

REGULAR MEETING
July 17, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Devane
Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar
Trustee Rainer Burger
Trustee Ed Quinlan
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: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW
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 June 19, 2025, were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

POLICE REPORT

A review of the June 2025 police report was given; 11 auto accidents; 44 total aided cases (other than auto); no robbery; 2 residential burglaries (1st Ave with an arrest was made and Bryant Avenue); no commercial burglary; no car was stolen; 1 larceny charge (other than auto); 3 criminal mischief charges; 9 moving violations; and 9 parking violations.

License/Permit New/Renewal:

Landscaping: New - Approved

Cheap Charlie's Tree & Landscape Design, Inc. – 112 Shinnecock Lane, East Islip, NY 11730

Landscaping: Renewal - Approved

Oliva Landscaping Inc. – 15 West Hitchcock Ave. Floral Park, NY 11001

Car Wash Application - Approved

New Hyde Park Memorial High School Romanettes requests holding a car wash on Saturday August 2, 2025, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. If need be, a rain date of Saturday August 9, 2025 has been chosen.

RESOLUTIONS:

25-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 25-04

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 25-04 was unanimously approved.

25-14 AUTHORIZE STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING AND RESOLUTION FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS FOR NYSLRS REVISED 7-17-2025

- Upon motion by Trustee Quinlan, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing a Standard Work Day and Reporting and Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials for NYSLRS Revised 7-17-2025 was unanimously approved.

25-15 A RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR WALTER SINCLAIR/BHUPINDER SINGH - 1300 JERICHO TURNPIKE

- This resolution was tabled and continued to August 21, 2025 in order for Applicant to return with the requested information and traffic analysis.

25-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR TREE TRIM AND REMOVAL CONTRACTOR

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to advertise for competitive bids for tree trim and removal contractor 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 – Reported by Tr. Quinlan

Sanitation June 2025:

- 547 tons of refuse and recycling consisting of:
 - 451 tons of MSW
 - 16 tons of newspaper
 - 20 tons of commingled recyclables
 - 15 of C&D
 - 45 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 and 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 June, approximately 35 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 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 5 tree trims and 2 tree removals in June
 - The tree maintenance contractor is currently in the Village and conducting tree removals, pruning and stump removals
 - In June, the tree contractor trimmed 25 trees and removed 10 trees
 - 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 June, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 45 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 June
 - Approximately 20 potholes and road repairs were conducted
 - DPW will be out performing pothole repairs on an as needed basis throughout the Summer

DPW Renovation Update (12 months into the project):

- The New Truck Garage:
 - The new truck garage is mostly complete, with only the new garage doors left to install
 - All the electric, plumbing, and heating has been installed
- New Salt Shed:
 - The salt shed is mostly complete with work on the interior being completed the week of July 14th
- New Recyclables Transfer Area and other concrete pads:
 - The concrete pads that will be used for dumpster storage and material handling procedures have been poured and the concrete pads at the new garage have also been poured
- Existing Garage Renovation:
 - The renovation is mostly complete
 - The building was updated with new electric, new heating, a new bathroom, and new garage doors
- New Office:
 - This building has 3 offices, 2 bathrooms, and a large lunch/meeting room for the DPW employees
 - The area is mostly complete with some exterior work remaining and there are a few fixture installations in the bathrooms left to be installed
- Site Work:

- The is the last piece of completing the project and it will be starting the week of July 21stThis includes asphalt paving, concrete walkways and curbs, fencing, drainage, and planting areas
- Overall:
 - The project is moving along well in spite of having several delays due to rain and weather
 - It is anticipated that most of the work should be completed by the end of July and the hope is that new DPW is up and running sometime in 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 a few weeks ago
- We have had several delays due to rain and it is anticipated that this lot will be completed by the end of July
- The new playground equipment has been installed
- The third and last step in this construction project would be the construction of the new park, and this work is anticipated to begin after the second new parking lot is open and ready for cars

Building Department: Binu Pillay, Superintendent:

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on June 25th with 4 cases heard: 1 for a garage refaced with brick, approved; 1 for a new garage, approved; 1 for a commercial sign, adjourned, and 1 for a 2-car garage approved
- The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2025 with 3 cases to be heard: 1 to demolish a garage and build a new one; 1 for a dormer; and 1 for a commercial sign which was adjourned from last meeting

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held, July 16th, with 56 cases which comprise of: 11- Property Maintenance; 6- Garbage out before 7pm; 10- Renting without registering; 4- Car blocking sidewalk; 23- Construction w/o a permit; and 2- Illegal use of property
- The next village court will be held on Aug 20th with 42 cases which comprise of: 4- Garbage out before 7pm; 12- Sidewalk not clean/property maintenance; 17- working w/o a permit; 6- Renting without registration; and 3- Car obstructing the sidewalk.

