

REGULAR MEETING

April 17, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Devane
Trustee Rainer Burger
Trustee Ed Quinlan
Trustee Eve Sheikh
Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW
Binu Pillay, Superintendent of Building
Rebecca Sheehan, Village Clerk-Treasurer

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar
Benjamin Truncale, Jr., Attorney to the Board of Trustees
Peter S. Trentacoste, Attorney to the Board of Trustees
Laura Daly, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The meeting began with a moment of silence for two people who had lost their lives in Florida. Mayor Devane then proceeded to review the Resolutions and then the swearing in of the new Trustee, Edward (Ed) Quinlan.

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Trustee Burger, the Board Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2025, were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

The Police Report for March 2025 was submitted by the Nassau County Police Department.

POLICE REPORT

A review of the March 2025 police report was given; 17 auto accidents; 46 total aided cases (other than auto); no robbery; no residential burglary; no commercial burglary; no car was stolen; 2 other larceny charges: 1 criminal mischief charge; 9 moving violations; and 21 parking violations.

License/Permit New/Renewal:

Landscaping: Renewals - Approved

EMR Landscaping Inc – 11 Thrush Lane, Levittown, NY 11756
J&S Landscaping & Construction – 206 Jay St, Freeport, NY 11520
R Centeno Landscaping Corp – 96 Manhattan Ave, Roosevelt, NY 11575
Paumanok Lawn Tech – 93 E Seaman Ave, Freeport, NY 11520
Mineola Landscaping Inc – 27 Morningside Dr, Westbury, NY 11590
German Beltran Landscaping – PO Box 960117, Inwood, NY 11096
Santos Landscape – 45 Hagen St, Brentwood, NY 11717
Ales Landscaping Corp. – 21 Virginia Dr, Elmont, NY 11003
J Alvarez Landscaping Corp – 156 Argyle Ave, Uniondale, NY 11553

Landscaping: New - Approved

Recchia Landscaping – 87 Bay St, Southampton, NY 11968
Emmanuel Landscaping Corp – 8777 146th St, Jamaica, NY 11435

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Carter: Renewal - Approved:

S&M Prompt Rubbish Removal Service Inc. 425 W. Sunrise Highway, Freeport, NY 11520

Peddler Permit: Renewal - Approved

New Hope Community Church – 2 Herkomer Street, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Peddler Permit: New - Approved

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Hailey Panagakos from Catalyst Marketing Group – Verizon Fios – Internet & Cable

1025 Old Country Rd, Westbury, NY 11590

RESOLUTIONS:

24-111 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 24-22

- Upon motion by Trustee Quinlan, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 24-22 was unanimously approved.

24-112 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2025-2026 BUDGET

- Upon motion by Trustee Quinlan, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution authorizing the adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget was unanimously approved.

24-113 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing the Appointment of Village Officials get was unanimously approved.

24-114 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CORRECT THE AGREEMENT WITH ADVANCED SOUND COMPANY (RESOLUTION 24-81)

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to correct the Agreement with Advanced Sound Company was unanimously approved.

24-115 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THREE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES FROM PART TIME STATUS TO SEASONAL STATUS

- Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing the transfer of three Department of Public Works Employees from Part time status to Seasonal Status was unanimously approved.

24-116 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE 2005 INTERNATIONAL ROLL OFF TRUCK

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution authorizing the sale of the 2005 International Roll Off Truck was unanimously approved.

24-117 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL J. GUIDO JR. ARCHITECT P.C. (MJG)

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Michael L. Guido Jr. Architect (MJG) was unanimously approved.

24-118 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL TESTING LABORATORY, INC.

- Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Municipal Testing Laboratory, Inc. was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Trustee Ed Quinlan

Parks and Recreation, Little League, Tree Committee, Neighborhood Watch

Trustee Rainer Burger

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

Trustee Eve Sheikh

Library, Senior Programs, Schools, Business Relations, Public Information, Chamber of Commerce

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., Dept. of Public Works (DPW)/Redevelopment

Department of Public Works: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent**Sanitation March 2025:**

- 410 tons of refuse and recycling consisting of:
 - 373 tons of MSW
 - 18 tons of newspaper
 - 19 tons of commingled recyclables
- There are no double days scheduled before the next meeting
- 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
- All recyclables must be properly secured with a lid on the pail or placed in a plastic bag. We have had several very windy days over the past few months, please do everything you can to prevent your recyclables from getting blown around during windy days.

