

REGULAR MEETING

July 16, 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: Peter S. Trentacoste, Attorney to the Board of Trustees
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.

BOARD MINUTES: APPROVED

Upon motion by Trustee Burger, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the Board Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2026, were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

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

POLICE REPORT

A review of the June 2026 police report was given; 7 auto accidents; 39 total aided cases (other than auto); no pedestrian robbery; no residential burglary; no commercial burglary; 1 car was stolen; 6 other larceny charges: 1 criminal mischief charge; 5 moving violations; and 9 parking violations.

RESOLUTIONS:

26-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 26-04

- Upon motion by Trustee Quinlan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 26-04 was unanimously approved.

26-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE COURT TO APPLY FOR A JUSTICE COURT GRANT 2026-27

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Quinlan, the resolution authorizing the Village Court to apply for a Justice Court Grant 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 June 2026:**

- 578 tons of refuse and recycling consisting of:
 - 453 tons of MSW
 - 9 tons of newspaper
 - 21 tons of commingled recyclables
 - 17 tons of C&D
 - 78 tons of yard waste
- There are no double days between now and our next meeting
- 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 June, approximately 25 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

Routine Tree Maintenance:

- Routine tree maintenance requests and tree preventative maintenance procedures are on-going and will continue as needed
 - There were several wind events in June requiring the removal of 8 trees throughout the Village by the tree maintenance contractor
 - DPW also conducted 15 tree trims and 10 tree removals in June

- The Village tree maintenance contractor is working through an extensive list of trims and removals this month, and is expected to be performing trims and removals over the course of the next several weeks
- 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
- We are currently taking tree planting requests for the Fall
- During the month of June, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 45 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 June
 - Approximately 20 potholes and 5 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

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

Building Department: Binu Pillay, Superintendent:

ZBA.

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was on July 8th, but no applications were submitted by the deadline and the meeting was cancelled.
- The next meeting is scheduled for August 12th; with no applications submitted prior to the deadline, therefore the meeting is cancelled

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was held on June 24th with 4 applications submitted: 2 for commercial signs & awnings and 1 for a portico which were all approved; also 1 for a new front porch awning which was adjourned to July 22nd.
- The next meeting is scheduled for July 22nd with 1 application submitted: for a new front porch awning which was adjourned from June.

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held on July 15th with 15 cases which comprised of: 1 - Construction w/o a permit; 1 - Car illegally parked; 1 - Running a business out of a home; 9 - Property maintenance; 1 - Illegal rental; 1 - Working on a Sunday; and 1 - Violation of agreement.
- The next Village Court will be held on August 19th with 10 cases which comprise of: 7 - Property Maintenance; 1 - Car blocking a sidewalk; 1 - Garbage out before 7:00pm; and 1 - Violation of agreement.

RENTAL REGISTRATION

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

SPECIAL USE

- There was no special use cases heard in June, and there is no Special Use application to be heard tonight.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

- During the period from June 18th thru July 15th the Building Department issued 36 permits; 6 - Building; 10 - Plumbing; 10 - Sidewalk & driveway; 2 - Fence; 3 - Roof; 2 - Sign; 1 - Dumpster; 1 - Solar; and 1 - Street opening.

- There were also 25 additional Certificates issued comprising of: 4 - Certificates of Approval; 19 - Certificates of Completion; and 2 – Special Exemption Renewals.

MARCUS CHRIST HALL UPDATE:

- Full painting is underway
- Majority of the rough electric plumbing is complete
- All the interior plumbing has been installed and bathroom partitions
- Interior floor/wall cabinetry and countertops have been installed
- Bathrooms tiling and grouting complete

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

Village of New Hyde Park Clerk's Department Report - June 2026		
Revenue	Description	CURRENT 6/30/2026
METERS		\$4,680.00
MUNIMETERS		\$43,606.16
PARKING PERMITS	TYPE A-R-B	\$1,500.00
LICENSES	CARTING, PLUMBING, RESTAURANT, TA	\$7.25
BUILDING	STREET OPENINGS, PLAN, LATE FILING	\$23,012.73
ZONING	SPECIAL USE/EXCEPTION, HEARINGS	\$525.00
Revenue	Description	6/30/2025
COURT FINES	TRAFFIC COURT FINES	\$75,541.00
	BUILDING COURT FINES	\$7,050.00
	Clerk	\$81,233.48
	Court	\$82,591.00
	Total Revenue	\$163,824.48

Lead Park Attendant: Tommy Kane:

Park Operations

- The parks have been running smoothly with no recent incidents to report
- Unfortunately, it been a very hot summer thus far, complicated by the air quality from the Canadian fires, that required that both parks be closed at times

Memorial Park Highlights:

