

VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
January 16, 2025

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

ABSENT: Trustee Rainer Burger
Peter S. Trentacoste, Attorney to the Board of Trustees
Benjamin Truncale, Jr., Attorney to the Board of Trustees
Laura Daly, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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

Special Presentation:

The meeting began with a presentation given by children from The New Hyde Park Chinese Association regarding the 2025 Chinese Lunar New Year, the Year of the Snake. The presentation was most informative as details of this Chinese tradition were explained as well as the details of the Chinese zodiac cycle, with each year represented by an animal. Chinese New Year decorations will be displayed in the Village Hall for our community to visit.

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

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

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

POLICE REPORT

A review of the December 2024 police report was given; 8 auto accidents; 43 total aided cases (other than auto); no robberies; no residential burglary; no commercial burglary; no car was stolen; 6 other larceny charges; 1 criminal mischief charge; 4 moving violations; and 10 parking violations.

License / Permits New / Renewal:

Landscaping Renewals – All Approved:

Frank Landscaping – 100 Westbury Blvd, Hempstead, NY 11550
McNulty Outdoors Inc – 99 Lakeville Rd, NHP, NY 11040
Deamorim Landscaping- 35 Cherry Lane, Carle Place, NY11514

Restaurant/Public Assembly Renewals – All Approved:

Wong's Garden - 1203 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park, NY 11040
Yesterday's Diner- 443 Jericho Tpke, NHP, NY 11040

Carters: Renewal - Approved

PCI Contracting Inc- 49 Satterie Ave, Valley Stream, NY 11580

Used Car: Renewal - Approved

Auto PHD – 167 Lakeville Rd, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

RESOLUTIONS:

24-65 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 24-16

- Upon motion by Tr. Sheikh, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 24-16 was unanimously approved.

24-66 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING VILLAGE ELECTION DAY 2025 AND POLLING PLACE

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Savarese, the resolution establishing a Village Election Day and polling place 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 and Events. (@villageofnhp)
- 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

- Online registration for the Spring Little League Season has begun. Please go to the NHPLL website to register. The address is <https://www.newhydeparklittleleague.com/>

Memorial Park Update

- Park hours are 8am-4:30pm every day if the weather cooperates
 - We will open the courts daily for residents to use

Village of New Hyde Park

Regular Meeting January 16, 2025

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 an email to 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/>
- Igor will be filling us in on the progress of the DPW Facility and the rest of the DPW report.

Department of Public Works: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent

Sanitation December 2024:

- 566 tons of refuse and recycling consisting of:
 - 437 tons of MSW
 - 21 tons of newspaper
 - 17 tons of commingled recyclables
 - 37 tons of yard waste
 - 54 tons of construction debris
- There are two double days scheduled before the next meeting:
 - There will be no sanitation collection on Monday, January 20th, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Monday, February 17th, Presidents Day.
 - Collections will resume on the following Tuesday after both Monday holidays. On those Tuesdays, there will be garbage collection on both sides of the Village and Newspaper collection on the northside. Please plan accordingly.
- 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.
- On windy days remember to properly secure all their waste and especially recyclables.
- Cardboard should be bundled tightly and commingled recyclables should be in a clear bag or in a recycling bin with the cover securely placed on top.

Operations:

- Installation and repair of new street signs and poles due to aging and damage is on-going.
 - In December, approximately 20 street signs were repaired, replaced, or relocated.
- 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 maintenance at this point is conducted monthly or as needed.
- Roadside leaf collection was completed in December.
 - Over 130 tons of leaves from across the Village was collected.
 - If you have any vegetative debris to discard, put it out with your regular sanitation.

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 December.
- Tree trims and removals will continue next month.
- Tree plantings have been completed for the season.
 - In 2024 we planted 48 new trees
- If you requested a new tree or have a question about your current tree, you can call Village Hall or use the MyVNHP App.
- In December, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 28 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 responded to one snow event - on December 21st DPW personnel performed salt spreading operations throughout the Village.
 - Approximately 25-30 tons of salt were spread on Village roads and approximately 25 bags of salt were placed on sidewalks maintained by the Village.

DPW Renovation Update (6 months into the project):

- The foundation walls and interior concrete slab for the new truck garage have been poured; the foundation walls and basement slab for the new office have been poured; and the walls for the new salt shed are in the process of being installed.
- The structural framing for the truck garage has been delivered and the installation of the frame should take place over the next couple of weeks.
- We anticipate the delivery and installation of the new office structure, which is a prefabricated building, to occur sometime in March.
- The installation of the salt shed roof structure should take place in early February; all these items are weather dependent at this point.
- The electrician has been onsite installing all the new wiring in the existing garage and installing the new wiring within the new truck garage and new office building.
- The plumber has installed the new bathroom in the existing garage and has run the rough plumbing for the new office.
- The project is moving along very well and it is anticipated that most of the structures should be up and in place by the Spring.
- If construction continues as anticipated, substantial completion of the entire project is estimated for this Summer.

