

REGULAR MEETING

April 16, 2026

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

ABSENT: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW
Benjamin Truncale, Jr., Attorney to the Board of Trustees

Mayor Devane opened the Board Meeting at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

POLICE REPORT

A review of the March 2026 Police Report was given; 5 auto accidents; 45 total aided cases (other than auto); no robberies; no residential burglary; no commercial burglary; no car was stolen; 4 larceny charges (other than auto); 2 criminal mischief charges; 25 moving violations; and 10 parking violations.

RESOLUTIONS:

25-101 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2026-2027 BUDGET

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution authorizing the adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget was unanimously approved.

25-102 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 25-22

- Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 25-22 was unanimously approved.

25-103 A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE FOLLOWING VILLAGE POLICIES

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution affirming the following Village Policies was unanimously approved.

25-104 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF MILEAGE COSTS

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution authorizing the reimbursement of Mileage Costs was unanimously approved.

25-105 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES, SCHOOLS, SEMINARS, ETC. DURING THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution authorizing the attendance at Conferences, Schools, Seminars, etc. during the 2026-2027 fiscal year was unanimously approved.

25-106 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATES FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution establishing the dates for the Board of Trustee Meetings was unanimously approved.

License/Permit New/Renewals:

Landscaping: Renewals – All Approved

Carlos Landscaping – 12 Van Siclen Ave, Floral Park, NY 11001

Oscar R Hernandez – 1063 Jackson Ave, Franklin Square, NY 11010

Montoya Landscaping Inc – 1 Covert Ave, New Hyde Park, NY, 11040

Big Tree Landscaping Corp – 244 Lawrence St, Uniondale, NY 11553

Paumanok Lawn Tech Inc – 93 East Seaman Ave, Freeport, NY 11520

REPORTS:

Trustee Ed Quinlan

Schools, 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, Business Relations, Public Information, Chamber of Commerce

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar

Clerk's Office, Events Committee, Board of Assessors, Community Development (Community Development Block Grant - CDBG), Summer Camp

Mayor Christopher Devane

Auxiliary Police, Fire Department, Nassau County Police, Parks and Recreation, Facilities, Board of Appeals, Planning and ARB Board, Dept. of Public Works (DPW)/Redevelopment

Department of Public Works: Igor Sikiric, Superintendent – Absent

Building Department: Binu Pillay, Superintendent:

ZBA

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was scheduled for April 8th, however no applications were submitted.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 13th with no applications submitted as of today

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was scheduled for March 23rd with 6 applications submitted: 5 for dormers; and 1 for changing the windows color, all were approved except one case adjourned to April 22nd
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 22nd with 4 applications submitted: 2 for dormers and a new portico; 1 for a commercial sign; and 1 for siding color change

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held on April 15th with 29 cases which comprised of: 1- Garbage out before 7pm; 11- Construction without a permit and disregarding a stop work order; 1- Car illegally parked; 5- Violation of agreement and running a business out of a home; 1- Building in disrepair; 2- Rental without a registration and illegal use of a cellar; 8- Snow not clean from sidewalk and dumping snow onto the street
- The next Village Court will be held on May 20, 2026 with 19 cases which comprise of: 1- Running a business out of a home; 3- Property maintenance; 5- Working without a permit; 1- Car illegally parked; 4- Violations

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of agreement; 1- Dumping snow onto the street; 1- Health hazard living conditions; and 2 Illegal use of a cellar and use of a single family home by more than 1 family

RENTAL REGISTRATION

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

SPECIAL USE

- There was no special use cases heard in March, and there is no special use application to be heard tonight
- During the period from March 19th to April 16th, the Building Department issued 20 permits: 8- Building permits; 5- Plumbing permits; 2- Sidewalk and driveway; 1- Fence; 2- Roof; and 2 HVAC
- There were also 6- Certificates of Approval; 19- Certificates of Completion; and 5- Rental Registration Certificates

