

REGULAR MEETING

May 21, 2026

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Devane
Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar
Trustee Rainer Burger
Trustee Ed Quinlan
Trustee Eve Sheikh
Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW
Binu Pillay, Superintendent of Building
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. He then introduced the Village Hall Intern Sarah, a junior from New Hyde Park Memorial High School, who will be working on various village projects.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

POLICE REPORT

A review of the April 2026 police report was given; 1 auto accident; 33 total aided cases (other than auto); 1 pedestrian robbery; no residential burglary; no commercial burglary; no car was stolen; 4 other larceny charges: 1 criminal mischief charge; 3 moving violations; and 6 parking violations.

License/Permit New/Renewal:

Landscaping: Renewals – Approved

Forever Green Landscaping by D&C, Corp – 726 Cypress Drive, Franklin Square, NY 11010

Restaurant: New - Approved

Momo2go – 231 Jericho Tpke, NHP, NY 11010

REQUEST TO USE MEMORIAL PARK – Approved:

The NHP Little Leagues President, Vincent Grunert, has requested to use Memorial Park on Saturday, June 13 from 9:00 AM to Dusk for the Little League end of season BBQ. There will be a few sessions with approximately 75 attendees, and the event will be in the ball field areas.

RESOLUTIONS:

25-109 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 25-24

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Burger, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 25-24 was unanimously approved.

25-110 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO AMEND RESOLUTION 25-98 TO NAME OCEANFIRST BANK, N.A., AS DEPOSITORY

- Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution amending Resolution 25-98 to name OceanFirst Bank, N.A., as Depository was unanimously approved.

25-111 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO MOVE A PART TIME LABORER TO A FULL TIME LABORER WITHIN THE DPW-CRUZ

- Upon motion by Trustee Quinlan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Public Works to move Oscar Cruz from a Part Time Laborer to a Full Time Laborer within the Department of Public Works effective June 1, 2026 was unanimously approved.

25-112 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO MOVE A PART TIME LABORER TO A FULL TIME LABORER WITHIN THE DPW-FIORE

- Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Public Works to move Fred Fiore from a Part Time Laborer to a Full Time Laborer within the Department of Public Works effective June 1, 2026 was unanimously approved.

25-113 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A NEW PART TIME LABORER FOR DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS - BELL

- Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Public Works to hire David Bell as a Part Time Laborer in the Department of Public Works effective June 1, 2026 was unanimously approved.

25-114 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER AND ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR NEW DPW GARAGE SPRINKLERS

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing a change order and additional costs for new DPW Sprinklers 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 April 2026:

- 457 tons of refuse and recycling consisting of:
 - 372 tons of MSW
 - 13 tons of newspaper

- 25 tons of commingled recyclables
- 10 of C&D
- 37 tons of yard waste
- There is one double day next week
 - In observance of Memorial Day, there will be no sanitation collection on Monday May 25th
 - Refuse collection will be conducted throughout the entire Village and paper/cardboard collection will be conducted on the Northside of the Village on Tuesday May 26
- Bulk waste and E-waste pickups can only be scheduled by calling Village Hall. Bulk waste is collected every Monday and Friday. E-waste is collected on Wednesdays
- Curbside Yard Waste collection began in April and will continue through November
 - Be aware that, curbside yard waste collection, which is collected on Wednesdays, is only for homeowner debris
 - Material and debris collected by landscapers may not be placed at the curb for collection
- 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 April, approximately 20 street signs were installed, repaired or replaced
- 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
- Street sweeping operations will be conducted daily and will continue as needed.

