

REGULAR MEETING

August 20, 2026

PRESENT: Mayor Christopher Devane
Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar
Trustee Eve Sheikh
Igor Sikiric, Superintendent of DPW
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: Trustee Rainer Burger
Trustee Ed Quinlan
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 July 2026 was submitted by the Nassau County Police Department.

POLICE REPORT

A review of the July 2026 police report was given; 2 auto accidents; 22 total aided cases (other than auto); no robbery; no residential burglary; no commercial burglary; no car was stolen; 5 larceny charges (other than auto); 1 criminal mischief charge; 1 moving violation; and 12 parking violations.

RESOLUTIONS:

26-17 A RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER 196 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK (LOCAL LAW #4)

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution amending Chapter 196 of the Municipal Code of the Incorporated Village of New Hyde Park was unanimously approved.

26-18 A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN UNLISTED ACTION UNDER S.E.Q.R.A. WITH A NEGATIVE DECLARATION - CHAPTER 196 (#4)

- 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 was unanimously approved.

26-19 A RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER 196 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK (LOCAL LAW #5)

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution amending Chapter 196 of the Municipal Code of the Incorporated Village of New Hyde Park was unanimously approved.

26-20 A RESOLUTION DECLANRING AN UNLISTED ACTION UNDER S.E.Q.R.A. WITH A NEGATIVE DECLARATION - CHAPTER 196 (#5)

- 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 was unanimously approved.

26-21 A RESOLUTION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT - 1441 JERICHO TURNPIKE

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution for a Special Permit – 1441 Jericho Turnpike was unanimously tabled with the decision to follow.

26-22 A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN UNLISTED ACTION UNDER S.E.Q.R.A. WITH A NEGATIVE DECLARATION - 1441 JERICHO TURNPIKE - EXTEND OPERATING HOURS-OUTDOOR SEATING

- 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 was unanimously approved.

26-23 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT NO. 26-06

- Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Trustee Sheikh, the resolution authorizing Abstract No. 26-06 was unanimously approved.

26-24 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD AND THE TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

- Upon motion by Trustee Sheikh, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an IMA with the Town of Hempstead and the Town of Hempstead on behalf of the Town of Hempstead Refuse Disposal District was unanimously approved.

Lower Level of Village Hall - Approved:

- The Boy Scout Troop 383 request the use of Village Hall Lower Level on Sundays, from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm on the following dates; 8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13 and 12/20.
 - Dr. Sangeeta Nischal was informed that there may be a potential conflict on November 1, and that the meeting may need to be rescheduled.
- Additionally, Boy Scout 383 request to use the front lawn of Village Hall was denied. However, as an alternate, the Village Hall parking lot was approved for an Open House on August 30th from 2:00pm–6:00pm

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), 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

Sanitation July 2026:

- 500 tons of refuse and recycling consisting of:
 - 409 tons of MSW
 - 17 tons of newspaper

- 26 tons of commingled recyclables
- 48 tons of yard waste
- There will be no garbage collection on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day
 - There will be a double day collection on Tuesday, September 8th, and garbage will be collected from the entire village as well as Newspaper on the Northside of Jericho
- 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
- Curbside yard waste collection began in April and will continue through November
 - Note 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 July, 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

Routine Tree Maintenance:

- Routine tree maintenance requests and tree preventative maintenance procedures are on-going and will continue as needed
 - DPW conducted 10 tree trims and 1 tree removal in July
- The Village's tree maintenance contractor is in the Village this month and is making his way through an extensive list of trims and removals and is expected to be performing trims and removals over the course of the next several weeks
 - Our contractor has performed 85 tree trims and is currently working on tree and stump removals
- 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 July, DPW received and staff responded to approximately 40 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 July and approximately 40 potholes and 2 road repairs were conducted
- DPW will be out performing pothole repairs on an as needed basis
 - Any larger or more invasive repairs will be conducted when possible

Building Department: Binu Pillay, Superintendent:**ZBA**

- The last scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board and Appeals was scheduled for on August 12th, but no applications were submitted by the deadline and the meeting was cancelled
- The next meeting is scheduled for September 9th with 2 applications submitted prior to the deadline: a request for a name change on an existing SEP and a storage place

ARB

- The last meeting of the Architectural Review Board was scheduled for July 22nd with no applications submitted; therefore, the meeting was cancelled
- The next meeting is scheduled for August 26th with 1 application submitted consisting of a siding color change

VILLAGE COURT

- The last Village Court was held on August 19th with 21 cases which comprised of: 1- Garbage out before 7pm; 3- Car illegally parked; 10- Property maintenance; 1- Working during non-permitted hours; 2- Blocking the sidewalk; 2- Garbage out on a holiday; and 2- Violation of Special use agreement
- The next village court will be held on September 16th with 14 cases which comprise of: 2- Garbage out before 7pm; 6- Property maintenance; 3- Construction w/o a permit; and 3- Car illegally parked on property

RENTAL REGISTRATION

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

SPECIAL USE

- There were no special use cases heard last month; and there was 1 Special Use application heard tonight