RENTAL REGISTRATION

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

SPECIAL USE

- There was no special use cases heard in June, and there is 1 Special Use application being heard tonight
- During the period from June 19th thru July 18th, the Building Department issued 42 permits: 13- Building permits; 10- Plumbing permits; 2- Roof; 2- Fence; 6- Street Opening; 5- Driveway; 2- Dumpster; and 2- HVAC
- There were also 8- Certificates of Approval, 16- Certificates of Completion, 2- Rental Registration Certificates, 2 Special Use Renewals and 1 Close Expired Permits
- 2 South 18th St – Michael Kane – Residential #25-008
 - The applicant is seeking approval for 2 Story rear addition.
- 411 McNulty Ave – Felipe Solano – Residential #25-009
 - The applicant is seeking approval for a dormer.

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

| Village of New Hyde Park Clerk's Department Report - June 2025 | | |
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| | | Previous Mo |
| Revenue | Description | 6/30/2025 |
| BUILDING | STREET OPENINGS, PLAN, LATE FILING, SRF | \$24,992.95 |
| ZONING | SPECIAL USE/EXCEPTION, HEARINGS | \$1,425.00 |
| Revenue | Description | 6/30/2025 |
| COURT FINES | TRAFFIC COURT FINES | \$66,933.00 |
| | BUILDING COURT FINES | \$4,000.00 |
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| | Clerk | \$36,779.80 |
| | Court | \$70,933.00 |
| | Total Revenue | \$107,712.80 |

- Tax Revenue from 6/1/25 - 7/17/25 was approximately \$5MM of which \$17,000 is from prior years arrears
- Mid-August we will send out our 1st delinquency mailing to all unpaid properties

Trustee Ed Quinlan:

New Hyde Park Little League:

- The NHP LL Boys Junior Division Team won the District 29 Championship
 - The banner recognizing this outstanding achievement will be proudly displayed near the turf baseball field
- Not to be outdone, the NHP LL Girls 10 and under softball team won the District 29 Championship
 - The banner recognizing their outstanding achievement will be proudly displayed near the skin SB/BB field
- Congratulations to each of these teams as well as their coaches on their awesome accomplishments
- An additional Thank You to all of the parents and supporters for their encouragement throughout the entire season
- The Coaches of these squads credit the overall success on the players uncanny ability to "Ready Mr. Mayor". Pitch in during critical moments of each play-off game and to strike-up a positive repour with each other

Memorial Park:

- On June 22nd, the Annual Katie's 5K Run Finish Line ceremonies were held in Memorial Park
 - Hundreds of runners participated with proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald House
 - Both Trustee Burger and Trustee Quinlan participated in this most worthwhile fund raiser
- The Village's Children's Summer Camp commenced on July 7th and will continue through August 7th
- Thank you, Igor, for replacing the broken umbrella at the main entrance to the park
- On July 16th, Park Attendant Frank Guglielmo and I conducted a walk around inspection of the park and found all areas to be in good condition
 - There is a reoccurring problem is that some dog walkers continue to toss filled dog poop bags over the fence when the park is closed

- This is unacceptable behavior and hard to comprehend that some individuals do not take pride in this facility and simply dispose of their dog's waste when they get home
- Additional areas that need to be addressed include:
 - The tops of the wooden posts for exercise apparatus need to be replaced to prevent water damage (posts need to be glued or screwed on to eliminate easy removal)
 - A screw needed to be inserted into the plate attached to the sit-up apparatus
 - The lock for the emergency gate opposite the dirt field needs to be replaced
 - The tops of the trash cans at the turf field need to be moved to the trash cans near the kiddie field since those are used more often; new tops can eventually be placed on the cans near the turf field

S 12th Street Park

- The new Park located at S 12th Street is currently under construction with an estimated completion date of September 2025

Trustee Rainer Burger:

LIRR Track Work

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

Water Authority

- Rate Increase: The rate increase of 3.14 % is predominantly due to carbon changeover for emerging contaminants vessels and increased power and materials costs
 - The 2024 rate increase was 1.16%
- The Village reached out to the Water Authority regarding a hydrant at 1607 Lincoln Ave.
 - Water Authority is re-investigating since their initial response was that it wasn't the hydrant, yet there are no other water utilities in the area
 - A follow-up was done and the hydrant has a slow leak; and the repair requires a main shut down which was scheduled to be repaired the week of July 14th
- The Station 57 Phase 3 Project (New Hyde Park) has received a Completed Works Approval from the NYS and Nassau County Departments of Health
 - All that remains is a short punch-list of corrections to be made
- Station 44 Rehabilitation (Elmont) Work is progressing slowly
 - The general contractor is moving much slower than expected and it is impacting the other trades
- Station 40 (New Hyde Park/HQ) - The plumbing contractor is working on tying in the new treatment building into the HQ building well piping
 - The metal building panels are expected to arrive the week of July 14th for the new treatment building.