Routine Tree Maintenance:

- Routine tree maintenance requests and tree preventative maintenance procedures are on-going and will continue as needed
 - DPW conducted 4 tree trims and 3 tree removals in April
 - The tree maintenance contractor will be back in the Village in 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 Village Hall as we are currently taking tree planting requests for the Fall '26
 - During the month of April, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 35 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 April
 - Approximately 25 potholes and road repairs were conducted
 - DPW will be out performing pothole repairs on an as needed basis
 - Larger or more invasive repairs will be conducted in the Summer
- Road resurfacing is now complete on Ingraham Lane and portions Belmont Ave, Lowell Ave, and Park Ave
 - The contractor replaced curbs and driveway aprons that are excessively damaged or impeding proper drainage

- New road striping has now been placed as well.

DPW Renovation Update:

- The DPW renovation project is mostly complete - waiting for the contractor to complete several punch list items

Sakowich Park:

- Sakowich Park is now complete and has been fully opened to the public

Mayor Devane then mentioned how Igor's quick response helping find a lost engagement ring at the LIRR station, demonstrated his dedication and problem-solving skills.

Building Department: Binu Pillay, Superintendent:

ZBA.

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was on May 13, 2026 with 1 application submitted which was approved
- The next meeting is scheduled for June 10th; with no applications submitted prior to the deadline, the meeting is cancelled

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on April 22nd with 4 applications submitted:
 - 3 for dormers which were all approved
 - 1 for a window change of color which was approved
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 27th with 3 applications submitted: 1 for a dormer and a new portico; 1 for a 1st floor extension; and 1 for a siding color change

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held, May 20, 2026 with 32 cases, which comprise of 2 - Garbage out before 7pm; 7 - Construction w/o a permit; 3 - Car illegally parked; 10 - Violation of agreement & running a business out home; 1 - Use of single-family use by more than 1 family; 5 - Property maintenance; 3 - Health hazard & illegal use of a cellar; and 1 - Snow not clean from sidewalk
- The next Village Court will be held on June 17, 2026 with 20 cases, which comprise of 1 - Running a business out home; 12 - Property maintenance; 1 - Working w/o a permit; 3 - Car illegally parked; and 3 - Garbage out before 7:00pm

RENTAL REGISTRATION

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

SPECIAL USE

- There was no special use cases heard in May, and there were no Special Use applications on May 21, 2026
- During the period from April 16th thru May 21st, the Building Department issued 47 permits: 12 - Building permits; 8 - Plumbing permits; 3 - Sidewalk & driveway; 4 - Fence; 5 - Roof; 1 - Dumpster; 4 - Electrical; 7 - HVAC; and 1 - Sign; and 2 - Solar
- There were also 7 - Certificates of Approval; 22 - Certificates of Completion; and 4 - Rental Registration Certificates

Marcus Christ Hall UPDATE:

- Full painting is underway, majority of the rough electric plumbing is complete
- All interior and exterior doors have been installed
- Currently working on exterior electrical panel
- Plumbing fixtures are on-site
- Vestibule interior ceiling should be installed and flooring should be started within next 1-1/2 weeks

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

<i>Village of New Hyde Park</i> <i>Clerk's Department Report - April 2026</i>		
		CURRENT
Revenue	Description	4/30/2026
METERS		\$4,926.00
MUNIMETERS		\$45,635.03
PARKING PERMITS	TYPE A-R-B	\$300.00
LICENSES	CARTING, PLUMBING, RESTAURANT, TAXI	\$66.78
BUILDING	STREET OPENINGS, PLAN, LATE FILING, SRF	\$19,946.14
ZONING	SPECIAL USE/EXCEPTION, HEARINGS	\$850.00
REGISTRAR	DEATH CERT, CERTIFIED COPIES	\$400.00
Revenue	Description	4/30/2026
COURT FINES	TRAFFIC COURT FINES	\$ 69,493.00
	BUILDING COURT FINES	\$ 5,481.00
	Clerk	\$85,417.94
	Court	\$74,974.00
	Total Revenue	\$160,391.94

- The Village Tax Statements will be mailed on May 22nd
 - If you do not receive your bill by June 1st, please call the Village Hall
 - Taxes are payable as of June 1st and must be paid on or before July 1st to avoid late payment fees and penalties
 - Payments can be made by cash, personal check or online at villagenhpnny.gov
- Department heads were then recognized by Mayor Devane for their exceptional work on multiple construction projects totaling over \$11 million in grants, including the new Community Center, DPW Facility, and Sakowich Park.

