

VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
April 18, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Devane
Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar
Trustee Rainer Burger
Trustee Arthur Savarese
Trustee Eve Sheikh
Binu Pillay, Superintendent of Building
Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW
Arlene Drucker, Village Assistant Treasurer
Peter S. Trentacoste, Attorney to the Board of Trustees

ABSENT: Maria Cerda, Village Clerk
Benjamin Truncala, 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 and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Mayor then acknowledged the passing of a Village resident, Jack O’Sullivan.

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar seconded by Trustee Burger, the Board Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2024 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

POLICE REPORT

A review of the March 2024 police report was given; 8 auto accidents; 28 total aided cases (other than auto); no robbery; no residential burglaries; no commercial robberies; 0 car was stolen; 0 criminal mischief charge; 15 moving violations; and 3 parking violations.

NEW MARCUS CHRIST HALL

The Mayor introduced Michael Guido, from MJG Architect, who is in charge of the New Marcus Christ Hall. Hopefully it will go out to bid this Summer. Although not firm, Michael presented the initial design plans along with renderings. The interior will have an Entry area, Community Lounge; Main Hall; Meeting Room; Storage Room; Mechanical Room; Woman’s and Men’s Room; and lastly Staging/Coffee Bar. There will be sliding walls to allow for multiple ongoing use at the same time.

The exterior design pictures were also shown noting that it will not look pretty to the public while construction is being done, but bear with us. It’s going to be messy but it’s going to be beautiful. There will be monthly updates to the residents.

License / Permits New / Renewal:

Landscaping Renewals – All Approved:

P G Landscaping of Nassau Inc. - 341 Marcellus Road, Mineola
Felicitto Argueta Landscaping Corp. - 164 Harrison Ave., Franklin Square
Joe Mannino Landscaping Inc. - 217 Guildford Court, West Hempstead
Lino Garden Corp. - 32-18 99TH St., East Elmhurst
Martir R Landscaping - 34 Douglas St., Inwood
WM Landscaping - 285 Hempstead Ave., Malverne
Sagittarius Landscaping - 29 Hausch Blvd., Roosevelt
Escobar Landscaping - 58 Clement St., Glen Cove
J Delpriore Landscaping - 20 Daffodil Ave., Franklin Square
Paumanok Lawn Tech Inc. - 93 East Seaman Ave., Freeport
Cats Landscaping Inc. - 944 N 5th St., New Hyde Park
Ales Landscaping Corp., 21 Virginia Dr., Elmont
Green Line Landscaping - 73 Cortland Ave., Hicksville
EMR Landscaping Inc. - 11 Thrush Lane, Levittown
JNJ Landscaping - 161 Broadway, Freeport
Alfredo Landscaping - 26 William St., Hempstead
Dom's Landscaping - 141 Herricks Road, Garden City Park
LTK Landscaping LLC. - 9 Fordham St., Williston Park
Cabrera Landscaping - 427 Beach 35th St., Far Rockaway
J.T. Landscaping - 238 Kinkel St., Westbury
M Ramirez Landscaping Inc. - 14 E Greenwich Ave., Roosevelt

Landscaping New – All Approved:

Dr1 Landscaping Corp. - 212 Wellington St., Hempstead
JRV Landscaping Inc. - 74 Madison St., Lynbrook
Long Island Building & Maintenance Corp. - 1605 Lydia Ave., Elmont
Green Forest Landscaping Corp. - 21 Belmont Parkway, Hempstead

Restaurant/Public Assembly Renewal - Approved:

Park Place Restaurant & Bar - 1218 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park

Public Dance Hall Renewal - Approved:

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Catering Vehicle-Ice Cream/Coffee Vendor Renewal - Approved:

Milo Associates, Inc. DBA Mister Softee - 158-35 82 St., Howard Beach

RESOLUTIONS:

23-117 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #23-21

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Sheikh, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 23-21 was unanimously approved.

23-118 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LONG ISLAND GEESE CONTROL

- Upon motion by Tr Savarese, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Long Island Geese Control was unanimously approved.

23-119 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DPW SUPERINTENDENT TO DISPOSE OF EQUIPMENT

- Upon motion by Tr Sheikh, seconded by Tr. Savarese, the resolution authorizing DPW to dispose of equipment was unanimously approved.

23-120 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT TO ZACH FLINN FOR HIS ANNUAL HAZMAT PAY

- Upon motion by Tr Savarese, seconded by Tr. Sheikh, the resolution authorizing an additional payment to Zach Flinn for his annual hazmat pay was unanimously approved.

23-121 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERMUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Savarese, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intermunicipal Cooperative Shared Services Agreement with the Village of Floral Park was unanimously approved.

