

REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Devane
Trustee Rainer Burger
Trustee Ed Quinlan
Trustee Eve Sheikh
Binu Pillay, Superintendent of Building
Rebecca Sheehan, Village Clerk-Treasurer
Gregory Romano, DPW Foreman
Laura Daly, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar
Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW
Benjamin Truncale, Jr., Attorney to the Board of Trustees
Peter S. Trentacoste, 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 Sheikh, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the Board Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2025, were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

POLICE REPORT

A review of the July 2025 police report was given; 9 auto accidents; 43 total aided cases (other than auto); no robberies; 1 residential burglary (1644 Jasmine Ave); no commercial burglary; no car was stolen; 7 larceny charges (other than auto); 2 criminal mischief charges; 2 moving violations; and 6 parking violations.

License/Permit New/Renewal:

Landscaping: Renewal - Approved

Long Island Building and Maintenance – 1605 Lydia Ave., Elmont, NY 11003

RESOLUTIONS:

25-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 25-06

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 25-06 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 Gregory Romano DPW Foreman**Sanitation July 2025:**

- 570 tons of refuse and recycling consisting of:
 - 436 tons of MSW
 - 17 tons of newspaper
 - 26 tons of commingled recyclables
 - 21 tons of C&D
 - 70 tons of yard waste
- There will be one double day on Tuesday September 2
 - In observance of Labor Day, there will be no garbage collection on September 1st
- 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 July, approximately 55 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 10 tree trims and 5 tree removals in July
 - The tree maintenance contractor was in the Village and performed 20 tree trims and 10 tree 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 July, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 43 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 July
 - Approximately 25 potholes and road repairs were conducted
 - DPW will be out performing pothole repairs on an as needed basis throughout the Summer

DPW Renovation Update (13 months into the project):

- The New Truck Garage:
 - The new truck garage is just about complete
 - The garage doors have been installed along with all the electric, plumbing, and heating
 - There are a few small items left to complete
- New Salt Shed:
 - The salt shed is mostly complete with only the asphalt left to install
- 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.
 - The concrete pads at the new garage have been poured as well.
- Existing Garage Renovation:
 - The renovation at the exiting garage is mostly complete
 - The building has been updated with new electric, new heating, a new bathroom, and new garage doors
 - The only remaining items left on this building is the roof repair and exterior painting
- New Office:
 - The new office area for DPW is mostly complete with several minor interior items left to install
- Site Work:
 - The last piece of completing the project would be site work, which started several weeks ago
 - New walkways, curbs, and concrete ramps have been installed and will continue the next few weeks
 - The last items remaining for site work includes asphalt paving, fencing, drainage, and planting areas
- Overall:
 - The project is moving along well even though we had several delays due to rain and the weather
 - It is anticipated that most of the work should be completed by the end of August and the hope is that new DPW is up and running sometime in the beginning of September

S.12th Street Parking Lots and Park:

- The new parking lot located at 300 S.12th Street is now open
- The second new parking located off S.11th Street will open on August 25th
- The third and last step in the S.12th Street construction project will be the construction of the new park
 - We anticipate that this will begin shortly and will be completed by the end of September/beginning of October.

Building Department: Binu Pillay, Superintendent:

ZBA

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was on August 13th; 1 case was heard which was for a dormer extension and it was approved
- The next meeting is scheduled for September 10th with 5 cases to be heard; 3 for a dormer extension, 1 for a portico, and 1 for the re-allocation of a HVAC.

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on July 23rd with 3 cases heard; 1 for a new garage; 1 for a commercial sign; and 1 for a dormer extension all of which were approved.
- The next meeting is scheduled for August 27th and no applications have been submitted.

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held August 20th with 50 cases which comprised of: 4- Garbage out before 7pm; 11- Sidewalk not clean/property maintenance; 21- Working without a permit; 4- Renting without registration; 3- Car obstructing the sidewalk; 5- Violation of agreement; and 2- Building in disrepair.
- The next village court will be held on September 17th with 37 cases which comprise of 7- Garbage out before 7pm; 15- Sidewalk not clean/property maintenance; 11- Working without a permit; 1- Car obstructing the sidewalk; 1- Illegal conversion of a garage; and 2 Building in disrepair.

RENTAL REGISTRATION

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

SPECIAL USE

- There was no special use cases heard in July, and there are no Special Use applications being heard tonight
- During the period from July 17th thru August 21st, the Building Department issued 45 permits: 6- Building permits; 7- Plumbing permits; 3- Roof; 4- Fence; 5- Street Opening; 10- Driveway/sidewalk; 2- Dumpster; 3- HVAC; and 5 Solar.
- There were also 9- Certificates of Approval; 38- Certificates of Completion; 1- Rental Registration Certificate; and 2- Special use renewal Certificates.

