

REGULAR MEETING

November 20, 2025

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

ABSENT: 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.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

POLICE REPORT

A review of the October 2025 police report was given; 6 auto accidents; 31 total aided cases (other than auto); no robberies; no residential burglary; no commercial burglary; no car was stolen; 7 larceny charges (other than auto); 2 criminal mischief charges; 4 moving violations; and 8 parking violations.

RESOLUTIONS:

25-61 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 25-12

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 25-12 was unanimously approved.

25-62 A RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT – 914 THIRD AVENUE

- Upon motion by Trustee Quinlan, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing a Special Use Permit – 914 Third Avenue Turnpike was unanimously approved.

25-63 A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN UNLISTED ACTION UNDER S.E.Q.R.A. WITH A NEGATIVE DECLARATION – 914 THIRD AVENUE

- Upon motion by Trustee Quinlan, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution declaring an unlisted action under S.E.Q.R.A. with a negative declaration – 914 Third Avenue was unanimously approved.

25-64 A RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT – 1200 JERICHO TURNPIKE

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing a Special Use Permit – 1200 Jericho Turnpike was unanimously approved.

25-65 A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN UNLISTED ACTION UNDER S.E.Q.R.A. WITH A NEGATIVE DECLARATION – 1200 JERICHO TURNPIKE

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution declaring an unlisted action under S.E.Q.R.A. with a negative declaration – 1200 Jericho Turnpike was unanimously approved.

25-66 A RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT – 1300 JERICHO TURNPIKE

- Upon motion by Trustee Quinlan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution authorizing a Special Use Permit – 1300 Jericho Turnpike was unanimously tabled.

25-67 A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN UNLISTED ACTION UNDER S.E.Q.R.A. WITH A NEGATIVE DECLARATION – 1300 JERICHO TURNPIKE

- Upon motion by Trustee Quinlan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution declaring an unlisted action under S.E.Q.R.A. with a negative declaration – 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 October 2025:

- 487 tons of refuse and recycling consisting of:
 - 398 tons of MSW
 - 15 tons of newspaper
 - 24 tons of commingled recyclables
 - 18 tons of C&D
 - 32 tons of yard waste
- There will be one double day on Friday, November 28th
 - In observance of Thanksgiving Day there will be no garbage collection on Thursday, November 27th
- 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 October, approximately 15 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 weekly and will continue as needed into the Fall
- Road side leaf collection began on Monday, November 3rd and will continue, as needed, till Friday, December 12th
 - Road side leaf collection is strictly for loose leaves, do not place branches within leaf piles

Routine Tree Maintenance:

- Routine tree maintenance requests and tree preventative maintenance procedures are on-going and will continue as needed
 - DPW conducted 20 tree trims and 2 tree removals in October
 - If you have any questions or concerns regarding the tree in front of your house or would like to request a new tree, use the MyVNHP App or call Village Hall
 - We have already completed most of our Fall 2025, and are currently taking requests for the Fall 2026.
- In October, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 24 service requests that were received via the MyVNHP App or phone calls to Village Hall
- The majority of calls this month were regarding trees
- Pothole repairs were conducted several times in October and approximately 15 potholes and road repairs were conducted
- DPW will be out performing pothole repairs on an as needed basis throughout the Fall

DPW Renovation Update (16 months into the project):

- DPW staff has moved into our new office and is continuing to move equipment and trucks back on-site
- The New Truck Garage:
 - The new truck garage is complete and DPW should be utilizing this space in the next few weeks
- New Salt Shed:
 - The salt shed is complete
- 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
 - All areas have been in use for several weeks
- Existing Garage Renovation:
 - The renovation at our exiting garage is complete and DPW has been moving in equipment and setting up the mechanics repair area
- New Office:
 - The new office area for DPW is complete and DPW staff has moved into the new office
- Site Work:
 - All site work including fencing, planting areas, and asphalt roadways is complete
 - There are a several planting areas that need to be graded
- Overall:
 - The project is wrapping up and the contractor has been given a punch list with the last few remaining items to complete or repair
 - At this point we are mostly operational at the new location with only a few storage areas and equipment locations still getting situated

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 is now open

- The last step in the project was the installation of a new park
- If you have driven or walked by you will see that most of the park is now in place
 - The pickleball court, dog park, playground, bathrooms, planting areas with new trees, and most of the exterior fencing with brick columns have been installed
 - The contractor will begin the placement of the new grass area on November 21st and they will be finalizing all the new concrete, curb, and fence areas the week of November 24th

Building Department: Binu Pillay, Superintendent:

ZBA

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was on November 12th with 5 cases heard: 2 for a dormer extension; 1 for a front portico; 1 for a conversion of an existing building to a fencing school; and 1 for an extension of existing restaurant - which were all approved
- The next meeting is scheduled for December 10th with no applications submitted

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on November 19th with 5 cases heard; 3 for commercial signs; 1 for a dormer; and 1 for installation of a staircase and a door from basement - which were all approved
- The next meeting is scheduled for December 17th and no applications have been submitted

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held November 19th with 31 cases which comprised of: 8- Garbage out before 7pm; 2- Property maintenance; 6- Working without a permit; 1- Car illegally parked; 1- Dumping on the street; and 9- Violation of agreement.
- The next village court will be held on December 17th with 21 cases which comprise of 7- Garbage out before 7pm; 2- Property maintenance; 6- Working without a permit; 1- Car illegally parked; and 5- Violation of agreement.

RENTAL REGISTRATION

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

SPECIAL USE

- There were 3 special use cases heard in October, which were all approved and there are 2 Special Use applications that were adjourned to be heard tonight.
- During the period from October 17th thru November 20th, the Building Department issued 47 permits: 16- Building permits; 8- Plumbing permits; 1- Roof; 5- Fence; 1- Street Opening; 5- Driveway/sidewalk; 2- Signs; 1- HVAC; and 8 Solar.
- There were also 9- Certificates of Approval; 14- Certificates of Completion; 1- Rental Registration Certificate; 1-Certificate of Occupancy; and 2- Special use renewal Certificates.

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

Village of New Hyde Park Clerk's Department Report - October 2025		
		CURRENT
Revenue	Description	10/31/2025
Taxes Interest & Penalty		\$2,725.38
PARKING PERMITS	TYPE A-R-B	\$150.00
LICENSES	CARTING, PLUMBING, RESTAURANT, TAXI	\$91.75
BUILDING	STREET OPENINGS, PLAN, LATE FILING, SRF	\$25,515.52
ZONING	SPECIAL USE/EXCEPTION, HEARINGS	\$2,200.00
Revenue	Description	10/31/2025
COURT FINES	TRAFFIC COURT FINES	\$70,475.50
	BUILDING COURT FINES	\$3,300.00

Clerk \$98,416.44

Court \$73,775.50

Total Revenue \$172,191.94

- The Clerk's Office is busy submitting reimbursement claims for the from the State Grants

Trustee Ed Quinlan:**New Hyde Park Little League:**

- As of Saturday, November 15th twenty T-ball players have completed their season.

Memorial Park:

- The dog park and bathrooms officially closed on Monday, November 17th for the season
- The remainder of the park will be open to the public but there will not be a Park Attendant on duty
- Lead Park Attendant, Frank Guglielmo, and I will be conducting an end of season Park inspection to determine if any conditions need to be addressed
- My sincere thank you to Mayor Devane, Igor, Frank Guglielmo, Tommy Kane, and the Park Attendants for their unwavering support to making Memorial Park arguably the most outstanding facility in the area.

S 12th Street Park

- The new Park will officially open during the spring of 2026
 - Mayor Devane, Frank Guglielmo, and I will schedule a meeting in the early part of January 2026 to establish a game plan for managing the South 12th Street Park
 - Once this facility is operational, we will then begin formulating a plan for Nuzzi Park
 - I'd like to express my sincere thanks to certain individuals who contributed greatly to making this season at Memorial Park the success that it was - in order Mayor Devane and Igor, Lead Park Attendant Frank Guglielmo, Attendant Tommy Kane, and an outstanding group of Park Attendants who will hopefully return next season

Tree Committee Update:

Village of New Hyde Park

Regular Meeting November 20, 2025

- Since I am the liaison to the Tree Committee, I am included in the Village's annual Tree City USA application process

Trustee Rainer Burger:

LIRR Track Work

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

Water Authority

- Station 40 (NHP) upgrade continues
 - Project is moving along but there is a concern that previous delays are going to impact operations since there is still a good amount of site work to be performed and the paving plants shut down soon
 - If we get repeated snowfall, it is impossible to push snow around on unpaved areas
 - Major work was accomplished since last report including setting of the generator, carbon for GAC vessels and powering up the wells in preparation of required lab testing
 - Booster pumps were installed and curbing and sidewalks are underway
- Station 44 (Elmont) project
 - The general contractor is having difficulty closing out Phase 1 of this project and seems unprepared to even address Phase 2; this has put this project at almost a complete stop
 - The Water Authority may have to place a claim against the performance bond
- Station 15 GAC Treatment at 4 sites
 - Design is nearly complete and corrections are being made to the comprehensive plans
 - I hope this will go to bid before the end of the year.
- Station 28 (Elmont)
 - Design of permanent GAC treatment building is approximately 90% complete
- Fall flushing program just started up and is currently in Floral Park
 - It is expected to find its way to NHP