S.12th Street Parking Lot:

- The construction of the new parking lot at 300 S. 12th Street is ongoing.
- The contractor installed all the drainage basins last month and has recently installed all the new concrete curbing, sidewalks, and aprons.
- Most recently the contractor worked on leveling the soil and placing concrete aggregate creating the subsurface layer for the parking lot.
- The next step would be to begin the placement of the asphalt, however, due to the low temperatures that we have been experiencing recently, the placement of the asphalt has been put on hold.

Building Department - Binu Pillay, Superintendent:

ZBA

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was scheduled for January 8th, 2025; the applicant was seeking approval to install a 6ft fence for privacy purposes, application was approved.

- The next meeting is scheduled for Feb 12th; we have 1 case, and the applicant is seeking to construct a new second floor addition.

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was December 18, 2024, with 2 cases heard
 - 1 case was about adding stone to the rest of the house that was originally approved in a previous ARB meeting, and it was approved
 - 1 case was about seeking to install a commercial sign which was conditionally approved
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2025 with 1 case to be heard
 - The applicant is seeking to construct a new second floor addition.

Planning Board

- The last meeting of the Planning Board was scheduled for January 8, 2025; however, no applications were submitted and the meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2025, and thus far no applications have been submitted.

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held on January 15, 2025 with 19 cases, which comprised of 3- Sidewalk obstruction, 9- Garbage out before 7pm, 2- Working without a permit, and 5- Rental without registration.
- The next village court will be held on February 19th with 19 cases, which are comprised of 13- Garbage out before 7pm; 1- Commercial vehicle on village property; 3- Working without a permit; 1 - Car blocking sidewalk; and 1- Parking more than 1 commercial vehicle on a residential lot.

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 December 21st to January 16th the building department issued 21 permits, 4 -Building permits; 5 -Plumbing permits; 1- Roof; 1- Sidewalk/Driveway; 4- Street Opening; and 6- Solar.
- There were also 3 - Certificates of Approval; 16- Certificates of Completion; and 6- Rental Registration Certificates.

The Mayor commented about the Village ticketing those who put their garbage out before 7PM and noted that it is not about the 7PM timing but more about issuing a ticket to those who put their garbage out well in advance of that timing and leave their garbage out all day.

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

Village of New Hyde Park
Clerk's Department Report - December 2024

		CURRENT
Revenue	Description	12/31/2024
Taxes Interest & Penalty		\$4,075.50
PARKING PERMITS	TYPE A-R-B	\$39,950.00
LICENSES	CARTING, PLUMBING, RESTAURANT, TAXI	\$2,940.00
BUILDING	STREET OPENINGS, PLAN, LATE FILING, SR	\$21,445.89
ZONING	SPECIAL USE/EXCEPTION, HEARINGS	\$1,225.00
REGISTRAR	DEATH CERT, CERTIFIED COPIES	\$160.00
SALE OF REFUSE		\$6,652.20
Revenue	Description	12/31/2024
COURT FINES	TRAFFIC COURT FINES	\$89,230.00
	BUILDING COURT FINES	\$17,824.00

Clerk \$90,618.36

Court \$107,054.00

Total Revenue \$197,672.36

Trustee Rainer Burger – Reported by Rebecca Sheehan:

LIRR Track Work

- No Track work planned as far as the Village is aware
- There was activity on Sunday 1/12/2025 within the LIRR Right of Way but the Village was not notified.
- LIRR has the right to do work within their Right of Way, but the village is asking the LIRR to notify the Village as a courtesy

Water Authority

- Station 40 in NHP is being rebuilt and the Emerging Contaminants project is moving at a steady pace.
 - The masonry contractors are at work and new vessels and reactors are to be installed in March.
- Station 57, New Hyde Park, has been bid and awarded to Bensin Contracting.
 - We are expecting delivery of the 3rd AOP reactor this week which will be received and placed inside the treatment building.
 - Work is not expected to start until later this Spring and the timing will be tricky so that we don't lose both wells during peak pumping season.
- Cell carriers are working on the high tank on their equipment.
 - Completion of the project has been delayed as a result of weather and high winds; work is expected to wrap up by January 24, 2025.

