

VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
October 17, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Devane
Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar
Trustee Eve Sheikh
Trustee Arthur Savarese
Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW
Rebecca Sheehan, Village Clerk-Treasurer
Binu Pillay, Superintendent of Building
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

ABSENT: Trustee Rainer Burger

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

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the Board Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2024 were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

POLICE REPORT

A review of the September 2024 police report was given; 8 auto accidents; 23 total aided cases (other than auto); no robberies; no residential burglary; no commercial burglary; no car was stolen; no other larceny charges: 1 criminal mischief charge; no moving violations; and 8 parking violations.

RESOLUTIONS:

24- 47 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 24-10

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Savarese, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 24-10 was unanimously approved.

24-48 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHELSEA FLOOR COVERING

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Sheikh, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Chelsea Floor Covering was unanimously approved.

24-49 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GO WEST ELECTRIC

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Sheikh, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Go West Electric was unanimously approved.

24-50 A RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT 700 JERICHO TPKE.

- Upon motion by Tr. Sheikh, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution authorizing the special use permit 700 Jericho Tpke was unanimously approved.

24-51 A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN UNLISTED ACTION UNDER S.E.Q.R.A. WITH A NEGATIVE DECLARATION 700 JERICHO TPKE.

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Savarese, the resolution declaring an unlisted action under S.E.Q.R.A. with a negative declaration 700 Jericho Tpke. was unanimously approved.

24-52 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A DESIGNATED PARKING SPOT - 16SOUTH9TH

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Sheikh, the resolution authorizing a designated parking spot in front of The First Presbyterian Church located at 16 South 9th Street 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).
- 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

- There are no Teams playing in the Fall
- We have an agreement with Storm Academy and they can use the turf field until Sunday November 10th.

Memorial Park Update

- Park hours are 8 am - 6:00 pm
 - You can check on our Instagram account for park hour updates in the Fall
- Sunday, November 10th, will be the last day the dog park and bathrooms will be open
 - Starting Monday, November 11th, and for the rest of the season, we will not be checking for park passes
- On Saturday, October 26th, the Village we will have our traditional Halloween Parade along Jericho Turnpike

- The parade will end at Memorial Park, with a Fall Festival. All are invited to attend and we will have rides, contests, games and pumpkin decorating
- No Park ID's will be required along with all our Village events

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS: Neighborhood Watch

- The 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.

- If you would like to join the NHP Chamber of Commerce, or need additional information about it, you can visit the Greater NHP Chamber website. <https://www.nhpchamber.org/>
- The New Hyde Park Street Fair was held on Saturday September 21st from 10am - 4 pm
 - The turnout for the Street Fair was spectacular
 - We would like to thank all who attended this wonderful event as well as all our great sponsors
 - A special shout out to our local resident DJ Dan the Man and our live band the Hambones who performed

Department of Public Works: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent

Sanitation September 2024

- 566 tons of refuse and recycling consisting of:
 - 400 tons of MSW
 - 12 tons of newspaper
 - 20 tons of commingled recyclables
 - 107 tons of yard waste
 - 27 tons of construction debris
- There are two double days scheduled before the next meeting:
 - Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th, there will not be a sanitation collection. Collections will resume on Wednesday November 6th which include, garbage collection on the South side, cardboard/paper will be collected on the North side, Commingled Recyclables and Yard Waste will be collected throughout the Village.
 - Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th, there will not be a sanitation collection. Collections will resume on Tuesday November 12th, with garbage collection throughout the Village and paper/cardboard collection on the North side.
- 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 garbage or Styrofoam inside will be collected.
- Do not put your cardboard out for collection with your bottles and cans, it will not be collected.

Operations

- Road side leaf collection will begin on Monday November 4th and continue as needed till December 13th.
 - Road side leaf collection is strictly for loose leaves; do not put branches within leaf piles.
 - If you have leaves to dispose of now, they can be bagged and put out for collection on Wednesdays.

