

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 16, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Christopher Devane  
Trustee Arthur Savarese  
Trustee Eve Sheikh  
Binu Pillay, Superintendent of Building  
Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW  
Rebecca Sheehan, Village Clerk-Treasurer  
Laura Daly, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

**ABSENT:** Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar  
Trustee Rainer Burger  
Peter S. Trentacoste, Attorney to the Board of Trustees  
Benjamin Truncale, Jr., Attorney to the Board of Trustees

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED**

Upon motion by Trustee Savarese, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the Board Meeting Minutes from April 18, 2024 were unanimously approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

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

**POLICE REPORT**

A review of the April 2024 police report was given; 4 auto accidents; 28 total aided cases (other than auto); no robbery; no residential burglaries; no commercial robberies; 0 car was stolen; 3 criminal mischief charges; 3 moving violations; and 10 parking violations.

**Car Wash Application - Approved:**

New Hyde Park Fire Department - Juniors requests holding a car wash on Saturday, June 29, 2024, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. If need be, a rain date of Sunday June 30, 2024.

**License / Permits New / Renewal:**

**Landscaping: Renewals – All Approved:**

MDR Landscaping and Contracting Inc. - 528 Henry St., West Hempstead  
Santos Landscape - 45 Hagen St., Brentwood  
Rojas Landscaping Corp. - 89-22 185th St., Hollis

**Restaurant/Public Assembly: Renewals – All Approved:**

Taco Bell of America- #3180, 1650 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park  
Yesterday's Diner, 443 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**23-136 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #23-23**

- Upon motion by Tr. Sheikh, seconded by Tr. Savarese, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 23-23 was unanimously approved.

**23-137 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO MOVE A PART TIME LABORER TO A FULL TIME LABORER WITHIN THE DPW**

- Upon motion by Tr. Savarese, seconded by Tr. Sheikh, the resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Public Works to move a Part Time Laborer, Scott D'Errico, to a Full Time Laborer within the DPW was unanimously approved.

**23-138 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DPW SUPERINTENDENT TO LEASE EQUIPMENT\_ 2024 HEIL REAR LOAD PACKER**

- Upon motion by Tr. Sheikh, seconded by Tr. Savarese, the resolution authorizing the DPW Superintendent to Lease Equipment\_2024 Heil Rear Load Packer was unanimously approved.

**23-139 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A NEW FULL TIME CLERK-TREASURER\_SHEEHAN**

- Upon motion by Tr. Savarese, seconded by Tr. Sheikh, the resolution authorizing the hiring of a new Full Time Clerk-Treasurer, Rebecca Sheehan, was unanimously approved.

**23-140 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A NEW FULL TIME DEPUTY CLERK\_DURANTE**

- Upon motion by Tr. Sheikh, seconded by Tr. Savarese, the resolution authorizing the hiring of a new Full Time Deputy Clerk, Patricia Durante, was unanimously approved.

**23-141 RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AS IT RELATED TO GML 103**

- Upon motion by Tr. Sheikh, seconded by Tr. Savarese, the resolution declaring an Emergency Situation and Dispense with Bidding Requirements for the repair of the existing Natural Gas Line connection at Village Hall in accordance with General Municipal Law §103(4) and the Village Procurement Policy 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**

- New Hyde Park Little League and The Village of New Hyde Park opened the New Turf Field this past Saturday. We also had Dominick's Food Truck selling their awesome chicken fingers during the game. The Village wants to wish all the teams' success this season.

### **Memorial Park Update**

- Park hours are 8 am-8 pm every day. The park will be open most days unless there is inclement weather.
- PARK ID's are required by all to enter the park. However, when the Village hosts an event, all are welcome to attend. (No Park ID's are Required)
- Park IDs 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:asavarese@vnhp.org) and then go to Village Hall to fill out an application.

### **Other Items**

- Greater NHP Chamber of Commerce – Mark your calendar for the Chamber's Golf Outing which will be on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, more details to follow.
- 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.

## **Department of Public Works: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent**

### **Waste and Recycling collected in April 2024**

- 513 Tons of waste and recycling consisting of:
  - 421 tons of MSW
  - 20 tons of newspaper
  - 17 tons of commingled recyclables

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- 29 tons of yard waste
- 26 tons of construction debris
- There is one double day scheduled in May.
- There will be no sanitation collection on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>. All sanitation will be collected on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, along with Newspaper collection on the north side of Jericho Turnpike.
- 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.
- Cardboard must be flattened and bundled. No full boxes or boxes with Styrofoam inside will be collected.

