

REGULAR MEETING

June 19, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Devane
Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar
Trustee Rainer Burger
Trustee Eve Sheikh
Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW
Binu Pillay, Superintendent of Building
Rebecca Sheehan, Village Clerk-Treasurer
Peter S. Trentacoste, Attorney to the Board of Trustees
Laura Daly, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

ABSENT: Trustee Ed Quinlan
Benjamin Truncale, Jr., Attorney to the Board of Trustees

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

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the Board Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2025, were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

POLICE REPORT

A review of the May 2025 police report was given; 13 auto accidents; 24 total aided cases (other than auto); no robbery; no residential burglary; no commercial burglary; no car was stolen; 9 other larceny charges; 2 criminal mischief charges; 11 moving violations; and 8 parking violations.

License/Permit New/Renewal:

Tow Car Owner/Operator: New – Approved

Manhasset Collision 461 Hillside Ave, Manhasset, NY 11030

Block Party Application - Approved:

Mr. Binder Singh has requested to hold a Block Party on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm. The Block Party location is North 1st Street between Lowell Avenue and Brooklyn Avenue. No rain-date has been chosen.

RESOLUTIONS:

25-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 25-02

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 25-02 was unanimously approved.

25-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SCANNER TECHNOLOGIES INC.

- Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Scanner Technologies was unanimously approved.

25-04 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING – 36 LAKEVILLE ROAD

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing the Village Clerk-Treasurer to advertise a Public Hearing – 36 Lakeville Road was unanimously approved.

25-05 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 1

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution adopting Local Law 1 was unanimously approved.

25-06 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution adopting Local Law 2 was unanimously approved.

25-07 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 3

- Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution adopting Local Law 3 was unanimously approved.

25-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING – 1300 JERICHO TURNPIKE

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution authorizing the Village Clerk-Treasurer to advertise a Public Hearing – 1300 Jericho Turnpike 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 May 2025:

- 553 tons of refuse and recycling consisting of:
 - 458 tons of MSW
 - 15 tons of newspaper
 - 22 tons of commingled recyclables
 - 20 of C&D
 - 38 tons of yard waste
- There is no double day scheduled before our 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

Operations:

- Installation and repair of new street signs and poles due to aging and damage is on-going
 - In May, approximately 40 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 are continuing our Spring/Summer maintenance and clean-up operations
- Street sweeper operations are performed daily and will continue to take place daily throughout the Summer

Routine Tree Maintenance:

- Routine tree maintenance requests and tree preventative maintenance procedures are on-going and will continue as needed
 - DPW conducted 2 tree trims and 1 tree removals in May
 - The tree maintenance contractor is currently in the Village and conducting tree removals, pruning and 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 May, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 47 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 May
 - Approximately 35 potholes and road repairs were conducted
 - DPW will be out performing pothole repairs on an as needed basis throughout the Summer

DPW Renovation Update (11 months into the project):

- The new truck garage is mostly complete, with the siding and roofing installed, electric and heating installed, and all plumbing lines will be placed the week of June 23rd
- The contractor completed the installation of the new sewer line connection
- The installation of the salt shed exterior structure and shell are now complete, and work on the interior will begin this month
- The contractor has installed the concrete pads that will be used for dumpster storage and material handling procedures
- The existing garage has been updated with new electric, new heating, new garage doors and a new bathroom
- The building that will serve as the office area for DPW is mostly complete
 - All interior work is complete except for the bathrooms
 - All exterior work will be completed by the end of the June
 - All heating and ventilation systems are in place and waiting for startup
- The last piece of completing the project will include asphalt, concrete walkways, fencing, and planting areas

- This work should begin in a couple of weeks
- The project is moving along well in spite of several delays due to rain
- It is anticipated that most of the work will be completed by mid-July and the hope is that the new DPW is up and running before August

S.12th Street Parking Lot:

- The new parking lot located at 300 S.12th Street is now open
- Construction on the second new parking lot, located in the existing S.12th Street lot, began in early June
- We have had several delays due to rain and it is anticipated that this lot will be completed by mid-July
- The new playground equipment has been installed
- The third and last step in this 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 scheduled for June 11th with 1 case heard to legalize and maintain an existing canopy which was approved.
- The next meeting is scheduled for July 9th with one case to be heard for the opening of a Senior Community Center.