DPW

- Installation and repair of new signs and poles due to aging and damage is on-going. Approximately 25 signs were repaired, replaced, or relocated in September

- DPW staff performed 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 watering and maintenance is 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 15 tree trims and 4 tree removals in September.
- Our Tree Contractor was in the Village in September and performed 30 tree trims, 5 removals and 10 stump removals.
- Tree trims and removals will continue next month. If you have any requests, you can call Village Hall or use the MyVNHP App.
- During the month of September, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 45 service requests that were received via the MyVNHP App or phone calls to Village Hall. The majority of calls this month were regarding trees.

DPW Renovation Update

- We are now 3 months into the DPW renovation project and all demolition has been completed which included the front section of the main garage, the salt shed, our old office trailer, and storage building.
- The contractor is currently working on renovating the main garage section with new electric, structural repairs and new bathroom.
- The foundation work for the new truck garage is now complete and the foundation and wall for our new recyclables transfer area has been completed.
- The next steps will be to excavate and begin the foundation work our new office building.
 - It is anticipated that all foundation work would be completed before the cold weather sets in and all structural work will begin after the new year.

Building Department - Binu Pillay, Superintendent:

ZBA

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was Schedule for October 9th; but it was cancelled since no applications were submitted by the deadline.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Nov 13th and currently no cases have been submitted; the deadline is 10/23/24.

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on September 25th with 3 cases heard; 2 cases were about changing siding color which were approved; and one case was about adding an awning and a portico over an existing front stoop and replacing siding with stucco - which had a reserved decision since the board could not approve the color.
- The next meeting is scheduled for October 23 with 2 cases to be heard which comprise of (2) new 2nd floor additions; change of siding; and complete interior renovations.

Planning Board

- The last meeting of the Planning Board was scheduled for September 25th; however, no applications were submitted and the meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting is scheduled for October 23rd and as of this time we have no applications submitted

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held yesterday, October 1 6th with 43 cases, which comprise of: 3 sidewalk obstruction; 16 property maintenance; 2 garbage out before 7pm; 17 working without a permit; 2 Truck idling; 2 rentals without registration; and 1 illegal use within place.

- The next village court will be held on Nov. 20th, with 23 cases, which comprise of: 1 obstructing sidewalk; 7 property maintenance; 8 working without permits; 6 multiple family in a single family rental registration; and 1 use of truck for non-permitted route.

RENTAL REGISTRATION

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

SPECIAL USE

- There was no special use cases heard last month or tonight
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- During the period from September 19 to October 17, the building department issued 42 permits; 11 building permits; 11 plumbing permits; 6 roof permits; 3 sidewalk/driveway permits; 2 fence permits; 4 street opening permits; and 5 solar permits.
- There were also 3 Certificates of Approval, and 10 Certificates of Completion.

Clerk’s Report - Rebecca Sheehan, Clerk-Treasurer:

Village of New Hyde Park Clerk's Department Report - September 2024		
Revenue	Description	CURRENT 9/30/2024
Taxes Interest & Penalty		\$38,136.23
METERS		\$2,000.00
PARKING PERMITS	TYPE A-R-B	\$200.00
LICENSES	CARTING, PLUMBING, RESTAURANT, TAXI	\$550.00
BUILDING	STREET OPENINGS, PLAN, LATE FILING, SRF	\$33,523.70
ZONING	SPECIAL USE/EXCEPTION, HEARINGS	\$850.00
STREET FAIR INCOME		\$1,820.00
STREET FAIR SPONSORSHIP		\$3,500.00
REGISTRAR	DEATH CERT, CERTIFIED COPIES	\$270.00
SALE OF REFUSE		\$1,475.30
Revenue	Description	9/30/2024
COURT FINES	TRAFFIC COURT FINES	\$59,050.00
	BUILDING COURT FINES	\$19,955.00
	Clerk	\$98,911.54
	Court	\$79,005.00
	Total Revenue	\$177,916.54
OUTSTANDING TAX PAYMENTS AS OF 10/17/2024 -		\$422,499.01
STATE AID: PER CAPITA		\$148,904.00

We are still waiting for \$422,499.01 in Tax payments.