Noise Abatement

- The last TVASNAC meeting was on November 25th; and there wasn't a meeting in December.
 - The next meeting is January 27, 2025

- Meetings are held at Hempstead Town Hall and start at 7 pm.
- No major updates for this month other than TVASNAC continues to pressure the FAA/Port Authority to utilize the restricted air space over the Atlantic Ocean for commercial flights due to the overwhelming number of flights over our community.
- 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

- There are no Legion Post meetings in January and February.
- The next Legion Meeting will be held on March 8, 2025
- Legion Post Officers met on 1/14/2025 to begin planning out the Year
 - The next major events include: St Patrick's Day Parades, Little League Parade and Memorial Day.

Scouting

- Troop 298 Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on Dec 28, 2024
 - The Village awarded proclamations to the Scouts and once again Congratulations Eagle Scouts: Michael Dore, Ryan Amante, Leonardo Burgus, Liam Booth and Edward Dean.
- Pack 544 Pancake Breakfast we held on Jan 12, 2025 – Thank you to all those who supported the Pack.
- Troop 298 will be having their Pancake Breakfast on March 2, 2025. Please come out and support the Troop.
- Pack 544 – Blue and Gold – Cross over event will be held on Feb 28 at Clinton G Martin at 6:30 pm
- Eagle Candidates Michael Domingo and Sherwin Fernandes will have their Eagle Boards by the end of January
 - We wish them well.
- Eagle candidate Michael Domingo donated \$5,000, left over from his Eagle Project (Wall of Heroes) to the Village of NHP.
 - Funds will be used for the maintenance, cleaning, and landscaping of the Wall of Heroes over the next few years.

Marcus Christ

- Design is complete and The Village went out for Bid in December 2024
 - Bids are due back next week on January 23, 2025
- Mayor Devane to give further update

Trustee Eve Sheikh:

Senior Programs Upcoming Events

- Friday, January 17th, 11am, learn how to make Dessert from a lavender herb
 - Should be delicious and relaxing!
- Friday, January 31st, 11am, Paul the plant guy is back!
 - Seniors get a chance to win free plants and get educated on plant care.
- Friday, February 7th, 11am, Valentine Bingo!
 - Should filled with laughter and love!
- Registration is required for all the senior programs; please email Seniorprograms@vnhp.org

Hillside Public Library Upcoming Events

- On January 22nd from 10am – 12pm a new program is being offered - Community Legal Help
 - ***Community Legal Aide provides free Legal Consultations to you!***
- All Nassau County residents can meet with Lawyers for free legal information and referrals

- Help topics include: Custody, Domestic Violence, Landlord/Tenant issues, Elder Law, Bankruptcy, Foreclosure, Immigration, Disability, and more.
- Knowing how expensive Lawyers can be, it's great that Legal assistance is available at no cost!
- Sunday, January 26th, from 12:30-1:30pm - Winter Bingo!
- Sunday, February 2nd, at 1pm - Movie showing "Fly Me to the Moon"
- Wednesday, February 5th, from 6-7:30pm - Town of North Hempstead's Assessment Grievance Seminar:
 - Mary Jo Collins, the Town of North Hempstead Receiver of Taxes, will deliver a presentation on how to challenge (or grieve) your property's assessment.
 - Following the presentation, she and her staff will be available to answer questions and provide additional assistance.
- Defensive Driving Classes – two sessions – save 10% on NY State Insurance
 - Part 1, Saturday, February 8th, from 10:15am-1:15pm
 - Part 2, Saturday, February 15th, from 10:15am-1:15pm
 - A check or money order of \$30 is required
- More information about other interesting events or programs can be found on the library's website: hillside library.info

New Hyde Park Road School

- The school is asking for donations of Lego's to their Library. They are collecting Lego bricks and sets for their library program specifically
 - Any new or gently used LEGO sets
 - Loose LEGO bricks
 - LEGO people
 - LEGO baseplates
 - Donations can be made into a designated bin in the library's main lobby until January 31, 2025
- The school is still offering an after-school enrichment Winter program to children entering kindergarten thru 6th grade.
 - Winter session runs from January thru March.
 - The program is held on Wednesdays from 3-4:30pm
 - It's \$147 per session
 - You can register with the school if interested.

New Hyde Park Memorial High School:

- On January 13th, our Board was invited to help the school raise the Banner recognizing their accomplishment of being named a National Unified Champion School.
 - Thank you to all that attended!
 - Congratulations to the Unified Participants!