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

Village of New Hyde Park		
Clerk's Department Report - July 2025		
		CURRENT
Revenue	Description	7/31/2025
BUILDING	STREET OPENINGS, PLAN, LATE FILING, SRF	\$22,526.07
ZONING	SPECIAL USE/EXCEPTION, HEARINGS	\$1,525.00
Revenue	Description	7/31/2025
COURT FINES	TRAFFIC COURT FINES	\$70,900.00
	BUILDING COURT FINES	\$9,900.00
	Clerk	\$96,314.95
	Court	\$80,800.00
	Total Revenue	\$177,114.95

- YTD Building Department fees are \$47,519.02
- YTD Zoning fees are \$2,950.00
- Tax Revenue from 6/1/25 - 7/31/25 was slightly over \$5MM including arrears
- Delinquent Notices will be sent out by August 30th

Trustee Ed Quinlan:

New Hyde Park Little League:

- On August 7th, the NHP LL awarded trophies to and took photos of the participants in the “T-Ball” Division
 - These are the youngest children who play baseball

Memorial Park:

- On August 4th, Park Attendant Frank Guglielmo returned from a series of extended illnesses
 - We are glad that he has recovered and are happy for his return
- August 6th was the last day that Temporary Park IDs were accepted for admittance to the park
 - Since the Park ID processing machine was repaired, commencing August 7th, everyone must go to the Village Hall for a new 2025 Park ID card
- Thursday, August 7th was the last day of the Children’s Summer Camp
- On Friday, September 5th, the “Back to School Movie Night”, the movie entitled “Lilo and Stitch 2025” will be shown at 7pm
 - The rain-date for this event is Friday, September 12th at 7pm
- On Saturday, October 25th, the Halloween Fall Festival will take place at 10am
 - The rain-date for this event is Sunday, October 26th

S 12th Street Park

- The construction of the new Park on S. 12th Street is moving along nicely
 - The estimated completion date is sometime in October

Trustee Rainer Burger:

LIRR Track Work

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

Water Authority

- Station 57 (NHP) project work is now completed
 - The reactors went through a cleaning maintenance for the 3 reactors required to eliminate iron build up and increase the efficiency of the UV concentration
- Station 40 (NHP) upgrade continues
 - Metal panels are being installed on the exterior of the new treatment building to match the HQ building
 - Clearwell rehabilitation will begin the week of August 18th
 - Dismantling the existing emergency generator to begin within 2 weeks
 - Utility site work ongoing with drainage pits
 - Interior ceiling grids just started the installation.
- Station 44 (Elmont)
 - The Phase 1 emergency generator arrived and is currently being installed
 - Drainage sumps are being overhauled
 - Two wells had cleaning performed and one well had a new liner installed
 - Tests for pump capacities were just completed
 - Utility site work is ongoing
- Elevated Tank 20 Rehabilitation (Elmont)
 - Final coat painting and lettering at the top of the tank is complete
 - Work on the concrete leg pads is almost complete
 - Electrical contractor is on site running new power to the tank mixer

- We approximate two more weeks of work on this project followed by disinfection of the tank itself

Noise Abatement

- The last TVASNAC meeting was held on July 28 2025
- The board asked the Supervisor of the Town of Hempstead, John Feretti, and the Supervisor of the Town of North Hempstead, Jen Desana, to write a letter to the FAA to encourage them to look at the overuse of Runway 22L
 - Runway 22L is the arrival to JFK and in the month of July has over 13,000 flights over our community
 - These aircrafts emit harmful levels of noise and dangerous amounts of toxic air emissions
 - Overall, these flights make up to over 70% of arrivals into JFK
 - The letter will also include to try to limit the same route and hours of use over our community
- TVASNAC has learned that Congresswoman Laura Gillen from the 4th Congressional District is requesting a meeting to discuss Air Traffic problems with the new FAA Administrator
 - Laura Gillen is also a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.
- The FAA will give TVASNAC an answer in September about the pending lawsuit on the Article 78, which we are challenging them make the raw data available on the noise monitors throughout our community
- The next meeting of TVASNAC will be Monday August 25 at 7:00p at Hempstead Town Hall.
 - Residents are also urged to file on-line 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 meetings in August
- The next Post meeting will be Saturday, September 13th
- On Saturday, August 2nd, Salute to Veterans Ceremony and Concert, 6:30 pm Eisenhower Park- the NHP Post Honor Guard participated in the open ceremony to represent Nassau County and our Post
- Upcoming events include:
 - Saturday, September 20th - the Village of NHP Street Fair
 - Saturday, September 20th - Heroes Wall Celebration at Eisenhower Park
 - 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 contact Rainer Burger at 516-510-5897 for Post information and membership.