Trustee Rainer Burger – Reported by Laura Daly:

Long Island Railroad (LIRR) 3rd Track Project - Punchlist

Signage

- One way signage and no left turn signage has finally been installed
 - Site walk was completed on Oct 9 with 3TC, Igor and Rainer - signage is all complete

- Project is Closed.

LIRR Track Work

- No Track work planned
 - Some minor asphalt/paving work by Station house this week and next week.

Water Authority

- Water Authority is ordering up a new reactor for Well 57A to get it to 100% capacity (operating at 73%).
 - Bid specifications are complete and the reactor itself is scheduled to arrive in mid-December.
- There are currently 3 other major projects physically underway which include Station 44 Rehabilitation (4 wells) Elmont, Station 40 Emerging Contaminants (2 wells) New Hyde Park and Elevated Tank 20 Rehabilitation Elmont.
 - The Station 44 rehabilitation project has now stepped up the pace for Phase 1. The 1st well building foundation is formed out and the clear-well walls have been poured. New gas main to the site is expected to be installed on October 18th for new emergency generator.
 - Physical work at Station 40 (HQ) has begun. Retaining walls on south and east perimeters are being poured on October 17th and 18th.
 - Tank 20 (Elmont) Rehabilitation should have been completed in July 2023. However, the contractor had stopped work for failure to pay Union health benefits. Tank 20 (Elmont) rehabilitation contractor has finally returned to site and blasting exterior bowl.

Noise Abatement

- Last TVASNAC Meeting was Sep 22nd; the next meeting will be on Oct 28th
 - Meetings are held at Hempstead Town Hall and start at 7pm.
- Town of Hempstead attorney has filed a foil request to the FAA for the raw data from noise monitors placed along the departure and arrival routes of planes going into JFK. The FAA reported that the town was supposed to receive these reports on July 29. Reports are now coming in September as the Port Authority keeps stalling. Have not heard if the reports have come in.
 - If response is not received Town of Hempstead and North Hempstead will move forward with Legal Action.
 - 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

- The Legion participated in the Street Fair selling flags and hats as well as providing information on Veteran Benefits.
 - The American Legion would like to thank everyone for their support and donations.
- The Legion marched in the Village's Columbus Day Parade on Oct 13h, a Great Event
- The Legion will also be marching in the NHP Home Coming Parade on Oct 19th.
- The Legion Post meeting was held on Oct 12th.
 - No meeting in November as we will have our Flap Jack Breakfast and Veterans Day Ceremony.
- AL Post 1089 Veterans Day Flapjack Breakfast - For the 2nd year in a row, AL Post 1089 will be holding a Flapjack Breakfast on Nov 10th, at 10:00am, at Applebee's located at 1985 Jericho Turnpike NHP NY 11040
 - Please spread the word! Tickets are on Sale and you can also walk in.
 - Tickets are \$12 for General Public, \$10 for Legion/Scouts and their immediate family.
 - There will also be Raffles.
 - Scouts will once again help us in waitering tables,

- NHP Veterans Day Ceremony – Monday, Nov 11th - line-up will be at 10:30am and the Ceremony will begin at 10:45am.
 - The entire community is invited and we ask that everyone come out and show your support for our Veterans.

Scouting

- Troop 298 will be helping at the American Legion Pancake Breakfast on Nov 10th; and the Legion is also reaching out to Troop 544 for support.
- Troop 298 has invited the American Legion to a Troop meeting on 18 Nov 2024.
 - The meeting time is 7:30pm and will be at Gloria Dei located at 600 New Hyde Park Road, NHP.
 - The meeting's purpose is for Scouts to understand what the AL is about and share some war stories.

Marcus Christ

- The updated estimate for the Design of Marcus Christ came in over the estimated \$2.5M the Village was willing to spend.
 - The Board and Mayor met with the Engineers and Architect and looked at various value engineering options to reduce cost which included reducing the size of the overall footprint.
 - The updated bid package is expected by the end of October and will hopefully go out to bid in November
 - Budget: Estimated approximate \$2.5 million - currently have \$1.1 million Bond remainder
 - *The Mayor subsequently updated the estimate to between \$3 and \$4 million*

Miscellaneous

- There was a noise complaint on the Taco Bell drive thru
 - Binu met with the manager twice to have the volume lowered.
 - They have turned the volume down and there were no complaints as of Oct 13, 2024.

