

REGULAR MEETING

January 15, 2026

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 December 2025 was submitted by the Nassau County Police Department.

POLICE REPORT

A review of the December 2025 police report was given; 7 auto accidents; 37 total aided cases (other than auto); no robberies; no residential burglary; no commercial burglary; 1 car was stolen; 1 larceny charge (other than auto); no criminal mischief charges; 5 moving violations; and 31 parking violations.

RESOLUTIONS:

25-75 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 25-16

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 25-16 was unanimously approved.

25-76 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGETARY ACCOUNT CODES

- Upon motion by Trustee Quinlan, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between budgetary account codes was unanimously approved.

25-77 A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN UNLISTED ACTION UNDER S.E.Q.R.A. WITH A NEGATIVE DECLARATION – 231 JERICHO TURNPIKE

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution declaring an unlisted action under S.E.Q.R.A. with a negative declaration – 231 Jericho Turnpike was unanimously approved.

25-78 A RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT – 231 JERICHO TURNPIKE

- Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution authorizing a Special Use Permit – 231 Jericho Turnpike was unanimously approved.

25-79 A RESOLUTION DENYING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT – 1300 JERICHO TURNPIKE

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Quinlan, the resolution denying a Special Use Permit – 1300 Jericho Turnpike was unanimously approved.

License/Permit New/Renewals:

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Landscaping: Renewal - Approved

R.M.C. Landscaping–100 Old Broadway, GCP, NY 11040

Carters: Renewals – All Approved

Persi Contracting Corp.- 804 Jericho Tpke, NHP, NY 11040

Eagle Sanitation Inc.-PO Box 298, Woodbury, NY 11797

Used Car Owner/Operator: Renewal - Approved

Auto PHD Diagnostic & Repair Inc.-167 Lakeville Rd, NHP, NY 11040

Tow Car Owner & Driver: Renewal - Approved

Frame Auto Collison Inc-71 Denton Ave, NHP, NY 11040

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 December 2025:**

- 534 tons of refuse and recycling consisting of:
 - 409 tons of MSW
 - 14 tons of newspaper
 - 27 tons of commingled recyclables
 - 76 tons of yard waste
 - 8 tons of C&D
- There will be no garbage collection on Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 - There will be a double day collection on Tuesday January 20th
- 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

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- 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 December, approximately 30 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 Winter
- Street sweeping will continue to take place, when possible, throughout the remainder of the Winter
- Road side leaf collection began on Monday November 3rd and ended on Friday, December 12th
 - DPW collected approximately 210 tons of leaves via the roadside leaf collection program

Routine Tree Maintenance:

- Routine tree maintenance requests and tree preventative maintenance procedures are on-going and will continue as needed
 - DPW conducted 8 tree trims and 2 tree removals in December
- The Village's tree maintenance contractor will be back in the Village in the late Spring/early Summer to conduct tree trims and 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 the Village Hall
 - We are currently taking tree planting requests for the Fall of 2026
- In December, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 25 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 December and approximately 15 potholes and road repairs were conducted
- DPW will be out performing pothole repairs on an as needed basis throughout the Winter
 - Any larger or more invasive repairs will be conducted in the Spring
- There were 2 snow events in December, one on December 14th and the other on December 27th
 - Both events required pre and post treatment with road salt and plowing

DPW Renovation Update (18 months into the project):

- DPW staff has moved into our new office and is continuing to move equipment and trucks back on-site
- 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
 - The new park is now mostly complete; with a few items to complete in the Spring before the park can be fully open

Building Department: Binu Pillay, Superintendent:

ZBA

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was scheduled for on December 10th with no applications submitted
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 14th with no applications submitted

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was scheduled for December 17th with no applications submitted
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 28th with 1 application submitted for a commercial sign

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held on December 17th with 22 cases which comprised of: 2- Garbage out before 7pm; 5- Property maintenance; 5- Working w/o a permit; 6- Car illegally parked; and 4- Violation of agreement
- The next village court will be held on January 21, 2026 with 44 cases which comprise of: 4- Garbage out on a holiday; 17- Property maintenance; 3- Working w/o a permit; 10- Car illegally parked; and 10- 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 November, which were approved and there is 1 Special Use application that will be heard tonight
- During the period from December 19th thru January 15th, the Building Department issued 25 permits: 7- Building permits; 7- Plumbing permits; 1- Fence; 5 - Street Opening; 1- Sidewalk; 1- Solar; 1- HVAC; 1- Electric; and 1- Sign
- There were also 9- Certificates of Approval; 8- Certificates of Completion; and 3- Rental Registration Certificates