### **Operations**

- Installation and repair of new signs and poles due to aging and damage is on-going. In the month of April there were approximately 20 signs that were repaired, replaced, or relocated.
- Street sweeper operations were performed daily. Street sweeping will continue through the Spring and Summer.

### **DPW**

- Approximately 40 pothole repairs were performed in the month. Pothole repairs will continue as needed.
- DPW staff has once again started to perform 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 maintenance are conducted weekly or as needed.

### **Routine Tree Maintenance**

- Routine tree maintenance requests and tree preventative maintenance procedures are on-going and will continue as needed. DPW conducted 3 tree trims and 1 tree removal in April and responded to 3 calls regarding broken tree limbs. Our tree contractor will start to perform trims and removals in the next few weeks and continue as needed. If you have a tree that needs trimming, you can call Village Hall or use the MyVNHP App.
- During the month of April, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 25 service requests that were received via the MyVNHP App or phone calls to Village Hall. The majority of these calls were regarding trees.

### **DPW Construction Project**

- DPW relocation is under way. We have begun to move our office and day to day operations to the office trailer parked in the Nuzzi Lot. This will accommodate all DPW personnel during construction. We will be utilizing the bathrooms at Nuzzi Park House. We will be moving equipment and containers into the fenced off lot across the street. This area will be secured overnight with lights for safety. This lot will strictly be used for storage.
- Once construction begins, all “R” permit parking will be directed across the street. The area in front of the DPW storage area can be utilized for resident parking.
- We had 2 decorative light posts on Jericho Tpke knocked down over the past 2 months. They were hit overnight and no police report was filed. We purchased 2 new poles and anticipate installing them in the near future.
- DPW will be receiving its second garbage truck in late May. This will be the third of 4 new trucks/equipment we purchased in 2022. We are still awaiting a new roll off truck which is anticipated to arrive in September.

## **Building Department - Binu Pillay, Superintendent**

### **ZBA**

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was held May 8th, with 2 cases heard that were approved.
- The next meeting is scheduled for June 12th with 2 cases to be heard for a fence and maintain of a second kitchen.

### **ARB**

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on April 24th with 4 cases heard (which ranged from (2) 2nd floor additions, a commercial sign and changes to a previously approved application, which all were approved.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 22nd with 1 case to be heard for a sign application.

### **Planning Board**

- The last meeting of the Planning Board was scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>; however no applications were submitted and the meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> and as of this time no applications were 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 22 cases, which are comprised of 4 Parking on the lawn, 6 Property Maintenance, 5 Working without permits, 1- multiple family in a single family, 1 Failure to register for Rental property and 5 various infractions.

### **RENTAL REGISTRATION**

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

### **SPECIAL USE**

- There were no special use cases heard last month or tonight.
- During the period from 4/17 to today, the building department issued 40 permits: 16 building permits; 7 plumbing permits; 4- Dumpster/POD; 3- Roof; 3-Sidewalk/Driveway; 2- Fence; 2-Street Opening; 2 signs; and 1 demolition.
- Other Items issued: 8 - Certificates of Approval, 10 - Certificates of Completion, 1- Certificate of Occupancy, 5- Special Exceptions, and 4 Closed Expired

## **Trustee Rainer Burger reported by Clerk Treasurer Rebecca Sheehan, Esq.:**

### **Long Island Railroad (LIRR) 3<sup>rd</sup> Track Project**

#### **South 12<sup>th</sup> Pedestrian Underpass & Station Platform**

- MTA will be applying a new application to the cement façade to clean up the blemishes etc. — Waiting on Samples to be delivered to Village Hall.
- Sections of fencing to be replaced – Waiting on update from MTA

#### **Paving and Striping of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.**

- Paving on 2nd and 3rd Ave is ongoing. Both 2nd and 3rd Ave will be striped once the paving is complete. Requested Schedule from MTA.

#### **LIRR Track Work**

- MTA/LIRR started signal work on the mainline this past weekend. More work to follow. 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%). Design work continues for the 3rd AOP reactor needed at Station 57 for well 57A. We are also applying for a NYS Grant to offset the costs of this 3rd reactor.
- Well 40 and 40A bids were received and passed at last week's board meeting. This work will include the installation of 2 AOP Reactors and 4 GAC vessels to treat emerging contaminants. Since Station 40 (HQ) is also within New Hyde Park it will impact the residents of the Village of New Hyde Park as well as the North Hempstead New Hyde Park residents. I anticipate physical work starting somewhere around September 2024.

