

REGULAR MEETING

February 19, 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
Laura Daly, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

ABSENT: 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.

Two Special Presentations:

Mayor Devane introduced Mr. Craig Hauser, CPA, Senior Manager, from Nawrocki Smith LLP, to review the Independent Auditor's Report of the Incorporated Village of New Hyde Park's Audited Financial Statements and the Audit of the Justice Court Funds for the year ended May 31, 2025 in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards. Several highlights of their fieldwork were presented and he presented a positive financial report, noting strong fiscal health and no material weaknesses in internal controls. The Nawrocki Smith LLP Financial Statement Findings and Recommendations include: No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control were identified; No current year recommendations; and of the two prior year recommendations, one was implemented, and one was in the process of being implemented.

Also, a presentation was given by two children from The New Hyde Park Chinese Association regarding the 2026 Chinese Lunar New Year, the Year of the Horse. The children were dressed in traditional New Year outfits. Their presentation was most informative, as details of this Chinese tradition were explained as well as the details of the Chinese zodiac cycle, with each year represented by an animal.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

The Police Report for January 2026 was submitted by the Nassau County Police Department.

POLICE REPORT

A review of the January 2026 Police Report was given; 4 auto accidents; 29 total aided cases (other than auto); no robberies; no residential burglary; no commercial burglary; no car was stolen; 2 larceny charges (other than auto); one criminal mischief charge; 3 moving violations; and 7 parking violations.

RESOLUTIONS:

25-83 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CDBG 52nd PROGRAM YEAR AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY APPLICATIONS

- Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing the Village to Participate in the CDBG 52nd Program Year and Authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary applications was unanimously approved.

25-84 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO AMEND THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW CHAPTER 189 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, SECTION 189-81 ENTITLED “SCHEDULE XXX: FINES AND PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED OFFENSES”; AND TO AMEND THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW CHAPTER 111 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK, ENTITLED “LANDSCAPE GARDENING CONTROL”, SECTION 111-7 ENTITLED “GENERAL REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS”

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to amend the Proposed Local Law Chapter 189 of the Municipal Code of the Incorporated Village of New Hyde Park, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 189-81 entitled “Schedule XXX: Fines and Penalties for Certain Specified Offenses” ”; and to amend the Proposed Local Law Chapter 111 of the Municipal Code of the Incorporated Village of New Hyde Park, entitled “Landscape Gardening Control”, Section 111-7 entitled “General Regulations and Restrictions” were unanimously approved.

25-85 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LANDSCAPE / GARDENING PERMIT FEES FROM \$75 TO \$100 FOR ONE VEHICLE OR TRAILER AND FROM \$25 TO \$35 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL VEHICLE OR TRAILER STICKER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

- Upon motion by Trustee Quinlan, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to increase the Annual Landscape / Gardening Permit Fees from \$75 to \$100 for one Vehicle or Trailer and from \$25 to \$35 for each additional Vehicle or Trailer sticker effective January 1, 2026 was unanimously approved.

25-86 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF THE OUTSIDE VILLAGE AUDIT

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing the receipt of the Outside Village Audit was unanimously approved.

25-87 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF THE OUTSIDE COURT AUDIT

- Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing the receipt of the Outside Court Audit was unanimously approved.

25-88 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 25-18

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 25-18 was unanimously approved.

License/Permit New/Renewals:

Landscaping: New -Approved

Marvin Reyes Inc dba MM Bari Landscaping – 1335 American Ave, Elmont, NY 11003

Landscaping: Renewals – All Approved

Alvarado Landscaping–35 Old Stewart Ave, GCP, NY 11040

Garden City Maintenance -1124 Front St., Uniondale, NY 11553

Ponturo Landscaping Inc – 2272 Lafayette St, N. Bellmore, NY 11710

Rami R Landscaping – 161-30 Normal Rd, Jamaica, NY 11432

B&B Landscaping Contractors Inc – 249 Marcus Ave, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Mario & Aleidy Landscape Inc. – 21 South Lerisa St, Bethpage, NY, 11714

Abel Landscaping – 22 Woodland Dr., East Islip, NY, 11730
LUK Enterprises NY Corp dba GB’s Landscaping – 100 Jerusalem Ave Apt.#A18, Hempstead, NY 11550
Precision Landscaping & Design Inc- 64 Michel Ave, Farmingdale, NY 11735
HAO – 16-42 Jasmine Ave, New Hyde Park, NY, 11040
Benavides Landscaping Inc – 8 Holly Lane, Westbury, NY 11590
JNC Lawn Service LLC, 75 Bedford Ave., Garden City Park, NY, 11040