Operations:

- Installation and repair of new street signs and poles due to aging and damage is on-going
 - In March, 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 is now being conducted on a weekly basis.
- We have begun our Spring maintenance and clean-up operations.

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 March
 - The tree maintenance contractor was in the Village last month and conducted approximately 30 tree trims, 15 tree removals, and 20 stump removals

- If you have any questions or concerns regarding the tree in front of your house or would like to request a new tree, please use the MyVNHP App or call Village Hall.
- Our next planting season will be in the Fall
- During the month of March, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 30 service requests that were received via the MyVNHP App or phone calls to the Village Hall
 - The majority of calls this month were regarding trees
- Pothole repairs were conducted several times in March
 - Approximately 40-50 potholes were repaired
 - DPW will be out performing pothole repairs on an as needed basis throughout the Spring and Summer

DPW Renovation Update (9 months into the project):

- The structural framing for the truck garage was installed in February with the exterior sheathing and roofing to follow this month
- The installation of the salt shed exterior structure and shell is now complete
- The contractor has begun the install of concrete pads that will be used for dumpster storage and material handling procedures
- The module office building has been delivered and is onsite, and installation is anticipated to take place on April 18
- The project is moving along very well and it is anticipated that most of the structures should be up and in place by the beginning of May
- If construction continues as anticipated, substantial completion of the entire project is estimated for this Summer.

S.12th Street Parking Lot:

- The new parking lot located at 300 S.12th Street is now open
- It is anticipated that our contractor will begin construction on the second new parking lot located in the existing S.12th Street lot the week of April 21st
- During the construction of the second new parking lot, there are still 46 parking spaces available along the northern section of the existing lot
- Repair of the second lot should take 3-4 weeks, depending on the weather
- The next and last step in this construction project would be the construction of the new park.

Building Department: Binu Pillay, Superintendent:

ZBA.

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was on April 9, 2025 with 2 cases heard:
 - the homeowner is seeking to construct a new two-story rear addition with a 2nd kitchen (aka SEP)
 - the homeowner is seeking to construct a rear extension to the first floor
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 14th
 - as of today, we have one application that was adjourned from 4/9/2025

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on March 26th with 5 cases heard:
 - 3 for commercial signs which 2 were approved and one adjourned for April 23rd
 - 1 for second floor addition which was approved
 - 1 for a rear 1 story addition which was approved
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 23rd with 3 cases to be heard: 2 for commercial signs and 1 for a new dormer.

PLANNING BOARD

- The last meeting of the Planning Board was scheduled for April 9, 2025; however, no applications were submitted and the meeting was cancelled
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2025, and thus far no applications have been submitted

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held on April 16, 2025 with 37 cases which comprised of 6- Sidewalk obstruction; 2- Property Maintenance; 15- Garbage out before 7pm; 2- Failed to remove snow; 1- Noise above allowed level, 7- Renting without registering; 1- Illegal business; and 3 Construction without a permit
- The next Village Court will be held on May 21st with 31 cases which comprise of 11- Garbage out before 7pm; 7- Sidewalk not clean/property maintenance; 2- Working without a permit; 1- Failed to repair the sidewalk; 2- Village property utilized without approval; 3- Renting without registration; 1- Illegal business; and 4- Car obstructing the sidewalk

RENTAL REGISTRATION

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

SPECIAL USE

- There were 2 special use cases heard in March; and there were no Special Use applications heard on April 17th
- During the period from March 20th thru April 17th, the Building Department issued 37 permits: 5- Building permits; 6- Plumbing permits; 5- Roof; 2- Fence; 10- Street opening; 5- Driveway; 2- Sign; 1- Tree removal; and 1 Dumpster
- There were also 9- Certificates of Approval; 13- Certificates of Completion; and 1- Rental Registration Certificate