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar:

Clerk's Office Tax Update:

- Rebecca shared our monthly Financial Report
- We are still waiting for a follow up from the auditors and will keep you updated. regarding the 2023-24 Audit.
- The Tentative Assessment roll will be available to our Residents as of February 1.
 - Residents who would like to grieve their Village Property taxes have to do it by February 18th.
 - Contact the Clerk's Office for additional information and assistance if needed

Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant:

- The JCAP Grant was submitted for the next year on October 10, 2024; we are still waiting to hear back with an update.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

- We have \$30,000 allocated to our Village residents under the Residential Rehab programs for those who qualify
 - We would like to use the funds sooner than later
 - Funds can be used for windows, a roof, etc. and the Grant expires on August 31st
 - There is an income threshold to be eligible
 - You can call for anyone in our Village
 - Call the Clerk's office for additional information
 - The check will be mailed directly to the contractor

Culture Committee Events:

- The new year is here, and that means that the Cultural Committee will be planning for the Village's annual celebrations
 - Beginning with the Chinese New Year Event
 - I would like to thank the New Hyde Park Chinese Association that joined tonight's meeting to educate our community on the significance of the Lunar New Year celebration
 - Upcoming is our Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Saturday, March 8th
 - We will provide additional details at the February Borad Meeting
- You can get updates on the E-board in front of the Village Hall; the VNHP website; and Instagram.
 - You can also refer to the Winter Newsletter coming out soon.

Mayor Christopher Devane:

The Mayor began by wishing everyone a "Happy New Year" and thanking the Chinese Association for attending the meeting.

Event Updates – Mayor Devane touched upon recent Events

- The New Hyde Park Memorial High School had a celebration for their National Banner Recognition which is their Unified Program, a well-deserved achievement
 - The Mayor encouraged all to attend a play that the program is having, "Down the Rabbit Hole" on January 31 and February 1.
- The Mayor touched upon snow removal
 - Homeowners, Landlords and Businesses are responsible to removing snow from your premises.
 - We are and will be handing out summons if the snow is not removed from your sidewalks

Premises Update

- The Christmas Tree lights are still up because they are so beautiful
 - They will remain on until they are taken down
- The Mayor asked Igor or Binu to give an update on the New Hyde Park Road side of the Village Hall
 - Cables will be run under ground to bring power to the Village Hall
 - There are always things that we are working on to improve here

Marcus Christ Community Center

- Hopefully you've seen the sign out front showing the design of the Marcus Christ Community Center
- We went out to bid and bids are coming back
- Once we break ground, we anticipate 12 to 16 months of construction
- It will have the Village and the American Legion Insignia on it

- It will be great and utilized by every ethnicity in the Village
- A Bond Resolution was adopted on January 2, 2025
 - We put up Public Notices in the Kiosks, Memorial Park, Village Hall and the Fire houses to let everyone know
 - We went out for \$3.5 million dollars, which doesn't mean that we are going to spend all of it
 - We are very fortunate that Scott Strauss approved another County Grant for \$350,000
 - To summarize, we have \$500,000 in County Grants; \$450,000 in State Grants and another \$400,000 set aside from taxes from a couple of years back
 - We are going to see what the number come in at and we are not going to hold off on streets since we may have a little bit of money in to focus on side streets
 - We will need to take a tour around the streets to prioritize which streets need work first
 - There is a company that comes in and rates the streets so the improvement decision it is not done by the Board

300 S 12th Street - progress

- The new parking lot cannot be paved due to the weather
- Both parking lots will need to be open when we start building the park
- The park is being paid for with state money

DPW Update

- Construction is moving very nicely

2025 Outlook

- 2025 is going to be a very exciting time here in the Village
- We are going to have 3 construction projects going on simultaneously
- On February 2nd there will be a pancake breakfast with the New Hyde Park Juniors and on March 2nd there will be another pancake breakfast for Troop 298, both will be held at Applebee's in NHP.
- The Mayor recognized Sofia Pierno who was elected President of the Nassau County Junior Fire Fighters
- March 8th will be the 4th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade
 - It starts on Hillside Blvd. and ends at the Fire House.
 - It is a great event; several Fire Departments participate; former Grand Marshals attend; as well as our Police Commissioner
 - The Grand Marshal will be revealed soon
- The Mayor noted that the Village is working jointly with members from the Cellini Lodge to move the Cellini Lodge Statue that is in the middle of the construction zone
 - Cellini members and their Attorney are aware of this
 - There are no further details at this time
 - It will be returned once the construction is completed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM and a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Sheikh, and unanimously approved, to go to an Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura Daly

Secretary to the Board