23-122 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THRYV ADVISORS, INC.

- Upon motion by Tr Savarese, seconded by Tr. Burger, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Thryv Advisors, Inc. was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Trustee Arthur Savarese

Parks and Recreation, Little League, Public Information, Dept. of Public Works (DPW), Tree Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood Watch, Business Relations, DPW Redevelopment

Trustee Rainer Burger

Building Department, LIRR, Veterans Affairs, American Legion, Noise Abatement, Water Authorities, Scouts/Troop 298, Marcus Christ Hall (MCH)

Trustee Eve Sheikh

Library, Senior Programs, Schools, Business Relations (Construction)

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar

Beautification 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, Board of Appeals, Planning and ARB Board, 300 S12 St.

Trustee Art Savarese

Social Media

- Follow the Village on the Village Instagram account for Updates, Important Notices & Events (@villageofnhp). There are 1500 Followers.
- 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!

New Hyde Park Little League

- NHPLL Parade took place last Saturday, April 13th followed by two games played at Memorial Park. Good luck to all the teams playing this Spring.

Memorial Park Update

- Park hours are 8 am-8 pm every day. The park will be open most days unless there is inclement weather.
- Construction on the Big Field is almost done by LandTex. We still have some additional work and final touches to complete the big field. The first game is scheduled for Saturday May 11th at 9:30 am.
- Park ID's for the 2024 season are currently being renewed. If you need a new Park ID visit our website for more information. On the website, you can print the application or pick one up from Village Hall.
 - Bring proof of a Driver's License, utility bill, birth certificates (for your children), dog information and 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 they are available for pick up at village hall.
- Mark your calendar: Thursday June 27th when we will be hosting a Concert in the Park starting at 7 pm.
 - More details to follow in the next month or so.
 - We have confirmation on two Food Trucks that will be stationed on Williams Street before the concert; Dominick's Chicken Finger Truck and Zef's Pizza Fire Truck are confirmed for the event.

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 at 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 Fall, please go to the Village website or the app and make your request.
- Igor will fill us in on the rest of the DPW report and the exciting news on the DPW facility.

Department of Public Works: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent

Waste and Recycling collected in March 2024

- 447 Tons of waste and recycling consisting of:
 - 351 tons of MSW
 - 22 tons of newspaper
 - 21 tons of commingled recyclables
 - 31 tons of yard waste
 - 22 tons of construction debris
- There will be no double days scheduled between April 18 and the next Board Meeting May 16, 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 March there were approximately 10 signs that were repaired, replaced, or relocated.

- Street sweeper operations were performed daily. Street sweeping will continue through the Spring and Summer.

DPW

- Approximately 45 pothole repairs were performed in the month. Pothole repairs will continue as needed.
- Routine tree maintenance requests and tree preventative maintenance procedures are on-going and will continue as needed. DPW conducted 2 tree trims and 1 tree removal in March. Our tree contractor will start to perform trims and removals throughout the Spring. If you have a tree that needs trimming, you can call Village Hall or use the MyVNHP App.
- During the month of March, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 23 service requests that were received via the MyVNHP App or phone calls to Village Hall. Requests included tree trim/removals, streetlight repairs, road repairs, routine maintenance requests, and requests for a new recycling pail, etc. The majority of calls this month were regarding trees.

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DPW Construction Project – preparations for the DPW relocation are under way

- We have an office trailer parked in the Nuzzi Lot up against the park fence. This will accommodate all DPW personnel during construction.
- We will be utilizing the park house bathrooms.
- We have fenced off a portion of the lot across the street for the storage of DPW vehicles. This area will be secured overnight with lights for safety. This lot will strictly be used for storage.
- We will line up containers along the east and southeast fence line to create a barrier that will reduce noise leaving the site. All trucks will be backed in at the end of their shift so that they are pulling out in the morning to reduce back up alarms during early morning hours. We will park the garbage trucks as close to the west side of the fenced in area as possible to reduce noise and odors.
- During construction, the Nuzzi parking lot will be completely closed to residents, No “R” parking will be permitted in the Nuzzi Lot.
- Residents with ‘R’ permits can park across the street in front of the DPW fenced in area. Signs have been posted along the fence indicating where parking is permitted.

Building Department - Binu Pillay, Superintendent

ZBA

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was held April 10th, with 1 case heard that was held over as a reserved decision.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 8th with 1 case to be heard for the construction of a new home.

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on March 27 with 4 cases heard (which ranged from (2) 2nd floor additions, one rear addition and 1 new home; all were approved.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 24th with 4 cases to be heard which comprise of (2) new 2nd floor additions, 1 sign permit and 1 amendment to a previously approved application.