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

- During the period from July 16th thru August 19th the Building Department issued 46 permits comprised of: 10- Building; 9- Plumbing; 9- Sidewalk/driveway/patio; 3- Fence; 4- Roof; 5- HVAC; 1- Dumpster; 1- Electrical; 3- Street Openings; and 1- Pool
- There were also 29 additional Certificates issued which consist of: 5- Certificates of Approval; 23- Certificates of Completion; and 1- Special Use Renewal

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

Village of New Hyde Park Clerk's Department Report - JULY 2026		
Revenue	Description	Current 7/31/2026
METERS		\$5,632.00
MUNIMETERS		\$43,788.58
PARKING PERMITS	TYPE A-R-B	\$625.00
LICENSES	CARTING, PLUMBING, RESTAURANT, TA	\$81.36
BUILDING	STREET OPENINGS, PLAN, LATE FILING	\$29,695.63
ZONING	SPECIAL USE/EXCEPTION, HEARINGS	\$1,000.00
INTEREST ON ACCTS		\$17,822.70
REGISTRAR	DEATH CERT, CERTIFIED COPIES	\$220.00
Revenue	Description	7/31/2026
COURT FINES	TRAFFIC COURT FINES	\$60,715.00
	BUILDING COURT FINES	\$2,975.00
	Clerk	\$111,439.70
	Court	\$63,690.00
	Total Revenue	\$175,129.70

- Rebecca gave a review of the above July 2026 Financial results, highlighting the total Clerk and Court fees.

Village of New Hyde Park

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Lead Park Attendant: Tommy Kane:

Park Operations

- The parks are closed subject to weather conditions.
 - Thank you, Mayor, for closing the parks due to expected weather conditions

Memorial Park Highlights:

Since the daylight is getting shorter, we will be adjusting Memorial Park and Sakowich Park closing hours accordingly. Presently the closing time is 7:45PM. Please look out for future closing time adjustments.

- The cameras have been installed at Memorial Park and they are working fine
- Summer Baseball ended with no issues
- The “Back to School” movie night will take place at Memorial Park on Friday night, September 4th at 7pm
 - This year’s movie is “Zootopia 2”
 - The movie is open to all and no park ids will be required
- Summer Camp ended on August 6th
 - Everything ran smoothly, and there were no issues.

Sakowich Park Highlights:

- An AED defibrillator has been installed Sakowich Park
- Benches also have recently been installed at the kiddie park.

Lastly, I want to thank the Park Attendants for their continued support keeping the parks clean and well maintained.

- Tom Gill is still out sick and we wish him speedy recovery
- Thank you, Dillon, for your help this summer; wishing you good luck in college

Trustee Ed Quinlan was absent from the Board Meeting and no report was given

Trustee Rainer Burger:

LIRR/NHP Station Area

- As previously briefed, 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
- No known outages this Month

Water Authority

- Station 40 Project
 - Still awaiting completion of the punch list items from the electrical contractor
 - Gas service is now active for the administrative building and the emergency generator
- Station 44 project
 - Despite promises from the surety bond company for the former General contractor, they have yet to begin the completion of items for Phase 1 of this project nor have they appointed a replacement contractor to get this needed project back underway
- Station 28 GAC treatment building just got underway
 - We fortunately got two proven and reliable contractors through public bidding
- A mini project to remove lead service lines in Stewart Manor is complete and a similar project will take place in Franklin Square

- The Water Authority had filed for a NYS Grant for cybersecurity and recently learned it received \$70,000 toward beefing up our security protocols

Noise Abatement

- The last TVASNAC meeting was July 27th and the following was discussed at that meeting:
 - The Town of Hempstead Attorney informed the group that there has been no further information regarding the legal proceedings against the Port Authority and the FAA
 - Both the Town of Hempstead and the Town of North Hempstead filed a lawsuit against the two back in September for the overuse of Runway 22L which affects our community and for the health risks of Dangerous Airline Emissions
- The next meeting will be Monday, August 24th at 7:00pm at Hempstead Town Hall
 - PlanSense 4 Long Island, which has 380 members, has been invited to the meeting
 - 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

- Last Post meeting was held on Saturday, June 20, 2026.
- The next Post meeting will be on Saturday, September 12th and the focus will be on the Street Fair
- The Post will be attending and participating in a 9/11 Ceremony at the Town of North Hempstead
- A Post Officer meeting was held on August 17th
 - Officers reviewed By Laws and laid out the post calendar for the Fall and early part of 2027
 - The Post is looking to hold Pancake Breakfast, Bingo Event, Blood Drive, and Veteran Informational Benefits Briefings some of which will be in our New Marcus Christ Community Center
- 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

- The Village would like to congratulate Sean Guigliano of Troop 298 who obtained the rank of Eagle in early August

Trustee Eve Sheikh:

Senior Programs Events

- Friday, June 24th at 11am – Bobby D returned to sing wonderful classic songs!
- Friday, August 7th at 11am – Party Art where the Seniors designed their very own shoulder bags
 - We have some very talented and stylish Seniors and they truly loved every event!
- This is the first year that we are holding events in the summer and the seniors are really enjoying and appreciative of them

Senior Programs Upcoming Events

- Friday, September 11th at 11am - Therapy Dogs
 - The dogs will come in and provide some support for a Solemn day that “We Will Never Forget”
- Friday, September 25 at 11am - Art Workshop

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:

- Wednesday, August 26th at 5pm - Dinosaur Encounters! For ages 5-7 years
- Get ready to take a prehistoric adventure with dino-mite stories, stomping movements and a roaring craft!
- Friday, August 28th at 1pm - Movie showing “Project Hail Mary”

- Tuesday, September 8th at 1pm - Health Care Insurance Application Assistance for Aged (65+), Blind and Disabled
 - 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
 - You can call to make an appointment or walk-in with your questions
- Tuesday, September 15th at 1pm - Beginner Tai Chi and at 2pm – Advanced Tai Chi
 - Tai Chi is designed to increase flexibility and range of motion while improving your gait and balance
- September 15th is the Library Board of Trustees meeting at 7pm
- For more information and registration for other interesting events or programs can be found on the library's website: hillsidelibrary.info

Miscellaneous:

- Lastly, I want to share that 110 Jericho finally has an updated look
 - We are very glad to see a much better-looking building
 - Hopefully more businesses follow!

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Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar:

Clerk's Office:

- Thank you, Rebecca, for sharing our monthly Clerk Report
- The Village will be closing the books for the 2025-2026 year on August 31st
- A 'Thank You' was extended to all the Interns for their support this Summer
- 95% of the taxes have been paid
 - Delinquent notices will be sent out on September 14th
 - We cannot waive the late fees

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

- The Clerk's Office submitted a reimbursement for the remaining funds under the Senior programs and we received a \$60,000 check on August 6th
 - These funds would have expired on August 31th had we not used them

Residential Rehab:

- We did not have any residents approved for under this program which expires on August 31st

JCAP Grant:

- Under the JCAP Grant we updated the Village Hall phone system which is now up and running

Summer Camp:

- The 2026 Children's Summer Camp program ended on Thursday, August 6th
 - We had a successful summer program this year and the Camp Councilors did a great job!

Events:

We are going to have a busy September with the following events:

- Thursday, September 3rd at 5:30pm - Lighting of the Gold Trees - Honoring Pediatric Cancer Awareness
 - Come join us on the front lawn of the Village Hall to support the cause by purchasing a gold bow
- Friday, September 4th at 7pm – Back to School Movie Night – showing "Zootopia2"
 - Doors open at 6:30pm and the movies starts at sunset
 - There will be packaged snacks available
- Saturday, September 19th from 10:00 am to 4:00pm – The 29th Annual Street Fair - come join us!

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

Mayor Christopher Devane:

- Mayor Devane began his report highlighting the upcoming Village Events.
 - Lighting of Trees of Gold supporting Pediatric Cancer Research on Thursday, September 3rd at 5:30pm
 - Back to School Movie night – showing Zootopia 2 on Friday, September 4th, doors open at 6:30pm
 - Sunday, September 6 – Holy Spirit will have a 9/11 Remembrance Mass, which will be followed by a ceremony at the Fire House
 - Saturday, September 19th – our 29th Annual Street Fair – on Jericho Turnpike from 10am-4pm
 - October/November events include the Marcus Christ Opening, Columbus Day, Halloween, Diwali, Veterans Day, and the Tree Lighting
- An update was also given on Village Hall
 - PSEG are done and there are no wires from the pole into Village Hall
 - We are going to replace the fencing and then repave the parking lot
 - Updating the electrical wiring at Village Hall
- The Clerk's Office is currently undergoing a State Audit
 - The Village underwent 3 major projects at the same time utilizing \$11 million in Grants
 - We have great Department heads and staff that helped to accomplish this
- We will be removing the money system meters and moving to an app-based system
 - There will be payment 15 kiosks installed on Jericho Turnpike in the next 6-8 weeks or residents can use the app to pay for parking; side streets will still meters
 - We expect hiccups and headaches during the transition since some residents do not have a phone or a credit card
 - Once installed we will increase the Code enforcement presence on Jericho Tpke enforcing the code
- A thank you was extended to the Village attorneys, Ben Truncale and Pete Trentacoste for all their support of the Village

Miscellaneous Remarks:

The Mayor addressed the following issues/concerns in the Village

- The Houses that have loud music/noises were visited and reminded of the code restriction
- We are aware of the 2 homeless individuals
 - one was addressed and declined help
- There were 50/60 situations where the grass was growing on the curb lines and road
 - The situation was addressed by the Village
 - Going forward the residents will receive a summons if the situation is not maintained
- We will have turnover with the Park Attendants because some of them are going back to school
- We had the street sweeper repaired and aim to have operational next week

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM and a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Nijjar, seconded by Tr. Sheikh, 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