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

Village of New Hyde Park		
Clerk's Department Report - March 2025		
		Current Mo.
Revenue	Description	3/31/2025
Taxes Interest & Penalty		\$96,297.32
LICENSES	CARTING, PLUMBING, RESTAURANT, TAXI	\$8,575.00
BUILDING	STREET OPENINGS, PLAN, LATE FILING, SRF	\$20,530.79
ZONING	SPECIAL USE/EXCEPTION, HEARINGS	\$650.00
Revenue	Description	3/31/2025
COURT FINES	TRAFFIC COURT FINES	\$62,530.00
	BUILDING COURT FINES	\$675.00
	Clerk	\$143,981.49
	Court	\$63,205.00
	Total Revenue	\$207,186.49

- The Village took in over \$116,000 in Delinquent Taxes between February 1, 2025 thru April 4, 2025

Trustee Ed Quinlan:

Since it was Ed Quinlan's first meeting as a Trustee, he provided some background information about himself. He expressed his excitement to contribute to the village's journey and thanked Mayor Devane, fellow Trustees, and others for their time and patience in assisting him in making the transition to Trustee.

New Hyde Park Little League

- The 2025 New Hyde Park Little League practice and game schedules for both the boys and girls' teams have been received from the League Commissioner
- We will work together to make sure that everything will be done to assist in getting the season successfully off the ground

Trustee Rainer Burger:

LIRR Track Work

- No Track work planned as far as the Village is aware
 - A follow-up email was sent with respect to Graffiti at Covert Ave and we are working to remove it

Water Authority

- Both Station 40 (NHP) and 44 (Elmont) now have water tight treatment buildings
 - The GAC vessels arrived and were installed at Station 40
 - The AOP reactors are due in at the end of the month at which time work will pick up the pace
- Station 57 (NHP) 3rd reactor and chemical tanks are all physically in
 - Lab samples have been taken and we are awaiting the results
 - At this point it is about the SCADA programming and running to waste, until we get the most efficient flow rate

Noise Abatement

- Last TVASNAC Meeting was on March 24
 - The Board discussed the raw data information taken from the Floral Park Noise Monitor
 - The information was very informative and organized by time of day, flight numbers, aircraft name and type and arrival times for runways into JFK
 - The aircrafts were consistent with the 65 DNL (day night average sound level)
 - Some of the aircrafts were slightly higher at 67 DBL
 - There were some as low as 62 DBL
 - TVASNAC is pushing the FAA for 55 DBL so we can be compatible to the European model
 - Aircrafts height was also monitored
 - Flights using runway 22L, which is the flight path traveling over our Village arriving at JFK, was calculated at 1,450'-1,550'
 - Some Helicopters were calculated in flying 869' at 68 DBL
- As always TVASNAC urges people to report low flying aircrafts and helicopters to the FAA
 - The lawsuit was filed in the D.C. Circuit Court in January and we were told it might take 6 months for an answer
 - Next meeting is April 21, 2025
 - Meetings are held at Hempstead Town Hall and start at 7 pm
 - Residents are also 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

- An American Legion Meeting was held on Apr 12, 2025
 - Meeting focused on benefits and upcoming parades that include Little League and Memorial Day

- Sunday, May 18th, 2:30 - Vietnam Veteran War Association will hold a remembrance service for all those who gave their lives
 - Service will be held at Our Holy Redeemer Church in Freeport; Msgr. Fink from Notre Dame will be the guest speaker
- American Legion Auxiliary is holding a Fund Raiser for Veterans with Food Insecurity at Omega Diner on May 3rd between 12 pm and 4 pm
 - Omega Diner is donating 15% of every check
- Legion members are dwindling and we are looking for New Members
 - Please take a copy of the article and share with your neighbors, friends or anyone that you know that has served and may be able to help

Scouting

- Troop 298 Eagle Scout Michael Domingo's Eagle Scout Ceremony will be held on May 4th at the NHP Elks Club at 11am
- On March 22, 23 Life Scout Eyal Englander completed his Eagle Project at the Veterans Affairs office that included the cleanup and rebuilding of an exterior area with benches, water fountain and some landscaping
- Life Scout Milo Liao had gotten his Eagle Scout Project Approved
 - This project consists of refurbishing the pocket park located next to Holy Spirit
 - It includes refurbishing the benches and landscaping
 - He will be coordinating with the Village in the next several weeks to get the project started