Trustee Ed Quinlan:

Tree Committee:

- If you would like to have a tree trimmed, removed or planted, you can email Igor to have the work scheduled.
 - His email is: igor@vnhp.org

New Hyde Park Little League:

- The girls and boys teams continue to play their scheduled games
- No additional updates have been provided by the League Commissioner, Vinny Grunert

New Hyde Park Road School:

- Wednesday, May 27th - Family Fitness Night
- Thursday, May 28th - Kindergarten Orientation
- Thursday, June 11th - Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony
- Friday, June 12th - Kindergarten Celebration Of Learning
- Ongoing - Spring Into Reading at the NHP-GCP Libraries
- 2026 Recognitions:
 - Best Elementary School by US NEWS
 - Best Elementary School for Music Education

- Best Elementary School by NICHE
- A thank you was issued by the school to the PTA for all that they contributed during Teacher Appreciation Week

Neighborhood Watch Update:

- Nothing new 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 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 – Water Authority found many deficiencies in the work performed by the electrical contractor
 - They are correcting these items now
- The Authority did obtain clean lab tests for all of the treatment components and the clear-well and the Authority will look for Dept of Health approval on the system
- Station 44 - Elmont - The Surety Bond company hasn't acted so we sent a notice of default to them last week in order to get a replacement General Contractor
- Water Authority conducted their Annual Meeting on May 15th and discussed and approved Operating and Capital Plans
- Completed 2025 Annual Water Quality Report which is under review by Nassau County DOH

Noise Abatement

- The last TVASNAC meeting was on April 27th – discussions continued 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
- As mentioned last month, Congressman 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
- The next meeting of TVASNAC was to be held in May but has been canceled due to the Holiday
- Next meeting will be Monday, June 22 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 last Legion meeting was held on May 9th – the major focus was on the upcoming Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies, topics discussed:
 - May 22nd 1100 hrs - Decorate Village Hall; Review Events and Rehearsals; Meet at Village Hall at 0730; Tully Park 0800; NHP Memorial 830; Fire Department 0900; NHP 0930 line up; NHP Parade Kick-Off 1000; NHP Village Hall Wreath laying 1030; Memorial Day Ceremonies at Park 1045; Refreshments at Village Hall 1200; Guest Speaker Dawn Samuel - Commander, Nassau County American Legion

- Look forward to all our Village Residents and outside Village Resident to attend
- NHP Village Intern Tony Pan's application for Boy State 2026 has been submitted
 - Post is sponsoring him for Boy State 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

- Scouting Changes – Going back to its roots:
 - Removing the Diversity, equity and inclusion merit badge; Incorporating a Military Merit Badge; recognizing 2 Genders – Male or Female; and No Membership Dues for Military Families
 - Also, in discussion is to return to “Boy Scouts of America” vs “Scouts of America”
- June 14th Eagle Ceremony at the Elks Club for Milo Liao, Alex Nunez and Eyal Englander

Marcus Christ

- Construction on Marcus Christ is going well
- 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 Events:

- Friday, April 17th – We had “Chef Rob”
 - He made mozzarella, tomato and basil quesadillas with a Parmesan crust and a warm marble cake with apricot, and they were both very delicious!
- Friday, April 24th - Laura and I will host our very first murder mystery party
 - The Seniors really enjoyed it and started getting into the roles that they were given, and it was a very fun event!
- Friday, May 15th – A Paint and Plant event and the Seniors decorated a glass plant holder
 - It was a creative and fun event for them!

Senior Programs Upcoming Events:

- Friday, May 29th at 11am -” Do you believe in Magic?”
 - Gary the Magician returns; he is absolutely amazing and we are excited for his Magical event!
- Friday, June 5th at 11am - Bagels and games
- Friday, June 26th at 11am- Bingo...which I will be hosting for the Seniors
 - Get ready to win!