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on May 28th with 2 cases heard: 1 for a second-floor addition which was approved; and 1 for a color siding change which was approved
- The next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2025 with 4 cases to be heard: 1 for a garage refaced with brick; 1 for a new garage; 1 for a commercial sign; and 1 for a 2-car garage

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held, June 18 with 42 cases which comprised of: 5- Property Maintenance; 16- Garbage out before 7pm; 1- Failed to remove snow; 1- Driving thru non-permitted truck route; 1- Renting without registering; 1- Illegal business; and 17- Construction without a permit
- The next village court will be held on July 16 with 36 cases which comprise of: 9- Garbage out before 7pm; 1- Sidewalk not clean/property maintenance; 12- Working without a permit; 8- Renting without registration; 5- Car obstructing the sidewalk, and 1- Illegal business

RENTAL REGISTRATION

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

SPECIAL USE

- There was no special use cases heard in May, and there are no Special Use applications being heard tonight
- During the period from May 15 thru June 19th, the Building Department issued 53 permits: 15- Building permits; 10- Plumbing permits; 6- Roof; 1- Fence; 4- Street Opening; 6- Driveway; 5- Dumpster; 2- HVAC; and 4- Solar
- There were also 10- Certificates of Approval; 28- Certificates of Completion; 1-Certificate of Occupancy; 1- Rental Registration; 2- Special use renewal; 4- Special Exceptions; and 3- Close Expired Permits

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

Village of New Hyde Park Clerk's Department Report - May 2025		
		Current Mo.
Revenue	Description	5/31/2025
Taxes Interest & Penalty		\$8,036.22
LICENSES	CARTING, PLUMBING, RESTAURANT, TAXI	\$2,105.00
BUILDING	STREET OPENINGS, PLAN, LATE FILING, SRF	\$45,035.64
ZONING	SPECIAL USE/EXCEPTION, HEARINGS	\$1,600.00
Revenue	Description	5/31/2025
COURT FINES	TRAFFIC COURT FINES	\$65,899.00
	BUILDING COURT FINES	\$2,670.00
	Clerk	\$61,983.02
	Court	\$68,569.00
	Total Revenue	\$130,552.02

- Tax bills were mailed out on May 22, 2025
- Payments started being processed on June 1
- Please make sure to pay on or before July 1, 2025

Trustee Ed Quinlan reported by Laura Daly:

Trustee Ed Quinlan's report began with the following:

On behalf of my entire family and myself, I would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to Mayor Devane and the entire VNHP "Family" for your unwavering support during the time period leading up to and including the passing of my wife, Grace. Your expressions of love along with your kindness and generosity was appreciated and will always be remembered.

As the Trustee responsible for the VNHP Memorial Park, I would like to thank park attendant, Tommy Kane, for stepping and picking up the slack that was created by both my and Park Attendant, Frank Guglielmo's extended absences. As a result of Tommy's actions and attention to details, the park has continued to function with minimal disruptions. **"Excellent Job Tommy"**.

Tree Committee:

- Just a reminder that if you need to have a tree trimmed, removed, or planted, you can email Igor to have the work scheduled.
 - His email is: igor@vnhp.org

New Hyde Park Little League:

- On June 7th, the League contested five games using both the Skin and Turf fields
- The "All Star" teams from various Divisions were featured and there were a large number of enthusiastic spectators in attendance at all of the games

Memorial Park:

- New Additions—Thanks to Mayor Devane and Igor, the following enhancements have been added to the Park:

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- New benches for the basketball, pickle-ball and the tennis courts
- An electric pump to blow up balls
- An additional hose rack in the dog park for the hose used to spray down the surface
- “No Dogs Allowed” signs at the entrance gates to both Little League fields
- A “Bocce Ball Rules” sign added to the bocce ball courts
- Banners were hung on the Skin field left fence by Igor, representing local groups that support the NHP Little League

Events:

- May 17th – a well-received Basketball clinic was conducted by Mr. Lau and his two sons
- May 24th – Memorial Day – an “Annual Day of Remembrance” was held for the 56 members of the NHP Community who made the supreme sacrifice in service to our Country.
 - The Ceremony included the reading of the War Dead names and recognizing Gold Star Families, Prayer, placing of wreaths, rifle salute to our War Dead (3 volley), Taps, the National Anthem and Reform for the march to Memorial Park
- May 30 – The Notre Dame School conducted their “Field Day”

Upcoming Events:

- June 20th – The New Hyde Park Road School will conduct their annual picnic for the 6th Grade Class
- June 22nd – the 15th Annual Katie’s Run/Walk (5K) will finish in Memorial Park
- June 25th – A Summer Concert in the Park will be held featuring “The Hambones” at 7PM
- July 7th thru August 7th – The VNHP Annual Summer Camp for Children will be held
 - Details can be found on the Village website

Trustee Rainer Burger:

Trustee Rainer Burger’s report began with him thanking the Village for their thoughts and prayers for his son who is deployed overseas.