Noise Abatement

- Last TVASNAC Meeting on June 23rd was cancelled.
- 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
 - TVASNAC is hoping to lower it to 55 DNL as compared to most European countries.
- As reported last month, complaints have been up about 15% since April
 - 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
- There is no information on the lawsuit that was filed.
- The next meeting is July 28, 2025

- 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

- Last meeting was held on June 21st
- Next Post meeting will be Sept 13th as there are no post meetings over the summer months
- Upcoming Events include:
 - Saturday, August 2nd - Salute to Veterans Ceremony and Concert - 6:30pm - Eisenhower Park
 - Saturday, September 20th – the Village of NHP Street Fair
 - September - Heroes Wall Celebration at Eisenhower Park (Exact Date TBD)
 - Sunday, October 19th – The Post Birthday Luncheon at Gino’s of NHP
 - Sunday, November 9th - UVO Veterans Day Ceremony - 10am - Eisenhower Park
 - Tuesday, November 11th – Veterans Day Ceremony – 10:30am – NHP Village Hall
 - Sunday, November 16th - Pancake Breakfast - Applebee’s NHP
 - Tuesday, November 25th - Veterans Stand Down
- 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’s Eyal Englander met with his Eagle Board on June 30th and was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout
 - Congratulations to Eyal, to his family and to the Troop
- The Troop completed their summer camp at Onteora Scout Camp and we welcome the Troop Home

Marcus Christ

- Construction on Marcus Christ is well underway
 - Flooring was poured early in July
 - Walls and steel work will now begin and the next few months the exterior will start to take form
 - Overall, we are looking for the construction to be completed in March 2026
 - I want to thank Binu who has been doing an excellent job in managing the construction and keeping the Board informed of progress and of any decisions that needed to be made.

Roads

- Nassau County responded to the request for a “Do Not Block the Box” on Plaza & NHP Road with the below:
 - NHP Road and Plaza has existing markings that properly provide alignment to vehicles; the engineer believes it is unlikely that a grid box would be installed as it would conflict with the existing alignment markings
- Instead, DPW will be installing “State Law Do Not Block the Intersection” signage on both the corner and overhead
 - After the new signage is installed, DPW and Legislator Scout Strauss will request that Nassau PD provide enforcement of the signage and will also continue to monitor the intersection to see if the improvements have helped the situation.

Other

- On Tuesday, July 15, 2025, several 100 pieces of paper containing payroll data and personal information were found dumped on Jericho Turnpike between Lewis Ave and Covert Ave. The papers belonged to Long Island

Concrete. I want to thank Trustee Eve Sheikh, Ann Burger and Residents Nitesh Sonny, Ken Lane, and Scott Castro for helping collect the papers and cleaning up the area.

Trustee Eve Sheikh:

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@villagenhpnny.gov

Hillside Public Library Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, July 17th - Mini Golf at the Library called “A Hole Lotta Fun!”
 - Grades 1-4: Session 1 will start at 3:15pm and Session 2 will start at 3:30pm
 - Grades 5-12: Session 1 will start 5:30pm
 - Each session is about 15 mins and will continue till 7:30pm.
- Friday, July 25th - 1pm - Movie showing “Moana 2”
- Saturday, July 26th from 10:30am-11:30am - Summer Bingo!
- Saturday, August 2nd from 11am-1:30pm - Wills and Trusts for everyone, including Pets who depend on you
 - Attorney Michael N. Connors will discuss:
 - Why Everyone Needs a Will
 - How to Provide for the Pets You Love
 - How to Protect Your Home & Other Assets from a Nursing Home
 - How to Plan for the Future—Starting Now!
 - Coffee & tea will be provided
- Tuesday, August 12th from 6pm-7:30pm - Resume Writing Workshop
 - Great for people looking for a new job and want to update their current resume.

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

New Hyde Park Road School

- Kids are on Summer Break. First day of school will be September 2nd.