Tow Car Owner & Driver: New - Approved

CrossFire Towing Corp-88 Franklin Ave, Valley Stream, NY 11580

Peddler Permit: Renewal - Approved

New Hope Community Church – 1400 Jericho Tpke, New Hyde Park, 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 January 2026 :

- 361 tons of refuse and recycling consisting of:
 - 326 tons of MSW
 - 15 tons of newspaper
 - 20 tons of commingled recyclables
- There are no double days between now and our next board 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 January, approximately 5 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 an as needed basis
- Street sweeping will continue to take place, when possible, throughout the remainder of the Winter

Routine Tree Maintenance:

- Routine tree maintenance requests and tree preventative maintenance procedures are on-going and will continue as needed
 - DPW conducted 2 tree trims and 1 tree removal in January
- 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
- In January, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 30 service requests that were received via the MyVNHP App or phone calls to Village Hall
 - The majority of calls this month were regarding snow
- Pothole repairs were conducted several times in January and approximately 8 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 January, one on January 18th and the other on January 25th
 - Both events required the use of road salt and plowing
 - The snow event on January 25th was one of the biggest storms to hit our area in over 5 years with approximately 12-14 inches of snow falling followed by 2 weeks of freezing temperatures
 - DPW was out plowing most of the night and snow removal operations continued the next day
 - Due to the freezing temperatures, snow removal in high traffic areas and pedestrian walkways continued for approximately 2 weeks after the initial storm

DPW Renovation Update:

- The DPW renovation project is mostly complete
 - The snow and cold temperatures have stalled repairs
 - The contractor still has a few punch list items to complete

S 12th Street Parking Lots and Park:

- The new park construction at S 12th Street is also mostly complete
 - The only remaining items left to complete are the bathrooms and police booth

Building Department: Binu Pillay, Superintendent:

ZBA

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was scheduled for February 11th but no applications were submitted
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 11th with 3 applications submitted: 2 for a dormer and a new portico; and 1 for a change of name on an SEP

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was scheduled for January 28th with 2 applications submitted: 1 for a commercial sign; and 1 for an awning and a commercial sign, which were approved
- The next meeting is scheduled for February 25th with 1 application submitted for a cellar entrance

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held on February 18th with 39 cases which comprised of: 3- Garbage out before 7pm; 25- Property maintenance and sidewalk not clean; 1- Exiting without a legal apron; 5- Car illegally parked; 4- Violation of agreement; and 1- Failure to obtain an SEP
- The next village court will be held on March 18, 2026 with 25 cases which comprise of: 1- Garbage out on a holiday; 8- Property maintenance; 3- Working w/o a permit; 9- Car illegally parked; and 4- Violation of agreement

RENTAL REGISTRATION

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

SPECIAL USE

- There were 1 special use case heard in January, which was approved and there is 1 Special Use application to be heard tonight
- During the period from January 22nd thru February 19th, the Building Department issued 23 permits: 10- Building permits; 9- Plumbing permits; 1- Sidewalk; 1- Solar; and 2- Signs
- There were also 8- Certificates of Approval; 16- Certificates of Completion; and 10- Rental Registration Certificates

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

<i>Village of New Hyde Park</i>		
<i>Clerk's Department Report - January 2026</i>		
		<i>CURRENT</i>
<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>1/31/2026</i>
<i>PARKING PERMITS</i>	<i>TYPE A-R-B</i>	<i>\$33,450.00</i>
<i>LICENSES</i>	<i>CARTING, PLUMBING, RESTAURANT, TAXI</i>	<i>\$74.50</i>
<i>BUILDING</i>	<i>STREET OPENINGS, PLAN, LATE FILING, SRF</i>	<i>\$56,032.04</i>
<i>ZONING</i>	<i>SPECIAL USE/EXCEPTION, HEARINGS</i>	<i>\$450.00</i>
<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>1/31/2026</i>
<i>COURT FINES</i>	<i>TRAFFIC COURT FINES</i>	<i>\$60,725.00</i>
	<i>BUILDING COURT FINES</i>	<i>\$13,750.00</i>