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

<i>Village of New Hyde Park</i> <i>Clerk's Department Report - March 2026</i>			
Revenue	Description	CURRENT 3/31/2026	FYTD 2025-26
PARKING PERMIT	TYPE A-R-B	\$2,200.00	\$116,004.16
LICENSES	CARTING, PLUMBING, RESTAURANT, TAXI	\$24.25	\$761.12
BUILDING	STREET OPENINGS, PLAN, LATE FILING, SRF	\$36,747.67	\$297,389.91
ZONING	SPECIAL USE/EXCEPTION, HEARINGS	\$1,150.00	\$15,625.00
INTEREST ON ACCOUNT		\$7,369.73	\$105,048.61
REGISTRAR	DEATH CERT, CERTIFIED COPIES	\$120.00	\$1,930.00
Revenue	Description	3/31/2026	FYTD
COURT FINES	TRAFFIC COURT FINES	\$78,172.00	\$667,741.00
	BUILDING COURT FINES	\$5,150.00	\$109,850.00
	Clerk	\$102,245.11	\$968,957.84
	Court	\$83,322.00	\$694,269.00
	Total Revenue	\$185,567.11	\$1,302,393.48

- The Village held a Tax Lien sale on April 1st
 - 20 out of 22 Tax Liens that were on the list were sold

Trustee Ed Quinlan:

New Hyde Park Little League Update per Vincent Grunert:

- The Boys teams will commence playing games at Memorial Park on April 16
- The Girls teams will commence playing games at Memorial Park on April 20
- The Little League Parade will take place on April 25th beginning at Lakeville Road at 11:30am

New Hyde Park Road School:

- The PTA Clothing Drive will take place on Saturday, April 18 between 9am and 12pm in the school parking lot off Terrace Boulevard

- Items such as comforters, blankets, clothing, small toys, handbags, linens, stuffed animals, etc. will be accepted
- Upcoming PTA meetings will be held on Wednesday, May 13th and Wednesday, June 10th
- Board of Education meetings will be held on Monday, April 20th in the Manor Oaks School at 8pm
 - The Budget will be presented at 7:45pm
- The following Board of Education meeting will be held Monday, May 11th, in the Manor Oaks School at 8pm

Tree Committee Update:

- Nothing to report

Neighborhood Watch Update:

- Nothing to report

Trustee Rainer Burger:

LIRR Track Work

- Two major projects are forecasted this year with the LIRR, the Queens Interlocking Project and the Floral Park/Bellerose Station reconstruction
 - The Queens Interlocking Project is a project designed to modernize and streamline the track, signal and other infrastructure between Floral Park and Queens Village Stations
 - The Floral Park/Bellerose Stations are also being reconstructed
- Neither one of these should have any direct construction impact or service impact on New Hyde Park
 - The Queens Interlocking project in fact has already started
- LIRR will keep us posted on any maintenance project within our area

Water Authority

- Station 40 HQ - the Department of Health walkthrough went well with just a handful of comments/corrections to the treatment system
 - The National Grid gas header has now been installed but once again the electrical contractor has not installed the gas meter header which is holding up running thru startup of the backup generator
 - The parking lot was ripped up and has been repaved with the exception of the parking space lines
- Station 44 Elmont - Still not passed lab testing on the GAC vessels
 - We are still waiting on the Surety bond company to assign a new General Contractor to get this project underway again
- Station 15 GAC treatment (Elmont 4 sites)
 - We received full DOH approval and will be sending bids out in the Fall
- Station 28 Treatment Building (Elmont)
 - We received full DOH approval and bids to go out in May
- Completed annual DEC Conservation filing
- Completed 2025 Annual Water Quality Report which is under review by Nassau County DOH

Noise Abatement

- The last TVASNAC meeting was on March 23rd
- On March 23 2026 there was a discussion on the overuse of runway 22L
 - A recent JFK arrivals usage report from 2018 to present shows JFK runway 22L where arrivals fly over Central Nassau and thru our community has been greatly increased
 - In the summer months runway 22L Arrivals are every 3 minutes for sometimes 12 hours
 - In the year 2025 arrivals at JFK using runway 22L was 82,500 planes which is a usage increase of 38%