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

<i>Village of New Hyde Park</i> <i>Clerk's Department Report - December 2025</i>		
		<i>CURRENT</i>
<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>12/31/2025</i>
<i>PARKING PERMITS</i>	<i>TYPE A-R-B</i>	<i>\$70,554.16</i>
<i>LICENSES</i>	<i>CARTING, PLUMBING, RESTAURANT, TAXI</i>	<i>\$28.00</i>
<i>BUILDING</i>	<i>STREET OPENINGS, PLAN, LATE FILING, SRF</i>	<i>\$40,242.79</i>
<i>ZONING</i>	<i>SPECIAL USE/EXCEPTION, HEARINGS</i>	<i>\$1,200.00</i>
<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>12/31/2025</i>
<i>COURT FINES</i>	<i>TRAFFIC COURT FINES</i>	<i>\$62,172.50</i>
	<i>BUILDING COURT FINES</i>	<i>\$15,876.00</i>

Clerk \$163,842.77

Court \$78,048.50

Total Revenue \$241,891.27

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- Mayor Devane complimented the work being done by Binu in the Building Department, Igor at DPW, and Rebecca in the Clerk's Office and their ability to multitask and keep the Village running. He further praised Ben and Pete, the Village's Legal Attorneys for their Legal Counsel.

Trustee Ed Quinlan:

New Hyde Park Little League:

- Registration for the 2026 Spring season can be completed by going to: www.newhydeparklittleleague.com

Memorial Park:

- Lead Park Attendant Frank Guglielmo and I conducted the end of the 2025 season inspection of the park and found it to be in excellent shape
 - A list of conditions that might need to be addressed will be forwarded to the Mayor and Igor for their review and consideration
 - I will be meeting with Mayor Devane to discuss two requests that have been submitted to use the Park during the Spring and scheduling Park Attendants at Memorial Park and Sakowich Park in the upcoming season
 - Unfortunately, some dog walkers are continuing to demonstrate illegal and bizarre behavior by tossing their dog waste bags over the fence and into the park
 - Signs have been strategically posted thanks to Igor, other than that I'm not sure what the answer is to this persistent problem

Sakowich Park:

- Sakowich Park is scheduled to officially open during the upcoming Spring season

Tree Committee Update:

- Nothing to report

Trustee Rainer Burger:

LIRR Track Work

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

Water Authority

- Station 44 Upgrade
 - The Project is on hold and a default letter was sent to the General Contractor followed by a termination letter for failure to perform
 - Along with H2M we will continue to perform start up tasks for the completion of Phase 1
 - The Water Authority will be putting a claim against their Performance Bond in order to get the project moving again
- Station 40 Upgrade
 - We are awaiting National Grid to come in to run new gas mains for the emergency generator and the Administration Building
 - Contractors are otherwise performing punch list items
 - Water system startup has just begun.
- 10 Year Master Plan is in progress; once complete the Water Authority will need to issue Revenue Bonds

Noise Abatement

- The last TVASNAC meeting was supposed to be on December 22nd but was not held
- The next meeting of TVASNAC will be Monday, January 26th 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

- A Post meeting was held on Saturday, December 13, 2025
 - The meeting focused on Donations, Scholarships and candidates for Boy State 2026
 - Post voted to give a donation to NHP Pack 544 for all their support to our Veterans
 - Post voted to give a donation to American Vet Dogs
- There are no meetings in January and February; the next meeting will be on Saturday, March 21, 2026
- 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

- American Legion plans to visit Pack 544 on Friday, January 16, 2026

Marcus Christ

- Construction on Marcus Christ is going well
 - Overall, we are looking at the completion of Construction in 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 Upcoming Events

- Friday, January 16th at 11am - Seniors are going to be making a Terrarium
 - They enjoy making them and it should be a fun event.
- Friday, January 30th at 11am - Seniors will have a Bingo Day!
 - They Love Bingo!
- Friday, February 6th at 11am- Valentine's Songs!

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, January 20th from 10am-5pm - Health Care Insurance application assistance for Aged (65+), Blind and Disabled populations
 - Get help from (HWCLI) Health and Welfare Council of Long Island experts with the Medicaid application process through LDSS, Medicare Savings programs and Medicare resources
 - Call HWCLI for an appointment at 516-505-4426, or walk-in with your questions
- Wednesday, January 28th from 10am to 12pm - Community Legal Help Project
 - Meet with Lawyers for free limited Legal information for all Nassau County residents
- Wednesday, January 28th from 6:30pm -7:30pm - Seminar for Social Security: Your Questions Answered
 - Before you retire, it's important to understand your Social Security options and the impact your decisions will have
 - This seminar will cover how Social Security fits into your retirement income plan, and items to consider as you decide when you start taking benefits
 - Presented by Kathy Kanes, Financial Advisor
- Friday, February 6th at 1pm - Movie showing "Notting Hill"
- Thursday, February 19th from 1pm to 4pm - Hillside Library is partnering with the New York State Department of Labor for a Job Fair
 - If you are looking for a job, meet potential employers and discuss employment opportunities
 - Remember to bring multiple copies of your resume and dress to impress!