LIRR Track Work

- No Track work planned as far as the Village is aware

Water Authority

- Since the May Department of Health Walk through at Station 57 (NHP):
 - They requested two minor alterations which are now complete
 - We will send proof of pictures and expect approved, completed work from them within 2 weeks.
- Station 40 (NHP) continues with electrical conduit install and later this week motor control install
 - The plumbing contractor is running connections between the new treatment building and the HQ building
 - Completed tie-in should be the week of June 27th
- Station 44 has similar electric and plumbing activity at the new treatment building
 - The rate increase of 3.14 % is predominantly due to carbon changeover for emerging contaminants vessels and increased power and materials costs
 - Last years (2024) increase was 1.16%

Noise Abatement

- Last TVASNAC meeting was May 19, 2025
- Update on Article 78 against Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
 - Rich Pallisco is one of the four petitioners in the application against the Port Authority of NY and NJ for refusing to update the raw data from noise exposure maps

- There are 2 main noise monitors throughout the flight path of arrivals to JFK
- This arrival path known as 22L, is constantly used and disrupts residents in the northern and southern parts of the Village of New Hyde Park, not only is the noise annoying but the constant plane traffic sometimes lasts for over 12 hours
- Tests show that the pollution from low flying aircraft also affects our health.
- TVASNAC has been constantly complaining to the FAA and our local congressmen about changing the “DNL”, which is the day-night average sound level noise metric used by the FAA
 - The decibel level is currently at 65 DNL and TVASNC is hoping to lower it to 55 DNL as compared to most European countries
- Complaints have been up about 15% since April and all noise complaints are compiled into a data system that the FAA reviews monthly
 - Residents are urged to keep calling the complaint hotline or use the on-line complaint
 - Next meeting is June 23, 2025; the meetings are held at Hempstead Town Hall and start at 7pm
 - 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.
 - On behalf of the Board, we would like to thank Rich Pallisco for all his hard work at TVASNAC.

Veterans Affairs/American Legion Post 1089

- I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the help and support at the Villages Memorial Day Ceremonies
 - Thank you, Cheryl, for all the coordination work; thank you DPW, for all the logistics; and thank you Laura, the Board etc., for all the help getting ready for and during the event
- An American Legion Meeting will be held Saturday Jun 21, 2025
 - The Meeting was postponed by a week due to American Legion County 106th Convention and Elections
- Ms. Dawn Samuel has been elected as the New County Commander and a host of others were put into office.
- Installation Dinner was on June 14th
- On June 29th is the Annual Tunnel To Towers foundation Summer Salute at the Plattdeutsch Park Restaurant 12–5pm.
- Salute to Veterans Ceremony and Concert – August 2nd, 6:30 pm Eisenhower Park
- 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

- Life Scout Milo Liao completed his Eagle Scout Project a couple of weeks ago
 - This project refurbished the pocket park located next to Holy Spirit and included refurbishing the benches and landscaping
 - Everything looks great; thank you Milo for a Job well done
- The Troop was notified that Eyal Englander is ready for the Eagle Board
 - His Life Scout Project is the Vet Dogs Project
- The Troop heads to Onteora Scout Camp the weekend after July 4th; the Village and Board wish them well

Marcus Christ

- Construction is well underway
 - Foundation and underground utilities are complete and looking to pour the top slab next

- Steel work should be starting in July; and you will soon start seeing the new Community Center rising out of the ground

Roads

- Request for a “Do Not Block the Box” on Plaza and NHP Road was submitted to the County
 - We did get a response this week and they are evaluating the feasibility

Trustee Eve Sheikh:

Senior Programs Events:

- Friday, June 6th - we had a Summer Craft Event
 - The Seniors enjoyed creating a fun craft to take home!

Senior Programs Upcoming Events:

- Senior programs are on Summer Break and will return in September with the following events:
 - Friday September 12th at 11am: Bagels & Games
 - Friday September 26th at 11am: Plants Talk

Our Senior Programs are free and registration is required please email Seniorprograms@vnhp.org

Hillside Public Library Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, June 25th – from 10am-12pm - Community Legal Help Project
 - It's free limited Legal Advice
- Friday June 27th - 1pm - Movie showing “Top Gun”
- Monday, June 30th - from 4pm-5pm - Jeopardy Trivia Party!
 - For Grades 5 – 12; Prizes and snacks will be given out!
- Thursday July 10th - 6:30pm - The Library Board of Trustees Meeting.
- Tuesday July 15th - from 10am-5pm - Health care insurance application assistance for Aged (65+), Blind and Disabled populations

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

New Hyde Park Road School

- This school year flew! The last day of school is Wednesday, June 25th with early dismissal at 11:30am
- There are a few summer programs being offered
- Scope enrichment is offering Stem, Art and Cooking Lessons
 - The program runs from August 4th – 8th from 9am to 12pm
 - Location: NHP Road School
 - Children entering Kindergarten thru 6th grade are invited
 - Price and registration information is on the school website
- Scope is also offering Music & Orchestra Lessons
 - Children entering 4th – 6th grades are invited
 - The program runs from August 11th - 22nd from 9am to 12pm
 - All Band and Orchestra students are welcome
- Last program being offered by Scope is Summer Theater camp called Broadway by the Sea
 - The program runs from August 11th - 22nd from 9am – 12pm
 - Prices and registration information is on the school website
- The next board of Education meeting will be held Monday, July 7th at 8:00 PM at Manor Oaks.
 - I want to wish the teaches, faculty and students a wonderful summer!
- Please follow our Instagram account under Villageofnhp for special notices and events!