## **Noise Abatement**

- At the last TVASNAC meeting on April 15 the Town of Hempstead attorney has been in conversation with the Town of North Hempstead Attorney about joining forces to bring litigation against the FAA. Human health impacts such as Asthma and certain Cancers stemming from jet fuel emissions are recorded very high along flight paths leading to arrivals at JFK.
- TVASNAC will continue pressuring Congressman Anthony D' Esposito who represents N.Y. 4th Congressional District on airline noise and the harmful effects of airline fumes over communities.
- Next Meeting will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Hempstead Town Hall.
- Residents are urged to file online noise complaints at [www.hempsteadny.gov/TVASNAC](http://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 will conduct their meeting on May 18th. Covered Events and Activities
- Memorial Day Planning in process with the Village.
  - Memorial Day Program in development
  - Date: May 25th, Parade at 10 am with a Wreath Ceremony at the Village Hall and Memorial Park. Line-up will be at 9:30 at Hillside Blvd and Jericho.
  - Parade Route - Hillside Blvd South to Jericho Turnpike; Jericho Turnpike East to New Hyde Park Road – NHP Village Hall – Pause – Wreath Ceremony; New Hyde Park Road North to Lincoln; Lincoln West to Central; Parade Vehicle will go to Williams North and out.
  - Invites sent and parade line up is in development
  - Encourage the entire community to come out and show our appreciation to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

## **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.
  - The Plan was to unveil the wall but unfortunately the plaques will not be ready.
- Numerous other Projects:
  - Liam Booth – Donations and Storage Shelving – Long Island Safe Center which service people who experience domestic violence and assault.
  - Ryan Amante – Veteran Services – Food Pantry – Donations, New Shelving and Clean-up
  - Eyal Englander - Ronald McDonald House Landscaping and Snack/Treat Bags for residents
  - Shyler Fernandez – Lending Library

- Milo Liao – Painted Benches from Provost Park
- Alex Nunez – Cleaned up Church Music Room, Food Drive and Cards
- Car Wash was held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, Thank y\You.

### **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 April 19<sup>th</sup> Magician and mentalist GARY FERRAR performed for our Seniors!! I have to say that was an amazing event! Such a talented performer!! Seniors were laughing so hard and witnessing some wonderful magic tricks!! From national television appearances on NBC, Fox News, and USA to performing for celebrities - Gary has been wowing audiences over a decade!! Great job by him!! Great job to Laura T for putting together such great Events for the seniors!!
- On May 3<sup>rd</sup> we had Lavender workshop! Seniors made lavender roll-on perfume! Smelled so good. They also experienced Lavender Meditation. Very relaxing!
- Our upcoming Seniors events are:
  - May 24<sup>th</sup> - Summer Plant Talk
  - June 7<sup>th</sup> - Summer Art workshop
- Registration is required for all the senior programs - please email [Seniorprograms@vnhp.org](mailto:Seniorprograms@vnhp.org)

#### **Mother's Day Parade**

- On May 11<sup>th</sup> we had our First Mother's Day parade! I want to thank everyone who attended.
  - It was a beautiful sunny day celebrating moms, it turned out to be truly special.
  - The Photo Booth was so much fun, thanks to Natasha at All In One Party rentals!
  - Huge thank you to the Board and our Village staff who always go above and beyond for our events!

#### **Hillside Library**

- Some of the upcoming events are:
  - May 22<sup>nd</sup> - From 12pm - 2pm - in-person monthly blood pressure screenings
  - May 29<sup>th</sup> - From 6pm - 7:30pm - how to maximize your social security benefits
  - May 31<sup>st</sup> - 1pm Movie! Showing - Courage Under Fire
  - June 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm - 7:30pm Early Baseball on Long Island
  - More information about other interesting events can be found on the library's website which is [hillsidelibrary.info](http://hillsidelibrary.info)

#### **New Hyde Park Road School**

- The school is having a recycling project. They are collecting all size bottle caps. School is asking the students to make a collection at home and bring them at the end of each week. Please wash the bottle caps before sending them to school.
- May 17<sup>th</sup>, which is tomorrow is Field Day for the students! Field Day is always lots of fun!