Trustee Eve Sheikh:

Senior Programs

- We had Bagels and games on September 20th
 - There was a great turnout and everyone enjoyed playing games and had fun conversations
- On October 11th the Seniors enjoyed a cooking demo by the very famous Chef Rob!
 - He made Grandma Style Spaghetti Pie and for dessert Apple cinnamon Pie! They were delicious!!
 - He shared more Tips for you all!
 - For the Best Olive Oil - only buy if it's made in Italy
 - When making Pasta- always put salt in the boiling water- otherwise it will taste blah!
 - Do not buy grated cheese! It has chemicals; buy chunks of cheese and grate it yourself
 - Put mozzarella cheese in the freezer for a 30 minutes then take it out and it will grate easily
 - When buying apples: if it's bought locally leave the skin; otherwise peel the skin because it has wax on it
 - Ambrosia apples are THE BEST and you can buy them at North Shore Farms
 - The best Vanilla extract is sold at Costco
 - To check if Baking Soda is still good add a little vinegar, if it bubbles up, it's good and if doesn't, throw it out, always store it in a dry area
 - Last Tip, when baking meats, if your dish is in the middle rack, put a sheet of aluminum foil over the first rack, will make a huge difference
- Upcoming Senior events are:
 - Terrarium workshop - October 25th at 11am, which will be fun to make!

- The Thanksgiving Lunch, our big event, will take place on November 26th at 11am.
 - Please spread the word. We are all looking forward to it. It will be a great event!
- Registration is required for all the senior programs; please email Seniorprograms@vnhp.org

Hillside Public Library

- Some of their upcoming events are:
 - Saturday, October 19th from 10:30am-12:30pm - Pumpkin Pageant! Visit the library to decorate your very own pumpkin! Winners will be announced at 1pm!
 - Tuesday, October 22nd from 10:00am-4:00pm - health insurance, application assistance
 - Friday, October 25th at 1pm - Movie showing - “Lisa Frankenstein”
 - Saturday, November 2nd from 10:15am-1:15pm – Defensive Driving Part 2
 - Friday, November 8th from 10:00am-3:00pm - Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption One-on-One Filing Workshop
 - Friday, November 15th at 1pm - Movie showing - “Bad Boys: Ride or Die”
 - More information about other interesting events can be found on the library’s website which is hillsidelibrary.info

New Hyde Park Road School

- On October 10th, The New Hyde Park Fire Department visited the school and taught the Mighty Mustangs valuable lessons on fire safety and prevention!
 - The principal was taken up 72 feet in the bucket!
 - They were truly grateful for the knowledge that the Fire Department shared with the students! The dedication and service to our community makes a lasting impact!
 - Saturday, October 19th, from 9am-12pm, the NHP Road school PTA is having a Clothing Drive
 - The PTA will be collecting unwanted clothing donations in the schoolyard
 - Friday, October 25th, from 4:30pm-7pm, the NHP Road School Class of 2025 is presenting “TRUNK or TREAT”
 - This event is open to NHP Road School Students, Families and Friends
 - Thursday, October 31st at 10am, the Road School is having a Halloween Parade!
- Saturday October 19th at 12pm, is the **NHP Memorial High School’s** Homecoming Parade! Please join us! Can’t wait!

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar:

Clerk’s Office Tax Update:

- Rebecca, the Clerk-Treasurer, shared our monthly financial report
- The Clerk’s Office is preparing for the 2023-2024 audit, which is planned to begin Monday, October 28, 2024
- The Village received the State Aide check for \$140 thousand; the amount is typically +/- 5%

Grants:

Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant:

- Dawn, the Justice Court Clerk, submitted the JCAP grant application for the next year on 10/10/2024 with the intent of updating additional things.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

- The Senior Program, run by our Senior Director, Laura, has started and continues to be funded by CDBG
- We were able to retrieve \$50,000 pending funds from the 48th year that we were waiting for
 - To clarify, the Village first spends the money and then sends invoices for reimbursement
- We applied for a new grant, the 50th year, but we were not approved for what we hoped for, primarily due to ADA requests being denied. We will follow up and appeal that decision