- TVASNAC is pushing for Legislation to compel the FAA and Port Authority to meet its requirements including low flying aircraft, the amount of time using certain runways, and Health concerns from Toxic Emissions
- TVASNAC is still waiting for a response from a letter written to Congresswoman Laura Gillen regarding the harms of Aviation Noise and Air pollution over our community
- Congressmen Tom Suozzi has written a letter to Secretary Sean Duffy of the FAA urging him to try and stop the constant barrage of aircraft over Manhasset, Herricks and NHP
- TVASNAC has invited another organization called Plane Sense 4 Long Island to the next meeting along with Assemblyman Ed Ra and Hempstead Town Supervisor John Feretti
- The next meeting of TVASNAC will be on Monday, April 27th 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

- A Legion meeting was held on Saturday, April 11, 2026; the next meeting will be on Saturday May 9, 2026
- Upcoming events include:
 - Saturday, April 11th – the American Legion National Commanders Dinner
 - Saturday, April 25th – the Little League Parade 12:00pm with an 11:30 Line Up
 - Saturday, May 23rd – the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies
 - Thursday, July 2nd – the New Hyde Park 250th Celebration
- The New Hyde Park Village Intern, Tony Pan, submitted his application for Boy State 2026
 - The Post will be is sponsoring him for this event
- 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

- Scouting Changes – Going back to its roots:
 - Removing the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Merit Badge
 - Incorporate a Military Merit Badge
 - Recognizing 2 Genders – Male or Female
 - Military Families – No Membership Dues
 - Discussing to go back to “Boy Scouts of America” vs “Scouts of America”

Marcus Christ

- Construction on Marcus Christ is going well
- Overall, we are looking at the completion of Construction in July/August 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

- We had a candle making event for the Seniors
 - They really enjoyed making candles

Senior Programs Upcoming Events

- Friday, April 17th at 11am - Chef Rob returns!
 - He will have some yummy recipes to try which I will share on Instagram
 - We are super excited!
- Friday, April 24th at 10:30am - Laura and I will host our very first murder mystery party!

- We are very excited about his event!
- Every Senior will play a role in the murder mystery, along with a script
- Some of the roles will have more lines than others, but we'll all be trying to solve the murder before the ship sinks
- Friday, May 15th at 11am – A Paint and Plant event

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

Hillside Public Library Upcoming Events:

- Two-part class - Defensive Driving – Saturday April 18th and Saturday, April 25th from 10:15am to 1:15pm
- You will need to bring to class the following:
 - A \$30.00 check or money order per person payable to “*It is Well Driving School*”
 - Your valid NY State Driver License (Ages 18+)
 - A blue or black pen
- Monday, April 27th from 5-6pm - Drama with your Mama!
 - Grades: 2-4 Lights! Camera! Action! Join and participate in drama and improvisation with live music, dance and storytelling
 - Registration begins April 16th for HPL cardholders and April 20th for all other cardholders
- Wednesday, April 29th from 2-3pm - Identifying AI Images and Videos with Shawn Nenos
 - AI generated images and videos seem to be taking over social media and the internet
 - Shawn Nenos, NLS Technology instructor, guides you through identifying if an image, photograph, or video is created organically or if it was machine-generated, and discuss why it is important to understand the difference
- Friday, May 1st from 10am-7pm - The Library's Spring book sale!
- Wednesday, May 13th from 6-7:30pm - Medicare 101: Learn the A, B, C, D's with Bess Moss
 - She will answer all of your Medicare questions by shedding light on: Eligibility, Enrollment periods, Supplements vs Medicare Advantage Plans, Drug Coverage and Pharmaceutical Assistance Plans
 - *Bring your questions and get ready to understand Medicare!*
- More information and registration for other interesting events or programs can be found on the library's website: hillsidelibrary.info

