist Hall hopefully in June or early July; the exterior of Village Hall still needs to be addressed and we are working on it within the budget; were hoping that the Turf get put down in Memorial Park by April 13th in time for Little League's opening day;

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- Little League is paying \$100K of the cost of the Turf. They already gave us a check for \$50K and are planning to pay the remainder off sooner than 5 years.
- Memorial Park will be beautiful and we are telling residents to come and get their Park Ids.
- Litter in the Village is out of hand. Mayor visited almost every business in the Village and handed out literature that they are responsible for the sidewalk and just before the curb. He also went to CVS and the Chase, both on Hillside Avenue, and told them how disgraceful their parking lots look.
- The Village removed the garbage cans on Central Blvd. and Jericho Tpke. because Tenants were using them for their household garbage. Working with the Chamber to try to beautify the Village. We all need to work together to make the area nice. If you see something tell us we address it the same day; we want to improve it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM and motion was made by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Burger, and unanimously approved, to go to an Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 9:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura Daby

Secretary to the Board