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar:

Clerk's Office Update:

- To add to the Clerk's report on taxes, we do not have the authority to waive the late payment fee penalty, so please pay on time
- You can pay your taxes online; call the Village Hall if you need help doing this
- The Clerk's Office is looking for a College Intern for the summer; call the office for further details

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

- The Clerk's office has not yet heard back regarding the CDBG Grant for a year 51 that was applied for back in April
 - We are hoping to continue receiving funding for our senior programming, ADA Compliance updates, and Residential Rehab
- We still have not heard back regarding 3 residents that applied under the Residential Rehab program and we are hopeful that they will qualify

Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant:

- We've started to use the approved JCAP Grant
 - Old documents will be removed and scanned or shredded
 - The remaining funds will be used to purchase a new phone system

Children's Summer Recreation Program:

- The Summer Camp Councilor roles have been filled
- Our first registration took place on Friday, June 13th
- There will be a second in-person registration in the Village Hall on Wednesday, June 25th from 4-6pm; or you can drop the application off at the Village Hall at any time
- If you are a NHP resident but do not live in the Village, your child can attend the camp for a nominal fee of \$150 for 5 weeks
 - The application can be dropped off and an ID will be made for the child.

Culture Committee Events:

- Our Multicultural Event was held on Friday, May 30th
 - The event was supposed to be held in Memorial Park, but was moved indoors due to the expected rain; however, it did not rain
 - New Hyde Park Memorial High School sent volunteers and performers
 - This event was an opportunity to meet our neighbors and to learn a little about each other's culture and heritage as we celebrated many backgrounds with culture performances, fun activities and tasting some traditional food.
- Our annual summer concert that was scheduled for Wednesday, June 18th, but due to the rain we had to move it to Wednesday June 25th at 7pm
 - The band called "The Hambones" will be performing
 - Just a reminder, alcohol is not permitted at Village Events
- This will be our last event for summer, and our next event will be Back to School Movie Night which will take place in September
- We encourage our community to take part in all village events.
- As a reminder, all our events are free of charge and open to everyone
- For more information on Village events as well as other Village updates, you can visit our website, the Instagram and our E-board

Mayor Christopher Devane:

Mayor Devane gave a brief update on the major projects in the Village:

DPW

- The work is 99% completed
- Drive down Stewart Avenue to see the progress
- The previous yard was 99 years old accordingly the project needed

300 S 12th Street

- Progress with the new Park is moving nicely and is expected to be completed by August/September
- The park equipment is installed; the tin house is refurbished and the parking lot is paved
- The park will have a dog park, pickle ball court, basketball court, and a seating area
- Thanks to Peter, the Village Attorney, the Village will be receiving four mature trees that are being donated to from a nearby building

Marcus Christ Community Center

- The construction is progressing well, as you can see when looking out the window of the Village Hall
- We expect that it will be opening in March/April 2026
- Planning to do the opening with a fundraiser for the Tunnell to Towers Foundation, to benefit those who gave their lives in the line of service

Events

- We held the most important Village Event, the Memorial Day Parade, on Saturday, May 24th
- On Friday, May 30th, we held The Multicultural Event – which was planned to be held in Memorial Park, but moved indoors due to the expected rain

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Summer Concert in the Park on June 25th
- The Children's Summer Recreation Program beginning July 7th
- Back to School Movie Night on September 5th

Miscellaneous

- The village has secured \$11 million in grants for DPW projects and \$950,000 from Marcus Christ
 - Though managing these funds has been a challenging task for the Clerk's Office Staff because the Village needs to lay the money out and then we get reimbursed
- The Village Board addressed an incident at the Memorial Day Parade
 - A high school band member fainted during the ceremony and despite criticism from a resident about the Fire Department's response, the Board expressed full support for the Fire Department's actions and leadership
 - The Board emphasizes that First Responders should be allowed to handle medical emergencies without interference, noting that unauthorized assistance could be illegal

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM and a motion was made by Tr. Sheikh, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, and unanimously approved, to go to an Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura Daly

Secretary to the Board