

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 18, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Christopher Devane  
Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar  
Trustee Arthur Savarese  
Trustee Eve Sheikh  
Binu Pillay, Superintendent of Building  
Laura Daly, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

**ABSENT:** Trustee Rainer Burger  
Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW  
Rebecca Sheehan, Village Clerk-Treasurer  
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.

Mayor Devane acknowledged Tr. Burger's 35th wedding anniversary; Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar's recent Birthday; Tr. Savarese upcoming vacation; Tr. Sheikh's baby; and Rebecca Sheehan's absence. He further noted that the Resolution Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to Advertise for Competitive Bids for the Construction Of The New Marcus Christ Community Center and the Resolution Authorizing The Incorporated Village Of New Hyde To Undertake The Design And Construction Of A New Marcus Christ Community Center were withdrawn for further discussion.

**BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED**

Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the Board Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2024 were unanimously approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

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

**POLICE REPORT**

A review of the June 2024 police report was given; 6 auto accidents; 34 total aided cases (other than auto); no robberies; no residential burglaries; one commercial burglary; no car was stolen; 5 larceny charges; 2 criminal mischief charges; 6 moving violations; and 14 parking violations.

**Block Party Application - Approved:**

Ms. Lin Li has requested to hold a Block Party on Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. The Block Party location is Stewart Avenue between Covert Avenue and Premier Blvd. A rain date has of Sunday, August 18, 2024 has been chosen.

**Lower Level of Village Hall - Approved:**

The leadership of Cub Scout Pack 544 has requested the use of Village Hall's lower level to conduct their monthly leadership meetings on the following Fridays from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm: September 6, 2024,

September 30, 2024, October 11, 2024, November 8, 2024, December 6, 2024, January 17, 2025, February 14, 2025, March 7, 2025, April 4, 2025 and May 2, 2025.

**Landscaping: New – Approved:**

JL Juarez Landscaping LLC – 311 Lehrer Avenue, Elmont

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**24- 21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 24-04**

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Savarese, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 24-04 was unanimously approved.

**24-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO AWARD THE VILLAGE AUDIT CONTRACT/JUSTICE COURT AUDIT TO THE NAWROCKI FIRM**

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Savarese, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 24-04 was unanimously approved.

**24-XX A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MARCUS CHRIST COMMUNITY CENTER**

- The resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasure to Advertise for Competitive Bids for the New Marcus Christ Community Center was withdrawn for further discussion.

**24-XX A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK TO UNDERTAKE THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MARCUS CHRIST COMMUNITY CENTER**

- The resolution authorizing the Incorporated Village of New Hyde Park to Undertake the Design and Construction of a New Marcus Christ Community Center was withdrawn for further discussion.

**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**

- New Hyde Park Little League had 6 teams that competed in the Williamsport Tournament and sorry to report, none of the teams advanced.
- The Boys Major team finished the tournament with a 2-2 record.

#### **Memorial Park Update**

- Park hours are 8 am-8 pm every day. The park will be open most days unless there is inclement weather or we are experiencing a Heat Wave like we did this week.
- The Dog Park will be closed during the day when we have extreme heat from 11 am - 4 pm.
- PARK IDs are required by all to enter the park - however when the Village hosts an event, all are welcome to attend. (No Park IDs are required)
- On Thursday June 27th, we hosted a Concert at Memorial Park with the band Fivestone. We also want to thank the two Food Trucks that came out before and stayed through the concert. Dominick's Chicken Finger Truck & Zef's Pizza Fire Truck.

#### **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.
- On Thursday July 11th, construction and demo started on the old DPW facility. Igor will be filling us in on the progress of the demo and the rest of the DPW report.

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

- The Department of Public Works Superintendent was absent from this meeting.

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

##### **ZBA**

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was held July 10th, with 2 cases heard that were approved.
- The next meeting is scheduled for August 14th and as of today no cases have been submitted, the deadline is 7/24/24.

##### **ARB**

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on June 26th with 4 cases heard (which ranged from adding stone to the outside; amending a previously approved application which was conditionally approved; a new 2<sup>nd</sup> floor addition to a home (approved); and façade alterations to a commercial building which was approved.

- The next meeting is scheduled for July 24th with 5 cases to be heard which is comprised of (2) new 2<sup>nd</sup> floor additions; change of siding; addition of a portico and roof; and a commercial sign application.

#### **Planning Board**

- The last meeting of the Planning Board was scheduled for June 26th; however, no applications were submitted and the meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting is scheduled for July 24th and as of this time we have no applications submitted.

#### **VILLAGE COURT**

- The last Village Court was held yesterday, July 17th with 12 cases, which comprise of 1 parking on the lawn; 4 property maintenance; and 7 working without a permit.
- The next village court will be held on Aug. 21st, with 16 cases, which comprise of 1-obstructing sidewalk; 7 Property Maintenance; 7 Working without permits; and 1 multiple-family in a single family.