Marcus Christ

- Construction on Marcus Christ has started
 - Contractor has mobilized; excavation work and foundation work has begun
 - Concrete to be poured in early June with structure steel work starting in late June/early July
 - Overall, we are looking at the completion of Construction in March 2026

Trustee Eve Sheikh:

Eve began by congratulating Ed and Chris on their election success

Senior Programs Events

- Friday, March 21st - we had our Spring Craft Workshop
 - the Seniors made very cute Spring flower decorations
- Friday, April 11th - we had our very famous Chef Rob return!!
 - He shared his Italian chicken salad in lettuce cups and oatmeal-raisin cafe cookies recipes!
 - They were delicious!! Seniors really love Rob Chef!
 - He shared a few more cooking tips with the community
 - When handling brown sugar - ALWAYS pat it down
 - To have brown sugar last longer, add a marshmallow!
 - The BEST vanilla extract is the Costco brand that is available at Costco!
 - When baking cookies, always try to have the cookie batter the same size

Senior Programs Upcoming Events:

- Friday, May 2nd, 11:00am – A Magic show for the Seniors!
 - The very talented Gary Ferrar will be the Magician!
 - We are very excited and cannot wait!
- Friday, May 16th, 11am - Bracelet making event for the Seniors
 - Should be fun!

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- Registration is required for all the senior programs; please email Seniorprograms@vnhp.org

Hillside Public Library Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, April 23rd from 12pm-2pm - in person Monthly Blood pressure screenings
- Sunday, April 27th from 1pm-3pm - Midday Mocktails with Melinda!
 - Toast Spring with delicious and refreshing non-alcoholic mocktails!
 - This event is for adults only at a cost of \$5 per person
 - Registration is required on the library's website
- Wednesday, May 7th from 6:30-8pm - The Library's Board of Trustees Meeting
- Thursday, May 29th, 1:00pm - Scam awareness for everyone*
 - Legislator Scott Strauss, in partnership with County Executive Bruce Blakeman, Nassau County Office of Crime Victim Advocate, Nassau County Office for the Aging, Nassau County Police Dept. Community Affairs and the Family & Children's Association, is hosting a free scam awareness presentation to help residents identify scams
 - Learn how to report one and how to recover if they ever become a scam victim

***Registration is required to attend: Please call [516-571-6209](tel:516-571-6209) or email LD9-Events@nassaucountyny.gov**

- More information about other interesting events or programs can be found on the library's website: hillsidelibrary.info

New Hyde Park Road School

- 2025 Summer Recreation Program is being made available by Nassau County P.A.L.
 - All sessions begin Monday, June 30th through Friday, August 15th
 - Registration information is available on the Road School Website
- The next Board of Education meeting is on May 12th at 8:00pm at Manor Oaks School
- Kids are off the week of April 13th for Spring Break and they will return to school on April 21st!

New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce

- I attended the Chamber of Commerce Grand Opening Event for their newest member - **The Beauty Cellar** on April 9th
- Congratulations to them!

I would like to clarify a statement made by former Trustee Savarese at the March meeting. Trustee Savarese said that the Village has 18,000 followers on Instagram which is not correct; we actually have 1,882 followers

- Please follow our Instagram account under Villageofnph for special notices and events

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar – reported by Rebecca Sheehan:

Deputy Mayor Nijjar's report began by welcoming our new Trustee, Ed Quinlan

Clerk's Office Tax Update:

- Thank you, Rebecca for sharing our monthly Financial Report
- Just as a reminder our Audit Report for the Fiscal year 2024-2025, is now available on our website
- The 2025-2026 Budget is adopted as of April 17th, and the office will be posting a copy of the Budget for our Residents to view on our website as well as a copy will be made available for viewing in the Clerk's Office
- We reappointed everyone who works with and for the Inc. Village of New Hyde Park today
 - Congratulations to all
- The Clerk's Office is starting to work on your 2025-2026 tax bills
 - We are expecting them to be mailed out the end of May
- The Clerk's Office is looking for a college intern for the summer
 - Call the office for further details

Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant:

- We received \$18,800 in the JCAP Grant that was submitted on 10/10/2024
 - This money has already spent on the PA system in this room and boardroom chairs for the Judge's chamber
- We also received a Grant for \$27,552.50
 - The Village has 180 days to use these funds
 - This grant was approved for a new phone system and for a scanning company to scan Court records