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- Registration is not required and Walk-ins are welcome
- For more information and registration for other interesting events or programs can be found on the library's website: hillsidelibrary.info

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- The greater NHP Chamber of Commerce is having their annual Presidents Gala at NHP Inn from 6-9pm. Looking forward to it

New Hyde Park Road School:

- The Donate old eye glasses drive ends at January 30th
 - Pack 544 is hosting a collection for used eyeglasses to help bring the gift of sight to those in need
 - Donations can be dropped off at the NHP Road School during school hours
- Wednesday, January 21st at 6:00pm the Road school PTA is having Staff vs. Parents Volleyball tournament
 - May the best team win!
 - If you plan to attend, the PTA is asking for hats, scarves or gloves donations to support the BLT committee
- The Next Board of Ed meeting will be Monday, February 2, 2026 at 8:00 PM at Hillside Grade School

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar:

Clerk's Office:

- Thank you, Rebecca, for sharing our monthly Financial Report
 - The office is busy and doing a great job of submitting reimbursements for all ongoing projects as well as doing their day-to-day duties
- The office sent out the 6th mailing of delinquent tax notices on January 9, 2026
 - Be on the lookout for this notice if it applies to you
- The office started preparing for the Budget year 2026-2027
 - We heard back from our Auditors and we will update the Public once we have something in writing.
 - The new intern, Milan Patel, was introduced

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

- Rebecca continues to submit the reimbursements for CDBG
- CDBG Grants have made changes that may impact our grants
 - Previously we had 3 years to use the funds, that has decreased and now we only have 6 months left to spend the funds
 - We will keep you updated as we continue to get more information; it impacts our budget calculations

Residential Rehab:

- We still have funds remaining that we would like our residents to take advantage of
 - If you know anyone who can use these funds, please refer them to the Village Hall

JCAP Grant:

- The 2025-2026 Grant request was submitted on October 9, 2025
- We requested \$30,000; if approved, we have 180 days to spend the money

Culture Committee Events:

In 2026, we anticipate having 1-2 events each month with each Board Member dedicated to an event

- The Cultural Committee is happy to welcome another exciting year of events and celebrations
 - Our first 2026 Event will be a presentation by the New Hyde Park Chinese Association, NHPCA, as they share and educate our community on the significance of the Chinese New Year

- We would like to invite members of our community to join us at our next monthly Board Meeting, Thursday, February 19th at 7pm
- On Saturday, March 14th we will have our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade at 10am
 - More details to follow

As a reminder-our events are open to all and free to attend

Mayor Christopher Devane:

Mayor Devane gave an update on the major projects/activities in the Village while addressing some of the concerns from the Village Residents:

- **DPW** is beautiful; he urged Residents to go visit the site
- **Sakowich Park** should be opening in the spring, is beautiful, and was paid for with State funds
- **Memorial Park** is in great shape
- **Nuzzi Park** questions will be addressed soon
 - The Village has three construction projects and needs a break
 - we do not have the funds budgeted and available at this time
 - We will do some excavation and cutting down the weeds
 - We had discussions with Little League and there will not be any Little League Baseball played there this year because the condition of the park
 - Bear with us; we will let you know if the condition of the park and if that allows it to open
- **Marcus Christ Hall** is expected to open in the late Spring
 - We had a conversation with representatives from "The Tunnel to Towers" and they love the idea of the Village doing a Fund Raiser as one of our first events there
 - They are building a Veterans Village in Island Park which is where the funds would go to
 - This is about our community giving back to Fire Fighters and wounded/deceased War Veterans
 - Marcus Christ Hall will not be used for Sweet-Sixteens, Christenings, Bar Mitzvahs and Organizations to do other types of Fund Raisers
 - We will have functions there that will invite the entire Community with the goal of celebrating one Country each month to learn about other cultures
 - It will be available to the American Legion, Cub Scout Pack 544, Boy Scout Troop 298 and the Chamber to hold their meetings and maybe hold a movie night
 - It will be open during the day for our Seniors to meet

Other items discussed by the Mayor were:

- Residents need to wrap their cardboard that are put out for sanitation pickup
 - It is not the Village's job to chase your garbage on windy days
- We wish we could have stop sign cameras in the Village
 - Cars are running stop signs all over the Village; a stop sign is not optional
 - Hope it doesn't take a tragedy for people to realize that they have got to stop at stop signs
 - Going to ask the POP police officers to come down and write tickets
- If you are parking on your lawn or blocking your driveway, we will summons you
- Going to ask the Chamber for help with the mix-use buildings in the Village
 - They are store fronts that have apartments above them
 - I am going to ask the Business owners in the Village to come to a meeting in the Village Hall to work on improving the quality of their buildings and do something about our downtown
 - We need foot-traffic - we need to reimagine our Village
 - We need the cooperation of the Community, Business owner and the Chamber

- We've done a lot to upgrade out facilities and now we are going to ask the Business owners to do the same and to reinvest in their buildings

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM and a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Burger, and unanimously approved, to go back into an Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura Daly

Secretary to the Board