Clerk \$147,311.90

Court \$74,475.00

Total Revenue \$221,786.90

- The final Tax Grievance Day was Tuesday, February 17th
- The Final Delinquent Tax Notices were mailed on February 5, 2026 – the notice advised property owners about the impending Tax Lien sale if taxes are not paid by March 5, 2026
- The Tax Lien Sale is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 2pm in the Village Court Room

- Property owners must pay the outstanding taxes due by Thursday, March 5th at 12pm by either Certified Check or Cash in order to remove their property from the Tax Lies Sale list that will begin to be published on March 12th, 19th and 26th
- The current FY 25/26 delinquent total is \$57,217.16 consisting of 31 delinquent parcels
- As of 2/19/2026 the total of outstanding taxes for all years/all types, going back to 2004, is \$243,639.88 including penalties and interest
- Between August 2025 and February 19, 2026, we collected \$235,128.04 on delinquent properties, which had totaled \$478,767.92 as of August 2025
- Of the current delinquencies approximately 4 have multiple years of arrears; FY 26-26 have 31, FY 24-25 have 13 and FY 23-24 have 10 delinquent parcels
- Mayor Devane again complimented the work being done by Binu in the Building Department, Igor at DPW, and Rebecca in the Clerk's Office citing and their ability to multitask and keep the Village running

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 AND SAKOWICH PARK UPDATE:

- Both parks are scheduled to open approximately during mid-April
- Lead Park attendant Frank Guglielmo and I are in the process of interviewing candidates for the Park Attendant positions
 - If you know anyone who might be interested in applying, please advise them to contact Village Hall
 - With a new park opening we are in need of additional Attendants
 - Igor and I will be reviewing a list of possible considerations for Memorial Park during the upcoming season
 - On March 28th the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held in Memorial Park commencing at 10 am

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 Elmont
 - Water Authority has placed a claim on the General Contractor's Surety Bond for failure to perform contractual work
 - With the exception of the GAC treatment vessels the water authority obtained clean laboratory results for another treatment point
 - Once the Water Authority receives clean GAC results, they can begin startup testing
- Station 40 HQ
 - Station 40 has now obtained clean lab tests at all points of the treatment processes
 - Accordingly, startup procedures will begin soon on both wells
 - All contractors are working on punch lists and work remaining items
- Station 15 GAC
 - Design was sent to the DOH and we received preliminary comments from them

- H2M has prepared written responses to their questions/concerns
- Station 28 Treatment Building - Elmont
 - Design plans have been submitted and we are awaiting DOH response
- The Water Authority has experienced a high volume of frozen services during this cold snap
 - The majority have resulted being on the customer side of the property
 - We will help customers in this regard when no other urgent needs are occurring
 - The Water Authority has had a fair share of service leaks during the winter period but have been lucky with regard to main breaks of which they have only experienced 2 breaks

Noise Abatement

- The last TVASNAC meeting was supposed to be on Monday, January 26th but was not held due to the Winter Storm
- The next meeting of TVASNAC will be Monday, February 23rd at 7:00p 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

- There are no meetings in January and February
- The Next meeting will be on Saturday, March 21, 2026
- Post made a donation to Pack 544 in January 2026
- The Post will also be making a donation to American Vet Dogs
- NHP Village Intern Tony Pan is applying for Boy State 2026
 - Post is working with Tony to complete the application
- Some Post Members Plan to attend the NHP Junior Fire Fighters Pancake Breakfast on Sunday Feb 22, 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 visited Pack 544 on Friday, January 16, 2026 and provided a Donation

Marcus Christ

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

- Friday, January 16th - Terrarium making Event
 - Ed tried to put my initials in his Terrarium but maybe next time Ed!
- Friday, January 30th - Senior Bingo which was a lot of fun
- Friday, February 6th - Valentine's Songs - with an awesome singer named of Bobby D
 - Bobby D performed wonderful classics which made everyone come alive singing and dancing!
 - He was a hit and we are looking forward to having him again in the summer!