#### **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.
- During the period from 6/17 to today, the building department issued 28 permits: 9 building permits; 5 plumbing permits; 1 Roof; 3 Sidewalk/Driveway; 3 Fence; 6 Street Opening; and 1 demolition.
- 2 Certificates of Approval; 5 Certificates of Completion; and 1 Certificate of Occupancy.

### **Trustee Rainer Burger - reported by Laura Daly:**

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

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

- Waiting on MTA for a schedule on when new application to the cement façade will be applied.

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

- Striping on 2nd and 3rd Ave is complete
- That includes re-striping on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.
  - Thank You Binu and Igor for coordinating and completing!

#### **Signage**

- There is signage missing on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., specifically “One Way” signage.
  - Signage has been delivered and waiting on installation.

#### **LIRR Track Work**

- MTA/LIRR continues signal and switch work on the mainline
- Work was scheduled for the weekend, June 21<sup>st</sup> - June 23<sup>rd</sup>, but has been postponed
- We will post the Work Schedule on the E Board and Website as soon as we find out

#### **Water Authority**

- The Water Authority is ordering up a new reactor for Well 57A to get it to 100% capacity, currently 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 design and submittals are in process.
  - 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.
- Physical work is still scheduled to start September 2024.

### **Noise Abatement**

- Last TVASNAC Meeting was June 24<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Meetings are held at the Hempstead Town Hall and start at 7 pm.
- 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 will receive these reports on July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- If response is not received, Town of Hempstead and North Hempstead will move forward with Legal Action. TVASNAC is always pressuring the Port Authority and the FAA to limit the number of Flights over our community and to alternate runways. Also not to schedule flights late at night or early mornings.
- 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**

- The next meeting will be September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Village Hall
- Although there are no Post Meetings, we are planning for our fall activities which includes the Street Fair, Veterans Day, and a Legion Pancake Breakfast. The Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Nov 10th and coincides with our Veterans Day Weekend.

### **Scouting**

- Eagle Scout Project - Life Scout Michael Domingo - Memorial Wall to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Freedom. The wall is built and all the Plaques are in. We will now coordinate to get the plaques installed. The overall unveiling is scheduled for Sept 14, 2024.
- For the summer the Scouts headed out to their Annual Summer Camp at Onteora Scout Camp and we have a group of 8 Scouts that are heading to Sea Base in Florida.

### **Marcus Christ**

- The Design is 100% Complete –
  - Mayor Devane clarified that the Design is not 100% complete and that additional details will be provided in future Board Meetings.

### **Trustee Eve Sheikh:**

#### **Senior Programs**

- The senior events are on summer break and will return in September.
  - Our next Senior Event is September 20th at 11am - Bagels and Games!

#### **Hillside Library**

- The library is still offering discounted Long Island Aquarium tickets and Adventureland tickets; the tickets are available at the Hillside Library.
- Some of the upcoming Library events are:
  - July 23rd from 10am-4pm- Health insurance application assistance
  - July 30th at 1pm – a movie showing - “Willow”
  - August 5th from 6pm-7:30pm - hand painted stained-glass dish
  - August 10th at 10:30am - Summer Bingo!

- August 13th at 4:30pm - Lego Ice Cream Party!
- 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**

- New Hyde Park Road School is on summer break. Hope all are enjoying their summer!
- First day of school will be Tuesday, September 3rd.

### **Miscellaneous**

- 110 Jericho Turnpike was surfaced, the old Sleepy's building which is now Idea First Motorsport. They are in the process of renovating the facade of the building. Looking forward to the new upgrade, it definitely needs it.

## **Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar:**

### **Clerk's Office Tax Update:**

- The clerk's office is processing the 2024-2025 Village Tax payments that have thus far been received
- They were due without penalty on or before July 1, 2024
- The Office will continue to take the Tax payments anytime, with the appropriate penalties assessed
- They can also be paid on-line (with an additional fee) or in-person at the Village Hall
  - The Village Hall accepts payments by check, credit card or cash. If paying by cash, please bring the exact amount.

### **Clerk's Office Audit:**

- We will be undergoing the 2023-24 Audit soon.

### **Clerk's Office Report-**

- REVENUES for the month of June 2024
 

• Meters	\$ 2,500.00
• Parking Permits	\$ 2,100.00
• Licenses	\$ 1,487.50
• Building	\$ 20,426.97
• Zoning	\$ 150.00
• Interest on Accts	\$ 367.94
• Registrar	\$ 110.00
• Sale of Refuse	\$ 483.00
- REVENUES for the month of June 2024
 

• Traffic Court Fines	\$119,490.00
• Building Court Fines	\$ 6,770.00

### **Grants:**

- As always, this Administration tries to get as much Grant funding as possible.