Miscellaneous Village Hall Events:

- The Village held their 2nd Annual Easter Event on Saturday, April 4th
 - We would like thank everyone who hopped over to see the Easter Bunny, it was a beautiful day
 - I personally want to thank Theresa from DPW for helping out and I am reserving her every year, Igor!
 - Also, a huge thank you to Ava and Chris for being the cutest bunny helpers
- The next event is the Mother's Day Celebration on Saturday, May 9th at 10am, for all mother figures
 - Come join us and relax with a cup of tea or coffee and make sure to leave room for sweets
 - Enjoy some great company, treats and entertainment - The Mayor stated he is going to sing!
- Lastly - I would like to thank the Board for their help with the “Meet the Easter Bunny” event

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

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar:

Clerk's Office:

- Thank you, Rebecca, for sharing our monthly Financial Report
- The Clerk's Office had a Tax Lien sale on April 1st and sold 20 properties
- The 2026-2027 Budget has been adopted and is available for public view

- A special thanks was extended to John Gahan, the Deputy Treasurer
- The Budget process began in October and the increase is about \$35 per household
- Call the Clerk-Treasurer if you have questions
- A copy can be found on the Village website and on request in the Clerk's Office
- All Village employees have completed their mandatory training

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

- We have heard back for the 51st year Grant and were awarded \$130,000 funds
 - \$10,000 Residential Rehab; \$60,000 ADA and \$60,000 Senior Program
- The Office also applied for \$180,000 under the year 52nd year Grant a
 - We expanded our program due to Marcus Christ opening and an ADA Bathroom at Nuzzi Park

Residential Rehab:

- We had one Resident come forward and apply for funds
 - We are still waiting to hear if a Village Resident qualifies to take advantage of the program

JCAP Grant:

- We received the JCAP Grant which is 15 cents short of \$15,000
 - The court is going to scan and shred records/documents
 - We have 180 days to complete use of the funds

Culture Committee Events changed to Events Committee:

The Cultural Committee title has been changed to Events Committee because we are having more regular types of events instead of Cultural Events

- The next event is Earth Day on Saturday, April 18th at 10am
 - We will meet at Village Hall at walk to Memorial Park and plant a tree
- Multicultural Festival on Sunday, May 3rd, at 2pm, doors open at 1:30pm
 - There will be 7 continents with many countries as we try to celebrate many heritages/cultures
 - There will be music, games and we are looking for participants
 - Please call the Village Hall if you or know someone that would like to participate
- The Dedication/Opening of the new Sakowich Park on Friday, May 8th at 6pm
- The Mother's Day Festivity on Saturday, May 9th at 10am
- The Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 23rd at 10am

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

Mayor Christopher Devane:

The Mayor acknowledged and thanked the following individuals for their help on various projects and events:

- Eve and the Fire Department - for their help with the enjoyable "Meet the Easter Bunny" event
- Igor - for the great job he did on DPW which is basically done and looks beautiful
- The Village Attorneys, Pete and Ben - for their help obtaining the Grant money to build Sakowich Park
- Rainer and Binu - for their help on the Marcus Christ Hall construction
 - Come celebrate with us at the Grand Opening ceremony
- The Department heads - for working on 3 Construction Projects and paying the bills on time
 - We are Blessed to have them in this Village

Other Village Current Events:

- The Dedication/Opening of the George L. Sakowich park will take place on Friday, May 8th at 6pm
 - George Sakowich was a long-time Resident of the Village being actively involved in the Village as a former Trustee, member of the Lion's Club and the Elks Lodge and owner of Sakowich Plumbing

- Additionally, he and his family, have over 230 years of service in the NHP Fire Department
- Additional local issues and concerns
 - There is no update on the Miller's Brothers property
 - There is the potential for a new Pharmacy in the Village; we are in need of the foot traffic
 - The need for Senior housing in this Community was also covered, with the Mayor advocating for exploring options to help aging residents remain in the Village

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 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 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura Daly

Secretary to the Board