Noise Abatement

- The last TVASNAC meeting was held on October 22, 2025
- TVASNAC is asking newly elected Town of Hempstead Supervisor John Ferretti to write a letter to Congresswomen Laura Gillen since she serves on the house Transportation and Infrastructure Committee asking her to reach out to the FAA about the over usage of runway 22L
 - Runway 22L has over 70% of arrival flights over our communities to JFK and these aircrafts emit large levels of noise and dangerous amounts of toxic emissions; and also to try and reroute air traffic patterns and limit the number of hours planes fly over our communities
- TVASNAC has found out that a grassroots organization called Stop the Chop of New York and New Jersey has summoned the Senate Transportation Committee to hear bill # S4639 that will impose a tax of \$50.00 per seat or \$200.00 per flight on all Helicopter flights over our community
 - Hopefully by increasing prices on Helicopter Transportation it can limit the amount of air traffic
 - This organization was formed to help reduce helicopter noise and ban non-essential flights and reduce noise pollution and safety risks that negatively impacts our quality of life.
- The next meeting of TVASNAC will be Monday, November 24th at 7:00pm at Hempstead Town Hall. 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

- The Legion would like to thank the Community for their support to the American Legion during for the Veterans Day Ceremony and the Pancake Breakfast
 - Veterans Day Ceremony was cold but a great ceremony
 - Pancake Breakfast went well too
 - Thank you to the Board Members for their help in serving
 - Special thanks to the NHP Junior Firefighters who helped set up and serve
- Post meeting was held on November 8, 2025 and the meeting focused on upcoming events that include:
 - Tuesday, November 11th – Veterans Day Ceremony
 - Sunday, November 16th – Pancake Breakfast, Applebees NHP
 - Tuesday, November 25th – Veterans Stand Down
 - Next Meeting is Saturday, December 13th
- 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

- Thank you for to Troop 298 and Pack 544 for Attending the Veterans Day Ceremony
- Cub Scout Pack 544 will be holding their Annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 7th, 8am-10am, at Applebees, NHP

Marcus Christ

- Construction on Marcus Christ is going well
 - Exterior and interior walls are going up and final steel construction on the back of the building is in process and roofing is also being worked on
 - Overall, we are looking at the completion of the construction in March/April 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 any decisions that needed to be made.

Trustee Eve Sheikh:

Senior Programs

- We had a Holiday Craft event on October 24th
 - The Seniors enjoyed making a fun pumpkin decoration to take home!
- On November 7th, we had bagels and games for the Seniors

Senior Programs Upcoming Events

- This coming Tuesday, November 25th, we are holding our Senior Luncheon!
 - Seniors absolutely love that event and they are looking forward to it!
 - It's going to be a great time!
- Friday, December 5th at 11am - A Cookie Decorating Party!

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

- Tuesday, December 2nd from 6:30pm-7:30pm - Stress-Less Holidays with Jenn In-Person
 - If you are feeling stressed from the Holiday Season, you will explore different ways of handling stress such as different breathing techniques to calm your nervous system and gentle ways of stretching and releasing physical tension in the body
- Wednesday, December 3rd from 6pm-7:30pm - Medicare 101

- Learn the A, B, C, D's with Bess Moss who will answer all of your Medicare questions by shedding light on the following: Eligibility; Enrollment Periods; Supplements vs Medicare Advantage Plans; Drug Coverage and Pharmaceutical Assistance Plans
 - Bring your questions and get ready to finally grasp the fundamentals of Medicare!
- Friday, December 5th at 1pm - Movie showing "Jurassic World Rebirth"
- Thursday, December 11th from 10:30am-12pm - American Mah Jong!
 - This series is for Intermediate players
 - Beginners American Mah Jong will open in the Spring.

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

New Hyde Park Road School:

- The NHP Road School PTA is having their 1st Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Raffle
 - The raffle starts on November 2, 2025 and ends on November 20, 2025
 - Price is \$10 per raffle ticket
 - The Winner will be announced at Parents vs Staff Volleyball Game and Instagram Live at Road School on November 20th!
- The next Board of Education meeting is Monday, December 8th at 8pm at Manor Oaks
- Schools are closed for Thanksgiving Break on November 27th and 28th

Miscellaneous:

- Our Halloween Festival was on Saturday, October 25th, it was a SPOOKtacular event!
 - I want to thank everyone that helped out!
 - My favorite part of the day was when Rainer, aka Mr. Frankenstein, walked up to random cars and started to scared them! Too funny!!
 - It was a great turnout and everyone had fun! We have great ideas in mind for next year!
- Everyone have a great Thanksgiving!!