- Katies 5K Walk/Run took place on Sunday June 28th where Memorial Park served as the finish line
 - The event serves as a fund raiser for the Ronald McDonald house
 - Two Trustees, Rainer and Ed, participated
- The July 4th Concert, celebrating America's 250th Anniversary, was held on Thursday, July 2nd
 - Entertainment was provided by the Pat Farrell band
 - Food trucks were available, and in spite of the heat, everyone enjoyed the concert
- Summer Camp is now being held at Memorial Park and will run Monday thru Thursday, until August 6th

Sakowich Park Highlights:

- Pickle ball courts remain a big hit, and feedback has been positive
- Both the dog park and playground are running smoothly

Lastly, I want to thank all the Park Attendants for their support and dedication keeping the parks clean and well maintained - Get Well soon Thomas Gill.

Trustee Ed Quinlan:

Tree Committee:

- If a resident is looking for a tree to be planted in front of their house, they can either call DPW at 516-354-0064 or they can use the MyVNHP app to make a request
 - Once a request is received, someone will inspect the location to see if a tree can be planted there
 - If the planting of a tree is possible, the location will be added to the tree planting list
 - Trees are planted every Fall usually in October or November

New Hyde Park Little League – provided by League Commissioner Vinny Grunert:

- The Skin Field summer girls softball schedule of games will run from July 20 through July 30 with all games beginning at 6pm
- The Turf Field Summer boys baseball schedule of games will run from July 20 through August 12 with all games being at 6pm
 - Commissioner Grunert will provide updates if changes are made to either of these schedules

New Hyde Park Road School:

- The Summer Reading Club, “Read to Me” sessions are being held at the Hillside Public Library for children ages 3 through 7
 - Those interested in serving as a volunteer to read to a child are encouraged to call the library
 - Information can be obtained by calling the library on 516-355-7850 extension 117
- The New Hyde Park PAL will be conducting a basketball clinic for girls and boys in grades 4 through 6
 - The clinic will begin on July 18 and run for six weeks
 - Those interested should call the PAL on 516-248-2442; inquiries about additional PAL Summer programs can be made as well
- September 3rd will be the first day of school for the 26-27 school year

Neighborhood Watch Update:

- Nothing new to report

Trustee Rainer Burger:

LIRR/NHP Station Area

As briefed the last couple of months, two major projects are ongoing this summer 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
- The weekend of July 24th, the LIRR will conduct the cutover where they will move the existing signal system over to the new, modernized one
 - This will necessitate suspending all train service between Hicksville and Jamaica, with trains running along the Babylon Branch to reach Jamaica and vice versa
 - Service impacts are as follows:
 - The Hempstead Branch trains will not run starting at 8:00pm on Friday July 24th until 4:00am on Monday July 27th; and there will be no train/bus service at Country Life Press, Bellerose, Elmont-UBS Arena, Queens Village and Hollis Stations
 - Oyster Bay Branch trains will not run starting at 10:00pm on Friday July 24th until 4:00am on Monday July 27th; and busing on the Oyster Bay Branch will run in two segments, from Greenvale – Mineola to Jamaica and from Oyster Bay – Glen Head to Jamaica

- Port Jefferson and Ronkonkoma branch trains will only run between Hicksville and points east starting at 10:00pm Friday, July 24th until 4:00am on Monday July 27th: at Hicksville, Port Jefferson/Huntington and Ronkonkoma customers will have to transfer to trains operating down the Central Branch for service to/from Babylon; and **there will be no bus/train service at New Hyde Park, Merillon Avenue, Carle Place and Westbury Stations**
- There will be busing from Mineola directly to Jamaica station; and all stations mentioned above that do not have busing will have cross honoring on either NICE or NYCT buses

Water Authority

- Both Wells 40 and 40A at HQ are now in service which has proven to be quite helpful during the heat wave recently experienced as customer demand jumped to higher levels
 - Contractors are making progress on punch list items but are not yet complete
- Station 44 did have the DOH walk through and they have provided a short list of corrections/additions before giving approval for Phase 1
 - Wells 44 B and 44C to be returned to service

Noise Abatement

- The last TVASNAC meeting was Wednesday, June 22nd
 - Meeting Dates and Budget for the year were approved
- The Town of Hempstead attorney will be filing a subpoena to the FAA demanding physical evidence and documentation of the health impacts from the emissions of low flying aircraft over our communities
- JFK arrivals using runway 22L, which is the main runway into the airport that disturbs our community, has been up drastically since March
 - For Instance: JFK Monthly runway usage: March - 7,186; April - 7,389 and May - 8,415
- Next meeting will be Monday, June 27th 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 Post meeting was Saturday, June 20th
- The next Post meeting is on Saturday, September 12th
 - The focus will be on the Street Fair
- The 107th Nassau County Convention/Elections took place on Saturday, June 13th, the results are:
 - Arthur Perozzi – Nassau County Commander
 - Michael Capillo – County Adjutant
 - John D’Amato – 2nd Division Commander
- 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

- Nothing to Report other than Scouts headed up to Onteora this week for their Summer Camp

Trustee Eve Sheikh:

Senior Programs Events:

- Friday, June 26th – Bingo hosted by Ava and Eve
 - It was a lot of fun!
- Friday, July 10th at 11am – Greeting Card Workshop
 - It was very cute!