### **Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar reported by Laura Daly:**

#### **Culture Committee Events:**

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## **Memorial Day Parade**

- Memorial Day is the day we set aside to honor our war dead. Memorial Day is not a celebration, but rather an observance as we honor and remember our war dead only.
- The Village's Parade will take place on Saturday, May 25th
- The line-up will be at 9:30 AM at Hillside Blvd and Jericho Tpke
- There will be two wreath ceremonies
- Village Hall at 10:00 AM
- Memorial Park at 11:00 AM
- Please come out and support the community and the Unveiling of the Eagle Scout Project – Life Scout Michael Domingo - Memorial Wall to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Freedom

## **Multicultural Festival**

- We are having our Multicultural Festival “All Around the World” on Friday, June 7, with a rain date of Saturday June 8th. Both events are scheduled to begin at 5PM. (The event was cancelled last year due to the Canadian Fires.)
- We are recognizing the Cultures by Continent
- We invite everyone to come out and enjoy Music, Cultural Performances and Food tasting from around the world.
- *We are looking for volunteers to represent their heritage, please contact Village Hall.*

## **Beautification**

- We celebrated Earth Day on April 14th. We cleaned up Jericho Tpke and planted trees in Memorial Park.
- We are now looking to change the welcome banners/posters on Jericho Tpke

## **Clerk's Office**

- We have two new hires
  - The Clerk/Treasurer – Rebecca Sheehan, Esq.
  - The Deputy Treasurer - Patricia Durante
- The Clerk's office is currently working on getting the tax bills ready to be mailed out to our Residents

## **Community Development Block Grant**

- We received a grant from CDBG in the amount of \$60,000 to continue running our Senior Programming. We are still waiting to hear for our ADA compliance ramp on the backside of Village Hall.
- We have already received a JCAP grant that I mentioned few meetings ago. We spent part of that money purchasing new chairs for the Judge's chamber, and the rest will be allocated for a A/V system for this room.

## **Summer Camp**

- The summer camp application is being updated and will be posted on our website soon
- The camp will run from July 8 to August 8 Monday through Thursday
- It will be free for all Village residence and a nominal cost for all New Hyde Park residence. Further details will be posted on our website or call Village Hall.

## **Mayor Christopher Devane**

### **Memorial Day**

- Coming up Saturday, May 25. Come out and honor our Heroes that sacrificed their lives.
- There was an article in Newsday regarding the 57 plaques that will have the names of 57 members of our community that lost their lives during WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam.



- The Village and Troop 298 did everything to get ready but we were just informed that the plaques will not arrive in time for the unveiling on Memorial Day. The Village will give the wall a proper unveiling at a date to be determined.
- The entire cost has been subsidized by donations. The Wall is up thanks to Persi Contracting the lights are up thanks to Greg. It was wonderful to see the Community come together for this.

### **Multicultural Event**

- The Village will be hosting a Multicultural Event on Friday night, June 7<sup>th</sup>. The theme is “All Around the World”. There will be 7 continents Come and enjoy music, Cultural performances and food tastings from around the world. If you would like to participate in the event, the please contact the Village Hall and lets us know.
- When there are events taking place in the park, the park will be closed. It’s a bit disconcerting to have noise when making a speech.

### **Facilities- Village Hall**

- We’re redoing the molding on top of the Village Hall
- Anthony, the painter, is repointing and repainting of the Village Hall
- We welcome our two new employees – Rebecca Sheehan, Esq. and John Gahan

### **Marcus Christ Hall**

- Rainer Berger will be coordinating the work and should go out to bid by July
- There was a gas leak outside Village Hall and had it repaired under an emergency resolution, approved earlier.

### **Memorial Park**

- New turf is ready. The first game was held on May 11th, unfortunately the kids lost the first game.
- The painting and turf are completed.

### **DPW**

- Central Blvd lot is being repaved to help with the drainage.
- Brooklyn Ave Lot is in poor condition and will require extra preparation to be completely repaved.
- Central Blvd, Lakeville Road and Brooklyn Lots will be repaved using CHIPS money
- Looking into alternate solutions to wheel parking stops
- Environmental study is being done on the new 300 S 12<sup>th</sup> St property. The work will be done in steps with the park being the final phase of the project
- The Village is making sure that the Sanitation rules are being enforced- enforcing no garbage on the curb earlier that 7PM.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Code Enforcement – looking out for double parking on Plaza Ave. and Litter pick-up.
- We are addressing Parking complaints – code enforcement will begin marking the tires

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM and a motion was made by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Tr. Savarese, and unanimously approved, to go to an Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Laura Daly*

Secretary to the Board