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar:

Clerk's Office:

- Thank you, Rebecca, for sharing our monthly Financial Report
- The Clerk's Office has been busy submitting reimbursements for all the projects in addition to their daily duties
- The Clerk's Office also sent out second delinquent tax notices on October 10th
 - Look for this in your mail if it applies to you.
- The office now has another Intern, Tony Pan, a Junior at Jerich High School, who we welcome and thank him in advance for his help

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

- Rebecca continues to submit the reimbursements for CDBG
- Residential Rehab - we still have about \$12,800 funds remaining that we would like our residents to take advantage of

Culture Committee Events:

- Since our last meeting, we had a Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th
 - It was cold and windy
 - We would like to thank the Mayor for keeping his speech short
- Our next event is our last one for the year, our annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
 - It will take place on Saturday, November 29th at 3pm at Village Hall

- We have entertainment for kids; Christmas carols by New Hyde Park Memorial High School; and of course Santa!
- I would like to thank everyone involved in planning and carrying out events, including the High School Students, Cheryl and Laura, and the Cultural Committee
- Please come and be a part of our Community Events
 - As a reminder, our events are open to all and free to attend

Miscellaneous:

- The Deputy Mayor addressed an incident at New Hyde Park Memorial High School and clarified that the High School is not within the Village and does not have jurisdiction over the High School. While there are students that live in the Village and go to that High School, she remained in contact with the Principal to let her know that the Village is there to help, if needed.
- Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving with their loved ones

Mayor Christopher Devane:

Throughout his report the Mayor acknowledged and thanked Village Employees, the Culture Committee and the Board for all their help and support.

He began his report by commenting on two recent Village events, the Veterans Day Ceremony and Halloween:

- The Veterans Day Ceremony was a special event
 - Veterans Day and Memorial Day are the Villages two most important events of the year
- Halloween was fantastic and everyone had a great time
 - As usual, Rainer had the best costume
 - Binu looked fantastic in that Joker costume, it's unfortunate that he didn't tell me that he was wearing the same costume as me

Marcus Christ Community Center

- Take a look next door
- It is on pace for an April 2026 opening and will be a great addition to our Community

DPW

- Take a drive past the facility
- It looks great, Igor did a great job

S 12th Street

- Is 98% done
- Thanks to the Village Attorney, Pete, we will have 4 mature trees from 114 Old Country Road
- It will be named after George L. Sakowich
 - George was a legend in the history of this Village
 - He was a former Trustee, Deputy Mayor, and founder of Sakowich Plumbing a founding member of the Elks Lodge and past President of the Lions Club
 - His wife, Ethel, is about to turn 98, and is still going strong, and I often refer to her as the Matriarch of the Village
 - The Sakowich family, Ronnie, Roger, Reed, Mr. Sakowich, and Laura Sakowich's two children who joined the fire department, have over 230 years of combined service to the New High Park Fire Department and to our Village
 - The Sakowich are also owners of the Inn

Miscellaneous

- Saturday, November 29th at 3:00pm on the Village Hall front lawn we are holding our annual Tree Lighting
 - We will be collecting toys for Trisha's Kids, that will go to kids in need

- We're asking everyone that comes to give a new unwrapped toy for Trisha's kids
- It's a great organization, and we're honored to be collaborating with them
- Effective January 2026, the Village will be issuing the 2026 "R" parking permits for resident parking
 - We are going to go a little old school, and we're going to have sticker parking permits like they used to be, affixed on the back bumper of the cars
 - This will make it easier for our code enforcement officers to see who has a permit and who doesn't.
 - We will be papering all the cars and all the lots, so they know that they have to park heading in, and they have to put the sticker on the back bumper of the car
- There will be new construction going on by the Lakeville Road lot
 - We ask everybody to bear with us
 - The fruits of that labor are going to look beautiful as the Village is in need of housing, especially, senior housing, and the board is always open and looking for ways to make that happen.
 - We are trying to bring the Village into the 21st Century in a very smart way
- I want to thank Cheryl and Laura for all they're doing during the events.
 - They do a fantastic job
- I wish everybody and their families are very Happy, Safe, Healthy Thanksgiving
 - Our Village family has taken a hit with the loss of Scott
 - We went through on Veterans Day and spoke about Reiner and his son Ryan, who was over in the Middle East
 - I tell people all the time when you're sitting around at Thanksgiving dinner, and everything's going well, and the only thing you have to complain about is politics, or a little superficial thing, take a look around the room with your family and loved ones and Thank the good Lord that everybody's healthy and everyone's doing well
 - I know it will be a tough time for some people here who have lost people, know we're here for you and that we're a family here

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 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 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura Daly

Secretary to the Board