- Seniors are really loving the Summer Programs!
 - A few new Seniors recently joined; and it is very nice to watch them enjoying our events!

Senior Programs Upcoming Events:

- Friday, June 24th at 11am – Bobby D is returning to sing his favorite songs
 - He has an incredible voice and the Seniors absolutely love him!
 - Friday, August 7th at 11am – Party Art
 - Seniors will enjoy making a craft
 - Note that the Therapy Dog event originally scheduled in August has been rescheduled to September
- Our Senior Programs are free and registration is required. Please email Seniorprograms@vnhp.org

Hillside Public Library Upcoming Events:

- Monday, July 20th from 6:30pm-7:30pm: Eyes of the Wild for ages: 6-12 years
 - Jason Reilly is back with his frogs, bugs, and other furry friends!
 - Meet Princess the Toad, Tickles the Hedgehog and Chica the Chinchilla and learn facts about each animal.
 - This program will include animal facts, lots of laughing, and a chance to touch and pet the animals!
- There are several “Read to me” events for students at the library for the summer:
 - Older Readers (Grades 5 & up) will read to a younger child (Ages 3-8 years) one on one for a ½ hour
 - Please check the website for dates and times.
- Friday, July 24th at 4:30pm: Movie showing “The Super Mario Galaxy”
- Tuesday, August 4th from 12:30pm-1:15pm: Summer session - Beginner Tai Chi
- Thursday, August 6th from 5pm-6pm: Zombie Laser Tag Returns!
 - A fun night where the library is transformed into a battle arena!
 - This is for children going into grades 1 to 4

More information about other interesting events or programs can be found on the library’s website: hillsidelibrary.info
Please follow our Instagram Account under VillageonNHP for special notices and upcoming events!

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar:

Mayor Devane introduced Deputy Mayor Nijjar with a Birthday congratulation.

Deputy Mayor Nijjar began her report with a “Thank You” to Rebecca, Binu and Igor for all their support.

Clerk’s Office Update:

- The Clerk’s office has been very busy with tax payments
 - The Village received 91% of the tax payments
 - Taxes paid after July 1st are late and a late fee is applied
 - The Village does not have the ability to wave late fees
- The Clerk’s Office continues to submit reimbursements for DPW and Marcus Christ Hall
- The Clerk’s Office closed on a \$2.5 million bond on Tuesday, June 16th for the Marcus Crist Hall construction project which will be paid back over 15 years

JCAP Grant:

- The Resolution was approved this evening to apply for up to \$30,000, in the 2026-27 JCAP Grant Cycle
 - This year the Grant was spent on Court record management, scanning and shredding records/documents

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

- The Senior program is extended through the summer because of this Grant

Residential Rehab:

- We had one Resident come forward and apply for funds
 - Rebecca will let the Board know if there is an update regarding this Resident's application

Summer Camp:

- Summer Camp began on June
 - There are 2 sessions with the younger children in the morning and the older children in the afternoon
 - Summer camp attendees should bring water to the camp and wear proper footwear

Culture Committee Events:

- Back to school movie night is Friday, September 4th at 7pm at Memorial Park
 - We still need to pick the movie
- Our Annual Street Fair is on Saturday, September 19th
 - Individuals can call Village Hall to assist with inquiries and applications

Mayor Christopher Devane:

Village Updates :

- The tree contractor is out in the Village removing and trimming trees
 - Trees are a big part of the budget
 - Trees are graded and if you need to have your tree inspected let us know
 - Healthy trees will not come down
 - We need trees, we are suburbia and will communicate that within our village
- The Village will be having a Property Owners meeting
 - We want property owners to invest in their buildings
 - We need a shared vision on how they want the village to look
 - We are investing in our infrastructure; building owners need to as well
- The question often comes up as to why we can't we get a high-end bakery coffee shop in the Village
 - We need to have an honest conversation that there is a lack of foot traffic
 - The buildings along Jericho from Mineola to New Hyde Park are retail/residential, mixed use
- Rental Registration will need to be done annually requiring that the buildings be inspected every year
- Due to the heat wave, we closed the park from 11-4 and the dog park from 11-5
 - The park attendants did a pole and no one was in the park during the heat
- A complimentary letter written by a resident, recognizing Tommy Kane was read at the meeting

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 to an Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura Daly

Secretary to the Board