### **Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant:**

- We applied for \$25,000 in October 2023 and approved for \$18,885 in March 2024
- We purchased chairs for the Court and are planning to update the audio/visual capabilities in this room with the remaining balance

### **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):**

- The Senior Program will continue to be funded by the CDBG
  - The program will continue in September.

- The ADA Grant for the gate, ramp and awning is in process.
  - Binu is currently getting estimates

### **Culture Committee Events:**

- The next event will be in September; more details will be shared at the August meeting.

### **Summer Concert**

- The Summer concert was a great success and the food trucks were a hit

### **Summer Camp**

- The Village Children's Summer Camp is on-going and will run thru August 8<sup>th</sup>
- During the heatwave we have the sessions in the Village Hall where kids enjoy games and/or watch a movie
- Please have your child bring water to the camp, it's hot
- Every Thursday is water day so dress your child accordingly

## **Mayor Christopher Devane**

### **Hero's Memorial Wall**

- We will do the unveiling of the Wall of Heroes on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - We are in the planning phase and will give more details in August.

### **Lots**

- Brooklyn Avenue – there will be a one-hour time limit
- 2024 is our construction year. We already started on the Central Avenue dealing with some flooding issues and some drainage issues on Lakeville. Both lots are going to be repaved starting Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Cars will need to be removed starting Tuesday at 6pm through Monday morning, July 29<sup>th</sup>
  - The plan is to bring back the Farmers Market to the Central lot next year
- Brooklyn lot will be next will take more work
- Looking to put up parking stations or poles in the parking lot which are very expensive
- Everyone needs to do a better job with the cleanliness of the parking lots

### **Street Fair**

- Cheryl is working on the plans for the 2024 Street Fair
- The Chamber was told that they were going to be charged if the Business is not in the Village of New Hyde Park and wanted to know the reason
  - Last year there were over 150 vendors and historically, in an effort to get more vendors, there was no charge
  - There are expenses associated with the street Fair to the tune of \$20,000 that are picked up by the Village and Craft-A-Fair; DPW, i.e. overtime, tables, chairs etc.
  - We have no intention of making money on this event
  - Village Businesses, whether in the Chamber or not, will not have a charge.
  - Non-Village Chamber members who want a space on the sidewalk, will have a \$75 charge.
    - This is cheaper than other Villages and going on the street
  - If your Business/Organization is outside of the Village, there will be a fee to participate in the Street Fair, no exemptions
  - Mayor Devane then presented a check for \$200 to sponsor the participation fee for the following Non-Profit Organizations: Boy Scout Troop 298; The New Hyde Park Fire Department; the VFW and the American Legion

- The Mayor wants it put on the record that the incoming President of the Chamber of Commerce, Cheryl Fajardo, thinks the rates and the fees are reasonable
- He also wants a 'Thank You' on the record to Ralph Ventura and the Pallisco Family for being vocal supporters of what we are doing with the Street Fair and the rates we are charging

#### **Facilities - Village Hall**

- Continue to get very good reports on the color
- We are very animal friendly. Anthony, the painter, noticed a bird's nest over the front door with young birds in it. Anthony was able to drill a hole in the and we now have a bird's nest on the side of the building
- We are working on a new Village Hall sign
- We met with the Cellini Lodge because the monument needs to be moved; and we are working together to make it happen.
  - The platform from the monument will need to go away and the monument will be moved forward towards Jerich Turnpike so Marcus Christ Hall can be moved forward.
  - We are going to preserve the globe and the plaques and make it beautiful

#### **300 S 12<sup>th</sup> Street**

- We received a text from the Governor's Regional Representative and he said that they will be reaching out to us regarding the Grant; glad you are able to get this going and we are ready to close on that property together
- There is still some environmental work that needs to be done on the sock factory that which is being worked out with the owner
- In terms of the order of the work that needs to be done: purchase the old sock factory and close on it; then demo the cleaners, laundromat and sock factory and convert it into a parking lot; and we will then move into the park area and start the park
  - We've already been in contact with Landtek and a Design Firm that has made a presentation

#### **DPW**

- The work is under construction.

#### **Memorial Park**

- We received calls about closing Memorial Park. The process is that the Mayor, Tr. Savarese and Frank, who runs the park, review the weather conditions every morning. When there is an air quality alert advising people to stay indoors and a high temperature humidity warning, there is no need to keep the park and the dog park open. During the heatwave, for the safety of the public and the children, a decision will be made to close the park.
- Additionally, during the Summer Camp hours, the park is supposed to be closed till 4:30 anyway so this really should not impact the residents.
- During the heat wave the Summer Camp is moved from the park to the Village Hall

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM and a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Savarese, and unanimously approved, to go to an Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Laura Daly*

Secretary to the Board