Our Senior Programs are free and registration is required please email Seniorprograms@vnhp.org

Hillside Public Library Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, May 27th 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 necessary
- Monday, June 1st from 1pm-2pm: Self-Defense for Seniors with 6th Degree Black Belt Elaine Phillips!
 - Join Elaine Phillips, who in addition to being the Nassau County Comptroller, is also a sixth-degree black belt who trained in a Korean Martial Art for 29 years
 - Participants will learn valuable skills and techniques that can help enhance personal safety, develop greater self-awareness and boost confidence

- So awesome of her doing this event!
- Friday, June 12th at 1pm - Movie showing “Reminders of Him”
- Tuesday, June 16th from 10am-5pm - Health Care Insurance application assistance for Aged (65+), Blind and Disabled populations
 - Get help from Health and Welfare Council of Long Island (HWCLI) experts with the Medicaid application process through LDSS, Medicare Savings programs and Medicare resources
 - Walk-in with your questions.

More information about 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 upcoming events!

Miscellaneous

- Speaking of events - Madhvi will go into more details about Multicultural, at which she promised she will dance at this event next year!
- We had our Mother’s Day event, thank you to everyone who helped put it together
 - It was a beautiful day celebrating All moms!
 - Let’s just say there was a lot of Love in that room!

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar:

Deputy Mayor Nijjar started her report by thanking Village Clerk-Treasurer Rebecca Sheehan for all of her hard work preparing the 2026-2027 tax payments. She echoed Mayor Devane, complimenting Igor and Binu for everything they do for the Village.

Clerk’s Office Update:

- The Village sold 20 of the 22 Tax Liens
- The Clerk’s office completed and are current on all the annual mandatory training
- The 2026-2027 Tax bills are being mailed out on Friday, May 22nd
 - You should receive them by June 1st and payment is due on or before July 1st
 - There is a fee if you use your credit card

JCAP Grant:

- We received the JCAP Grant of \$19,999.85 in March 2026 for scanning and shredding records/documents
- We have 180 days to complete use of the funds

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

- The Clerk’s office continues to process reimbursements
- The Office also applied for \$180,000 under the year 52nd year Grant and we have not heard back yet
 - 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 this Resident qualifies to take advantage of the program

Culture Committee Events:

- The Multicultural Festival took place on May 3rd and we had a great turnout
 - The performances were amazing
 - We were able to represent Asia, Europe and North America and our goal is to get all Continents represented next year

Mayor Christopher Devane:

Mayor Devane began his May report stating that Memorial Day is the most important event in the Village; it is a significant and solemn event, honoring the 57 members of our community that gave their lives

Other Village Current Events:

- The opening of Sakowich Park took place on Friday, May 8th; it was a special event
 - The Mayor thanked the individuals that contributed their time and effort to constructing the park
 - *The Mayor also wants it noted in the May Board Meeting Minutes that the Sakowich Family paid for the beautiful fountain in the park, out of their own pocket*

General Village Update:

- There is no update with the Millers Brothers property
- The Village Hall staff took it upon themselves to prepare the tax bills for mailing, saving the Village money
- 55 and over housing will be discussed further at the June Board Meeting
 - We are actively working on the code to be changed to allow Senior Housing
 - We want senior members of this community to stay in this community
- Tommy Kane was recognized for being appointed the Lead Park Attendant and for his help training and managing the Park attendants
- Concerns regarding the park closures during extreme heat were addressed, explaining safety measures are in place to protect park attendants, residents and pets from the high temperatures
 - When the temperature hits 95 degrees we check with the park attendants and if no one is in the park, we close it to prevent heat strokes and pets should also not be out in the heat
 - Residents with issues are encouraged to contact the Mayor directly

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM and a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Burger, and unanimously approved, to go to an Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura Daly

Secretary to the Board