Culture Committee Events:

- As mentioned earlier, Saturday, April 19th our Easter Egg hunt will take place
 - I am sure that it will a great success
- Our next event, Earth Day, is on Saturday April 26th at 10AM
 - The plan is to clean up Memorial Park and to plant a tree and flowers there
- Our May event, A Mother's Day Tea Party, will take place before the May monthly meeting
 - Details are being finalized and will be available very soon
 - We expect this to be a wonderful event
- We encourage our community to take part in this and all Village events
- As a reminder, all our events are free of charge and open to everyone.
- More information on our events and other updates in our Village, visit our website
- You can also get updates on our Instagram and our E-board

Mayor Christopher Devane:

Mayor Devane began by thanking Rebecca Sheehan, the Village Clerk-Treasurer. He explained that as of early February 2025, it was determined that the Village had for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, delinquent/unpaid taxes of 95 parcels totaling \$170,000, excluding fines and penalties. The Clerks office went to work and following Delinquent Tax notices mailings that went out on February 20th and March 1st, the Office recovered \$116,585.44, including some prior years delinquent taxes, between February 1, 2025 and April 4, 2025.

He also announced that beginning Starting Tuesday, April 22nd the Village will have all 3 projects moving forward.

1) Marcus Christ Community Center

- We expect Marcus Christ to be concluded in May/June 2026
 - it will be opened with a Tunnel to Towers Foundation fundraiser – more information will follow
- He addressed the issue that the construction zone was limited and that the Cellini Lodge Monument of Christopher Columbus needed to be moved
 - The Cellini Lodge was contacted and after negotiations between the Attorney for Lodge and the Village, it was agreed that the monument would be moved
 - There is also a Legal document signed between the Cellini Lodge and the Village dated 1992 that allowed the Monument to be moved legally
- The Cellini Lodge said that they could not store the monument in their facility because they did not want to incur the cost to move it and the Village agreed to incur that cost
 - The contractor removed the globe and plaques and they are stored at DPW
 - The granite base was going to be moved next and New Hope Community Church agreed to keep the granite on their premises
 - Unfortunately, the monument was 33 years old, not maintained and when it was moved the granite cracked and crumbled
- We will work to preserve that monument when the new Marcus Christ Community Center is complete.

2) **300 S 12th Street - progress**

- The new Park is moving nicely
 - Phase 1, a new parking lot, is done
 - The next step is to refurbish the back area of the parking lot
 - The last step will be the construction of the new park
- The Park is being done with State Funds
- The Park is expected to be completed mid/late August early September

3) **DPW**

- Is moving along nicely
- The module for the Administration building should be in by April 18th
- The project is expected to be done by mid-late Summer

Nuzzi Park Update

- Will be worked on in 2026

Memorial Park

- Will open for the Season on April 28th with Park attendants
- ID requirements will be enforced beginning May 15th
 - The ID requirements have been successful in reducing incidents and vandalism

Upcoming Events

- The First Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 18th at Memorial Park at 10am
- Earth Day, Saturday, April 26th at Memorial Park at 10am
- Little League Parade, Saturday, April 26th at noon
- Police Booth Dedication, Saturday, April 26th at 4 PM, Jericho Tpke/Lakeville Rd.in Honor of Patrolman Benedict
- Mother's Day Tea Party, Saturday May 10th at the Village Hall at 10 AM
- Memorial Day Parade, Saturday, May 24th at 10 AM

Other Miscellaneous

- We will be changing the one hour parking signs to "One Hour Parking except Sundays and Holidays" from "One Hour Parking except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays"
- The Village is addressing the issue of unauthorized livestock in residential areas and animal cruelty
 - We are going to everything we can to stop this
 - We are going to be proactive and have a representative from the ASPCA come and talk to our Code Officials
- We adopted the 2025-2026 Budget, which calls for a 1.62% tax increase
 - It's under the 2% cap
 - There is a need for adjustments due to unforeseen expenses, such as Health Insurance costs for Village Employees

Mayor Devane ended his report with wishing a Happy Easter, Happy Passover and Happy Holidays to all.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura Daly

Secretary to the Board