Other Important Information

Legislator Scott Strauss, Legislator John Giuffrè and County Executive Bruce Blakeman invite all homeowners to take advantage of a streamlined opportunity to submit a property tax exemption application at the below special events hosted by the Nassau County Department of Assessment's HELP Program!

- Wednesday, August 13th from 12:00 noon-2:00pm - at the Floral Park Public Library
- Wednesday, August 20th from 12:00 noon-2:00pm - at the Clinton G. Martin Park
- Thursday, October 9th from 12:00 noon- 2:00pm – at the Mineola Memorial Library

Please follow our Instagram account under Villageofnhp for special notices and events!

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar:

Clerk’s Office Update:

- The Clerk’s Office continues to accept and process tax payments
 - The tax payments were due without penalty by July 1st
 - The Clerk’s Office does not have ability to wave or change late fees at this office
 - You can pay in person at the Clerk’s Office or online
 - If paying in person, bring a check or when paying with cash, bring the exact amount
 - To pay online, for to the Village website and follow the prompts

- Call the Clerk's Office if you need help paying your taxes online
- The Clerk's Office hired a Summer Intern for the summer and will be hiring another for a couple of weeks
 - Having summer interns not only helps the Clerk's office but also allow an intern a learning opportunity while earning credits and hours towards their school requirements

Grants

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

- CDBG Grants will continue and we are thankful to receive these funds which are essential to running our Senior programs; ADA compliance updates; and Residential Rehab Programs.

Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant:

- We are in the process of spending the our approved JCAP Grant

Children's Summer Recreation Program:

- The Summer Camp program began on Monday, July 7th and will run through Thursday, August 7th
- We ask parents to stay connected via the remind app
 - Updates are sent to inform parents when the camp will be held outdoors or indoors.
- Make sure to send kids with water on outdoor hot days; and on water play days dress the kids accordingly.

Culture Committee Events:

- Our Summer Concert was cancelled twice, once due to a heat advisory and once due rain
 - The Concert was ultimately cancelled because the Band was unable to reschedule
- Events will return in September with our "Back to School Movie Night" on Friday, September 5th in Memorial Park; and the 28th Annual Street Fair on Saturday, September 20th

Mayor Christopher Devane:

Marcus Christ Community Center

- Scott Strauss, County Legislator, presented a \$500,000 check to the Village for the Community Center
- We met with the Architect and we expect that it will open in the beginning of 2026
- Planning to do the opening with a fundraiser for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation

DPW

- We plan to complete the installation of the new garage doors and remaining site work by mid-August
- There were \$30,000 in damages due to vandalism at the new DPW

300 S 12th Street

- We are moving the police booth and will be starting the park bathrooms
- Things will progress quickly after that
- Thanks to Peter, the Village Attorney, the Village will be receiving four mature trees that are being donated to from a nearby building
- We are hoping for a late September or early October opening

Nuzzi Park

- We expect to work on Nuzzi Park in 2026-2027

Miscellaneous

- The Mayor praised the department heads, specifically Igor, Banu, and Rebecca, for their exceptional work managing multiple construction projects totaling \$11 million in grants, in addition to their regular duties.
 - He noted the challenges they face, including juggling finances, overseeing construction, and coordinating with State and County entities for reimbursements and expressed gratitude on behalf of the Board for their dedication, long hours, and involvement in various projects, emphasizing the village's fortune in having such committed staff members.

- He thanked Tr. Quinlan and Tommy Kane for all their work that they do at Memorial Park; and he thanked Tr. Burger and Tr. Sheikh for picking up the litter on Jericho Turnpike
- The Village Board is going to review and update the code to increase fines for illegal livestock from \$100 to \$2,500 per animal
 - This is being done due to several animal welfare issues, including recent cases of neglected chickens and ducks that were rescued and taken to sanctuaries
 - We will be working with the SCPA to educate code enforcement officers on signs of animal abuse
- The Board addressed a concrete truck incident on Jericho Turnpike, thanking merchants for their help in tracking down the responsible party
- The village celebrated recent sports achievements with both the New High Park Little League Junior Division team and the Girls 10U softball team winning district championships, with banners to be displayed at the respective fields.

REQUEST FOR A PEDDLER/HAWKER/SOLICITOR PERMIT – Additional Information Requested:

- Request from Mr. Sunil Baboeram from Keller William Legendary–Real Estate located at 925 Hempstead Turnpike #438, Franklin Square, NY 11010 to canvas the neighborhood and introduce himself. Mr. Baboeram was invited back to attend the August 21st Board Meeting and provide more details.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM and a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Quinlan, 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