Planning Board

- The last meeting of the Planning Board was scheduled for March 27; however, no applications were submitted and the meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 24th and as of this time we have no applications submitted.

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held yesterday, April 17th with 11 cases, which comprise of 2 Parking on the lawn, 6 Property Maintenance and 3 various infractions.
- The next village court will be held on May 29th, with 15 cases, which is comprised of 2 Parking on the lawn, 4 Property Maintenance, 5 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 were 2 Special Use applications heard last month which were approved.
- During the period from 3/20/24 to 4/18/24, the building department issued 30 permits; 10 building permits, 7 plumbing permits, 2 Dumpster/POD, 3 Roof, 2 Sidewalk/Driveway, and 6 Fence.
- Other Items Issued: 6 - Certificates of Approval, 9 - Certificates of Completion, 2- Certificate of Occupancy, 1 – Special Use, and 3- Special Exceptions

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.; no update received from MTA on when the work will begin.
- Sections of fencing to be replaced; waiting on update from MTA.

Paving and Striping of 2nd and 3rd Ave.

- Village Stopped striping work on 2nd and 3rd Ave last week due to: No Notice provided other than an email late Friday afternoon; and repaving not complete for sections of 2nd and 3r Ave.
- Waiting on MTA response and updated schedule.

LIRR Track Work

- MTA/LIRR noted that additional Signal work will occur sometime in early-mid June 2024. Waiting on a final scheduled date. The Board will keep everyone posted when the work is scheduled.

Water Authority

- For our Station 57 pretty much the same update as last month that Water Authority is ordering up a new reactor for Well 57A to get it to 100% capacity (operating at 73%). Additional work will be performed in late 2024/early 2025.

Noise Abatement

- The last 2 meetings for TVASNC on Feb 26 and March 25th were cancelled due to lack of participation.
- The April meeting will be held April 22^h 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.

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

- Post 1089 conducted their meeting on April 13.
 - Covered Events and Activities
 - Marched and Participated in the Little League Parade
- Memorial Day Planning in process with the Village.
 - Date: May 25th, Parade at 10 am with a Wreath Ceremony at the Village Hall and Memorial Park.
 - Invites are being sent out this week.
 - Eagle Scout Project Unveiling

Scouting

- Eagle Scout Project – Life Scout Michael Domingo - Memorial Wall to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Freedom. Wall will have 57 Plaques with the Name, Rank, Service and Dates of Death of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.
- Earth Day Participation – Thank you to the Scouts. Scouts thank the Village for inviting them.

Marcus Christ

- MJG Architect Presentation
- 30% Design Submitted and under review
- Budget: Estimated approximate \$2.5 Mil. Currently have \$1.1M. Bond Remainder

Trustee Eve Sheikh:

Senior Programs

- On March 22nd, we had our wreath making event for the Seniors. It was great to watch it come all together! Seniors enjoyed it!
- Chef Rob returned on April 12th for some amazing cooking lessons for our Seniors! His new recipes were so delicious!! He made strawberry stuffed French toast and crustless spinach and muenster pie! So good! He shared some great tips for all of us again!
 - Do not buy grated cheese - there is a residue on it. Buy a block of cheese and grate it yourself! So much better and healthier!
 - Put a pinch of salt in your milk- it lasts longer!
 - Butter is only good for 4 hours when left out, it should be only one shade of yellow - if it's different shades - no good/throw it out!
 - Best place to buy spices is Aldi
 - To see if a pineapple is ripe - pull the green leaf on top - if it comes out easily - it's ready!
 - This summer put brown sugar and cinnamon over fresh pineapple and barbecue it - it tastes amazing!
- Our next Seniors Events are:

- Friday, April 19th at 11am - the Magic Show
- Friday, May 3rd at 11am - the Lavender Workshop
- Saturday, May 11th at 10 am - our First annual Mother's Day Parade for all. We are looking forward to it! It's going to be very special celebrating all Moms! Please come join us!
- Friday, May 24th at 11am – the Summer Plant Talk
- Registration is required for all the senior programs- please email Seniorprograms@vnhp.org

Hillside Library

- Some of the upcoming events at the Hillside Library are:
 - Sunday, April 21st at 12:30 pm - the Spring Bingo!
 - Sunday, April 28th at 1pm - Movie “Spaceballs”
 - Monday, May 6th at 10:30am - “Snuggle Tales” Story Time
 - Friday, May 10th at 7:00pm - Paint night - save the rhino day!
- More information about other interesting events can be found on the library's website which is hillsidelibrary.info

New Hyde Park Road School

- Saturday April 20th, from 8:30am-12pm, the Road School PTA will be collecting unwanted clothing donations in the school yard
- From April 22nd through April 30th - Spring Recess!