Culture Committee Events:

- The Culture Committee has a busy fall
- Since our last meeting we had Street Fair, which was a great
- We also had our 3rd Columbus Day Parade
 - There was a great turn out and the weather was beautiful
 - We were honored to have a well-deserved man, Mr. Umberto Corteo, as our Grand Marshall
 - We would like to thank our vendors who donated food to the event: Umberto's, Gino's, and Dominic's Deli
 - Hopefully more businesses to donate food to next years parade
- The Village's upcoming events are:
 - The Halloween Parade and Fall Festival on 10/26
 - We would like to invite our entire community to come out and enjoy the Fall activities
 - Dress up and dress your pets up too
 - There will be fall activities so come and join us
 - The Diwali Event on 11/8
 - The Veterans Day Ceremony on 11/11
 - The Holiday Tree Lighting on 11/30
- We are always looking for volunteers to help with our events!

Mayor Christopher Devane:

Special Updates

- The Village was a donation center for the victims of Hurricane Helene in North Carolina
 - Thanks to the efforts of Cheryl, who has been in contact with the communities in North Carolin, we put together this 2-day event
 - Focus changed from clothing and non-perishable items, to cleaning supplies, building supplies and most recently to food
 - People came from other towns to donate
 - Lance Belcher, owner of Doodyman, has a brother in Chimney Rock, NC and the most recent request was for food
 - Within a couple of hours, we had donations from the Lakeville Bakery and the Nuzzi Family of: 2,000 loaves of bread, 250 lbs. of butter, 450 dozen eggs, 250 lbs. of bacon and 250 lbs. of cheese
 - The community donated time taking in the collection and loading the trailer; North Shore Neon Signs for donating the 53ft trailer; Cyril and Coleen Kearney for donating the cab and driver
 - Truly heartwarming that a community can come together to help out strangers in another community
- The Village finally closed on 300 S 12th Street
 - The state approved and provided the funding
 - Wasting no time; the plan is to demo that area by early November (for free by a village resident) and make it into a new parking lot
 - Redo part of the existing lot near the Tin house
 - Open the 2 parking lots and move the commuters there
 - Then begin building the park
 - This will be special thing for the residents on that side of town
 - It started as a pipe dream.
 - Thanks to Senator Liz Kruger, who played an integral part in this, and Reid Sakowitz for putting the thought in my head

Marcus Christ

- We are on the cusp of going out to bid this month
- I had a great and productive meeting with Mr. Santo, the Attorney for the Cellini Lodge
 - We viewed the area surrounding the monument and agreed to have it amicably resolved
 - There will be a beautiful monument in that area in the future
 - Look forward to a successful outcome
 - Want everyone in the community to work together
 - Want everything in the community to look beautiful and for residents to take pride in their village: the Village Hall, Memorial Park, the future DPW and Marcus Christ Hall

Street Fair

- Thank you to Cheryl and Laura for the job you did on the street fair
 - With no experience, they did a phenomenal job

Events

- The Columbus Day Parade was a success and we had a great time
 - Umberto Corteo was celebrated as the Grand Marshal
 - Glad that this administration was the first to step forward and have a Columbus Day Parade and honor the Italian American community.

Memorial Park

- On June 1, 2022 we reinforced a policy that put in place in 2012 – that the park is for Village Residents only and we reinforced a Code of Conduct
 - You need to behave in a certain way; and until recently we had no incidences
- We need to keep the parks safe and clean so that when you enter one of our parks, you to come into a safe and clean environment that you have no problem bringing your kids to
 - We will not tolerate any disrespect there
 - Village residents need to follow a code of conduct
 - Will be closing the park to address recent conduct issues
 - *Mayor read a letter from a resident and then requested that it be included in the minutes*
- The situation is that the Baci ball court will be closed for four days, from Friday, October 18 through Tuesday October 21

We are ambitiously moving forward on a lot of projects

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM and a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Savareseer, and unanimously approved, to go to an Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura Daby

Secretary to the Board