Scouting

- The Troop completed their summer camp at Onteora Scout Camp and we welcome the Troop Home
- Troop 298 met with Scout Darsh Rangi and worked on his Scouting requirements and citizenship

Marcus Christ

- Construction on Marcus Christ is well underway
 - Steel Construction has started and can be seen
 - Overall, we are looking at the completion of construction in March 2026
 - We have received the approval for the Cross-Connection Control Plan for hook up of water from the Water Authority

- This will install the 2” domestic water service and 4” fire line
- We are currently working with the Water Authority on cost and schedule.
- I want to thank Binu who has been doing an excellent job in managing the construction and keeping the Board informed of progress and any decisions that needed to be made

Roads

- As mentioned at the July 17, 2025 Board Meeting, a request for a “Do Not Block the Box” on Plaza and NHP Road was submitted to the County; and below is the response that we received from Nassau County
 - NHP Road & Plaza Avenue has existing markings that properly provide alignment to vehicles and 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 a “State Law Do Not Block the Intersection” signage both on 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.

Trustee Eve Sheikh:

Senior Programs Upcoming Events:

- Senior programs are back!
 - 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. Please follow our Instagram Account under VillageofNHP for special notices and events!

Hillside Public Library Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, August 27th from 10am-12:00pm - Free Legal Assistance Clinic
 - Join Senator Jack Martins and the Community Legal Help Project for a Free Legal Assistance Clinic offering private consultations with volunteer attorneys on a range of civil legal issues
 - Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.
- Friday, August 29th - 1pm- Movie Showing “IF”
- Thursday, September 4th from 10:30am-12pm - Beginning Step 1 of learning how to play American Mah Jong; Step 2 will be from 12pm- 2pm
- Wednesday, September 10th from 6pm-7:30pm - Tax planning and your Retirement
 - Join Financial Advisor, Christian LaPeter, for this educational seminar and learn multiple Tax planning strategies that may help you in retirement.
- Saturday, September 13th from 10:30am-11:30am - Summer Bingo!
- Thursday, September 18th from 6:30pm-7:30pm - Plan Early- Disney Vacation Hacks!
 - Travel agent and Disney vacation expert, Stephanie Romanelli, will show you how to get the most out of your Disney trip with tips for traveling with kids, tricks and hacks to mastering the parks, and expert advice on how to get the most out of your Florida Disney experience!
- Registration is required for some of the events - check out the website for more details.

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

New Hyde Park Road School:

- First day of school will be September 2nd
- Welcome back teachers and students!

- It's going to be a great a year ahead!

Miscellaneous:

I had a pleasure of interviewing two amazing bright young adults this past month, Jiya Jadhev and Giovanni Qasemi

- Jiya Jadhev won Junior Firefighter of the year!
 - She just joined the Fire department and got sworn in this past Tuesday August 19th!
 - We all are so proud of her!
- Giovanni Qasemi is the Village Clerk's amazing Summer Intern
 - His family's story is truly inspirational!
 - He is an incredibly intelligent teenager with a bright future ahead of him and is very motivated to give back to our Country

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar – was absent from this Board Meeting:

While Deputy Mayor Nijjar did not attend this meeting, her matters were covered by other meeting Attendees

Mayor Christopher Devane:

Throughout the meeting Mayor Devane complimented and thanked several Village Employees and Board members including:

- Igor Sikiric, DPW Superintendent and Greg Romano, DPW Foreman, for their patience during the 13-month DPW construction project
 - It wasn't easy working out of a trailer for that length of time
- Binu Pilay, Building Department Superintendent, for his intimate involvement in all the Village project
- Rebecca Sheehan, Village Clerk-Treasurer, who pays the bills with \$7.5MM and the bills total \$11MM
 - She is always on the phone trying to get reimbursements of funds for the various projects taking place in the Village
- Rainer Burger, for all he does for the Village
 - Acknowledged that he was glad that Rainer's son is home from his Military assignment in Iraq
- Giovanni Qasemi, the Village Clerk's Summer Intern
 - He is an amazing person with a great future ahead of him
 - He recently celebrated his Birthday
- Cheryl Nowak and Laura Daly for their efforts coordinating and running the Street Fair

Marcus Christ Community Center

- All are invited all to come and see the progress in Community Center's construction
- A "Thank You" was extended to the Pastor of the New Hope Community Church who has been a very patient neighbor during the construction

DPW

- We are hoping to open the new DPW by mid-September
- DPW is 99 years old; it about time for refurbishment

300 S 12th Street

- The park is coming to fruition
- The first lot, with 58 parking spots, has been open for some time and the other one will open on Monday, August 25th, adding 38 additional parking spaces, bringing the total to 96 spots, which should be enough
 - We did a study and found that, on the busiest day, there are 88 cars in the lot
 - If more spaces are needed, there are plenty of spots on 3rd Avenue