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar

- The Village Events:
 - Earth Day was successful. It was a small event where people came out and set an example. The Earth Science Teacher from Sewanhaka High School brought 15 of her students who helped clean up Jericho Tpke and planta trees.
 - We are hosting a first Mother's Day Event on Saturday, May 11th. It will begin with a parade lining up at 9:30 in the Lakeville Lot and will end with an event at the Village Hall.
 - Thanks to our Cultural Committee and Cheryl Nowack for helping with the event.
- The Assessment File has been closed.
- Senior Programs are funded by a Grant and because it is funded by a Grant it needs to be opened up to all.
- We held our Budget Hearing on April 15th and the Budget was adopted. The Tentative Budget is on the Website.
- Summer Camp starts a little late this year due to July 4th being a Thursday. It is a 5-week program starting on July 8 and ending on August 8th. Registration will be in early June. There are two age groups, 1st to 3rd Grade; and 4th to 6th Grade. More information will be available on our plans are finalized.
- We have applied for two Grants:
 - The Justice Grant – to fix the Audio and miscellaneous things in the Court Room
 - We already purchased chairs for the Judge's Quarters
 - The CDBG Grant for Seniors and the Residential Rehab Grant
- We are doing a Summer Concert on June 27th
- We ask for your feedback on events that you are interested in; we will listen and try to adapt when we can.

Mayor Christopher Devane

- Thanks to Troop 298, Sewanhaka High School and Cheryl for their Earth Day help.
- We will be hosting the first Mother's Day Parade on Saturday, May 11, when we will be honoring and celebrating all Mothers.

- Little League donated \$100,000 for the turf at Memorial Park. All ages can play on the turf and it can be used for multiple sports. We already receive \$50,000 and are expecting the balance of \$50,000 to be paid in increments of \$10,000 for the next 5 years. However Little League is expecting to pay off the balance sooner.
- Please Donate to the Eagle Project Fund raiser for plaques to be placed on the Military Hero's Wall. \$300 is a lot of money for the plaque, and if you can not donate, please come out to Memorial Park on Memorial Day and support the unveiling of the Wall.
- Memorial Park is open, weather permitting, until dusk. Dusk is when the sun sets. Please do not give the Park Attendants a hard time.
 - If the weather forecast is predicting rain all day, then the park will be closed.
- The Memorial Park picnic area was pained by Anthony. He also fixed the wood around the message board and will do additional work on the Village Hall back staircase and up-top.
 - If we get the funds from the Grant, it will make it that much better.
- Marcus Christ Hall, MCH, is going out to bid in the Summer.
- DPW update –
 - We are going through Bonds and Assurances.
 - We accepted the low bidder on each of the contracts.
 - The Budget is \$5,100,000 and the bids came out to \$4,300,000, without contingencies.
 - We are using the Nassau County sump area for the trucks.
 - Nuzzi field is closed and is transitioning to a construction zone.
 - To save money during the construction, we are using the bathrooms there.
 - We will find an area for Residents to park in who used to use Nuzzi field.
 - Residents want to know how using the Sump area will impact them. Igor presented an aerial view of the area and noted the efforts that will be taken to prevent the stench from the garbage trucks.
 - Anticipate breaking ground at the end of May.
- The new park at South 12th Street is going in the positive direction.
 - We are in contract to buy the property; doing the environmental study; and waiting for the sale to be signed off by the state
 - The Mayor gave a general aerial overview of the new Park including a 4 pickleball courts; a basketball court; parking spots; lights so the park can be used after dusk; police booth; noise mats; and a seating area.
 - The order of events will be (1) close on the property; (2) demolition of the building; (3) parking lot construction; (4) and lastly construct the park.
 - Referring to Memorial Park, the Mayor explained that there hasn't been any complaints from the residents that live close to the park and that the beautiful park is better than a storage facility.
 - We have \$5,000,000 dollars from the state. \$3,500,000 went to the purchase of the property and remaining \$1,700,000 is to be used to construct the parking lot and the park.
 - The Mayor concluded that if we did not use the money by September 2024, we would have lost the money.
- We received the petitions for stop signs on Herkomer. The Village is aware of issues on several streets. A review of the various locations was given and the Mayor requested that the residents stay after the meeting to discuss further.
 - It was noted that World courier paid a \$10,000 in fine for delivering on Easter.

The meeting was opened up to the Public and the Mayor addressed questions/concerns from the audience.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM and a 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 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

A. Pillay

Supt. Of Buildings