Senior Programs Upcoming Events

- February 27th at 11am- Bagels and Games
- March 6th at 11am- Gem Stacking Workshop, one of my favorites

Our Senior Programs are free and registration is required; please email Seniorprograms@villagenhpnny.gov

Hillside Public Library Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, February 25th from 10am-12pm- Community Legal Help Project for all Nassau County Residents
 - **Do you need help with a legal problem?** Meet with lawyers for free limited legal information and you will get referrals
 - Walk-ins are welcome!
- Wednesday, February 25th from 12pm-2pm - Community Monthly Blood Pressure Screenings
 - A registered Nurse from St. Francis Hospital will be at the library to help you understand your blood pressure reading, and if necessary, strategies to improve it
 - No appointments are necessary
- Friday, February 27th from 2-3pm - Paul, the Plant Guy, who does a Senior event at the Village, will be at our Library!
 - He will have a raffle and lots of plant advice - so go check him out!
- Thursday, March 5th at 7pm is the Library Board of Trustees meeting
- Friday, March 6th at 1pm - Movie showing “Springsteen”
- More information and registration for other interesting events or programs can be found on the library’s website: hillsidelibrary.info

Please follow our Instagram Account under VillageofNHP for special notices and events!

New Hyde Park Road School:

- Road School is on Winter Recess
- The 100th day of school is February 23rd!
 - This year is flying!
- The PTA meeting is on Thursday, March 12th at 7pm in the cafeteria
- The Board of Education meeting is on Monday, March 9th at 8:00pm at NHP Road School

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar:

Clerk’s Office:

- Thank you, Rebecca, for sharing our monthly Financial Report
- The office is preparing on the budget year 2026-2027; all meeting dates and times are posted on the VNHP website and on the E-board
 - All questions can be answered at the Public Meetings
- April 1st at 2pm is the Tax Lien Sale
 - The office sent out the Seventh Delinquent Tax Notice on February 5th
 - If your Taxes are not paid by March 5th, the Village will be selling the Tax Lien
- The Audit Report was a success; the Village is in great shape
- The last day to Grieve your taxes was Tuesday, February 17th
- The 2026-2027 Tentative Assessment Roll is now available and posted on the Village website
 - The last day to Grieve your taxes was Tuesday, February 17th

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

- Rebecca continues to submit the reimbursements for CDBG
 - There are three programs included: Senior Programs; ADA and Residential Rehab
 - 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 applied for the 51st Year Grant and have not heard back yet, but we will still be applying for the 52nd year
 - I will keep you updated as we continue to get more information; this impacts our budget calculations

Residential Rehab:

- We had one resident come forward and apply for funds
 - We are hoping that this Resident qualifies to take advantage of the program

JCAP Grant:

- Nothing to update

Culture Committee Events:

Our Cultural Committee is happy to welcome another exciting year of events and celebrations

- The first event for 2026 is the wonderful presentation by the New Hyde Park Chinese Association
 - We thank them for coming tonight to educate our community on the significance of the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Horse
- On Saturday, March 14th we will have our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade at 10am
 - More details to follow by Mayor Devane
- On Saturday, March 28th, we will have our Easter Egg Hunt at 10am in Memorial Park
 - The event will be coordinated by Trustee Sheikh

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

Miscellaneous:

- The Village will be participating in the Island Harvest "March on Hunger" food drive during March and April
 - We will be placing a donation box in the lobby
 - The information will be posted on our website, Instagram and e-board

Mayor Christopher Devane:

Mayor Devane gave an update on the major projects/activities in the Village

- St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 14th at 10am
 - The parade will proceed from Hillside Blvd down Jericho Tpke
 - Our Grand Marshal is Judge David P. Sullivan, a newly elected Surrogate Judge in Nassau County
 - Judge Sullivan has 2 daughters and 1 son; one daughter works at the NHP Road School and his son is the 2nd Deputy Chief at the NHP Fire Department
 - Come join us for a great time
- We expect Sakowich Park to open in April
 - Sakowich Park will be a great addition to the Village Residents living on the south side
- Marcus Christ Hall is expected to open in May or June
 - We will update the Residents once the opening date is set
 - Thank you, Binu and Rainer, for all your hard work on this project
- The Village Board continues to monitor and pursue opportunities for Senior housing in the Community
 - There are residents that downsize and want to remain in the Village
- DPW did an excellent job on the snow removal during the snow storms
- The Village will proceed with plans to remove meters on Jericho Tpke and install 28 new kiosks over the coming months
 - 25 of the meters will only accept Flowbird or Credit Card Payments
 - This needed to be done because drivers are currently jamming the meters by putting tape on pennies and then inserting it into the meter

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM and a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Quinlan, and unanimously approved, to go back into an Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura Daly

Secretary to the Board