- The police booth will be coming down and we built a new one next to park bathrooms; the Nassau County Police Department is happy about the new police booth
- The park was a “design and build” with changes made along the way i.e. we went from 4 to 3 pickleball courts – which are expected to open in October
- It will be a beautiful palace to congregate

Nuzzi Park

- We expect to work on Nuzzi Park in 2026 and we will think about putting aside in the 2026 budget

Upcoming Village Events – please join us

- Thursday, September 5th at 5:30pm on the Village Hall front lawn – Tree of Gold Lighting – Honoring Katie McBride and Mary Ruchalski and supporting Pediatric cancer awareness
- Friday, September 6th at 7pm – Back to School Movie Night – at Memorial Park - showing “Lilo and Stitch”
 - There will be snacks for everyone
- Sunday, September 7th, we will commemorate the 24th Anniversary of 911 – there will be a Mass at Holy Spirit at 11:30am and then there will be ceremony in the rear of the New Hyde Park Fire Department Headquarters at 1:30pm
 - This is a day that has affected our community as 15 members of our community have died either on 911 or as result of 911
- Saturday, September 20th is our 28 Annual Street Fair and it is turning out to be a wonderful event
 - All of the Vendors are returning
 - It runs from Lakeville Road to New Hyde Park Road on Jericho Turnpike
 - The rain-date is Saturday, September 27th from 10am to 4pm
- Saturday, September 20th is also a great day because Tr. Burger and his son are going to be put on the Memorial at Eisenhower Park.
- Sunday, October 12th at 10am – the Annual Columbus Day Parade
 - The Grand Marshal will be named soon
- Friday, October 17th at 5pm at the Village Hall – Diwali Festival of Lights Celebration
- Saturday, October 25th at 10am – Halloween Parade/Fall Festival – will now end at Memorial Park
- Tuesday, November 11th at 10:30am – Veterans Day Ceremony – Village Hall front lawn
- Saturday, November 29th at 3pm on the Village Hall front lawn – Tree Lighting

Miscellaneous Village Concerns

- We are in the process of replacing stop signs
- People routinely go through stop signs – we would love to put a video camera on the stop signs and issue tickets to drivers that do not abide by them
 - Not to raise revenue but to get people to stop at stop signs
 - Unfortunately, this can’t be done
 - We have speed bumps near Memorial Park, and cars are still speeding near the park
 - Speeding is an epidemic in the Village and we do not have the ability to write speeding tickets
- The Village has started issuing tickets enforcing the regulation of “No parking within 30ft from a stop sign”
 - It is a state law that we are enforcing it that should be enforced
 - If something isn’t enforced that’s on the books it doesn’t mean that it’s okay to do
- Residents are asking for more and more signs
 - Signs are good but they’re only as good as the enforcement of them; they need to be enforced by giving people summons
 - After the triple fatality we added “no left turn” signs on every cross street of Jericho Turnpike both north and south, and people still make a left turn

- We are in touch with the police department and we are doing the best we can
- We had a meeting with the owner of Gnome's Pharmacy which has been vacant for 5 years
 - The owner has reached out to several people to rent the space and it always boils down to no parking
 - Would love to attract new businesses, but in order to do that, the owners need to start to put money into their buildings
 - We need to start having a discussion, as a Village, with owners of mix-use store front/residential buildings
 - Stores are not being utilized (Amazon put an end to that) so owners are not putting money into the buildings
 - If you can't attract new retail, then all you have left are pizza parlors, beauty parlors, nail salons and an occasional bank or pharmacy
 - We're a village and not a county so we don't have the ability to offer tax breaks to attract new businesses
 - We need ideas to attract new businesses
- We are going to update some of the coin operated meters in the most highly trafficked areas and keep the coin operated meters in the less trafficked areas
 - There are 13 new parking meters 7-8 by the railroad and the rest on Jericho
 - They cost about \$8,000 each machine and we need 27 of them on Jericho and another 8 by the railroad tracks
 - Residents feel that the money may be better spent elsewhere, but it is time to start refurbishing things in the Village
 - If someone has suggestions, please let us know before the project is done; or if someone has a skill and is willing to donate their time, please come forward and donate your skills,

REQUEST FOR A PEDDLER/HAWKER/SOLICITOR PERMIT – Decision Tabled by the Board:

- Mr. Sunil Baboeram, from Keller William Legendary Real Estate located at 925 Hempstead Turnpike #438, Franklin Square, NY 11010 would like a Peddler Permit. Mr. Baboeram provided additional details on his request to canvas the neighborhood. The Board will meet to review the request and respond to Mr. Baboeram.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM and a motion was made by Tr. Sheikh, seconded by Tr. Burger, and unanimously approved, to go to an Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura Daly

Secretary to the Board