

VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
April 2, 2019

Present: Mayor Montreuil
Deputy Mayor Squicciarino
Trustee Coppola
Trustee Pallisco
Trustee Burger
Thomas P. Gannon, Supt. DPW & Building Department
Cathryn Hillmann, Village Clerk-Treasurer
Janet Bevers, Research Assistant to the Board

Mayor Montreuil opened the Board Meeting at 8:15 pm following the Annual Organization Meeting.

Minutes:

Upon motion by Tr. Coppola, and seconded by Tr. Burger, the minutes of the March 21, 2019 Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

A request was approved for the Church of the Holy Spirit to hold their annual Family Festival on Church grounds, with limited use of South 6th Street between 1st Avenue and Jericho Tpke. The Fair Schedule will be:

Thursday, May 30 - 6 pm – 10 pm
Friday, May 31 - 6 pm – 11 pm
Saturday, June 1 - 2 pm – 11 pm
Sunday, June 2 - 1 pm – 8 pm

A request was approved for the Katie McBride Foundation to hold the annual 5K Katie's Run Fundraiser on Sunday, June 23 beginning at 9 am with post-race activities in Memorial Park.

A request was tabled, pending further information, for the NHP Memorial Dad's Club to use the e-Board to promote an Easter Egg Hunt and Fish Fry fundraiser on April 13th at NHP Memorial High School.

Car Wash Application: Approved.

May 4th 9 am – 2 pm NHP Road School PTA 6th Grade Committee

Catering License Renewal: Approved.

Mister Softee - Milo Associates, 158-35 82nd Street, Howard Beach. Seasonal permit April - September

Landscaper License Renewals: Approved.

J & S Landscaping & Construction, 206 Jay Street, Freeport
Antonio Lopez Landscaping, 95 Lucille Avenue, Elmont
Sorto Landscaping Design, 390 Jerusalem Avenue, Hempstead
JM Montemarano Landscaping & Gardening, 5 Springbriar Lane, Kings Park
Joe Mannino Landscaping, 217 Guildford Court, West Hempstead
Hines & Zaffarese Landscaping, 150 Broadway, Garden City Park
G.B. Landscaping, 159 Spruce Street, West Hempstead
JMA Landscape, 69 East Shore Road, Manhasset
Emmanuel Landscaping, 85-21 161 Street, Jamaica
Green Line Landscaping Contractor, 73 Cortland Avenue, Hicksville
Martinez Landscaping, 164-33 108th Drive, Jamaica

Jaivarez Landscaping, 61 Queen Street, Roosevelt
Marco Quevedo Landscaping, 363 Sapir Street, Valley Stream
Green Lawn Landscaping, 43 N. 15th Street, Wyandanch
Mezzaucella Contractors Corp, 36 Barrymore Blvd, Franklin Square
Paumanok Lawn Tech, 93E Seaman Avenue, Freeport
German Beltran Landscaping, 59A Madison Avenue, 2nd Floor, Inwood
A S C Landscaping, 41 Hudson Avenue, Roosevelt
Ferrifino Landscaping, 74 Hudson Avenue, Roosevelt
LTK Landscaping, 9 Fordham Street, Williston Park
Larry's Landscaping, 178 Ferndale Blvd, Islip
Scarpati Landscapes, 42 Salisbury Avenue, Stewart Manor

Tr. Coppola:

Auxiliary Police

Deputy Inspector John Concannon and Unit #212 members are in a mandatory training class and unable to attend tonight's meeting. The Board appreciates the Unit's efforts and support.

Nassau County Police

On March 27, POP Officers from the 3rd Precinct held a public seminar at the Hillside Public Library on current telephone scams targeting seniors. The seminar was informative and very helpful. It is important to be aware that these scams exist and to always be alert. Another seminar will be held by the 3rd Precinct at Clinton G. Martin Park.

Fire Department

The annual fundraising drive is underway. Letters are being mailed before door to door solicitations are conducted. When donating, checks should be written out to the New Hyde Park Fire Department only. The Department has received over 1,200 calls in 2018. This Saturday, some Board members will attend the Annual Installation of Officers. Victor Sowinski is the new Chief of Department.

Tr. Pallisco:

Beautification/Tree Committee

There are 50 trees to be planted by next week. There are 15 residents on a waiting list. Stump removal is being done this week.

Cultural Commission

St. Baldrick's Fundraiser was held last week at Marcus Christ Hall. Nick Mosesso, retired POP Officer from the 3rd Precinct and Eileen Raguseo, Deputy Village Clerk organized this annual event. Over \$8,000 was raised that night and \$40,000 was raised from on-line donations. Over the past 10 years, this fundraising event has raised \$466,000 to fight childhood cancers.

Zoning Board of Appeals

There are two cases to be heard on Wednesday, April 10th:

- 402 Brown Place – applicant is seeking approval to construct additions to the first and second floor of the home along with interior alterations. These additions would increase the floor area to 1,936 square feet, the permitted floor area for this property is 1,880 square feet. The requested second floor addition would be built directly over the existing first floor which has a setback of 9.79 feet from the west side yard where a 10 foot setback is required.
- 1312 Broadway – applicant is seeking approval to construct a full second story directly over the existing first story of the home, along with a 205 square foot one story rear addition also in line with the east side of the existing home. If approved,

this alteration would leave a 3.54' side yard to the east where a 5' side yard is required and a 9.04' side yard to the west where a 10' side yard is required.

Architectural Review Board

The following cases were heard on March 6th:

- 5 South 11th Street – this application was a continuation from the February 6th hearing. The homeowner and the architect presented their solutions to concerns the ARB raised at the last hearing about too much stone on the front of the house. The application was approved.
- 410 Terrace Blvd. – after the Building Supt. reviewed preliminary drawings, the Board decided to accept an application from the homeowner/architect.
- 9 South 8th Street – Chairman Ken Garvin excused himself from the Board for the purpose of delivering his client's presentation. The Board approved an application to construct a 2-story addition with interior and exterior alterations and a new roof.

There is one case scheduled to be heard on April 3rd:

- 410 Terrace Blvd. – applicant seeks renovations to the home.

Public Information Officer Leanne Pallisco has been taking pictures of the construction at Covert Avenue and New Hyde Park Road for submission to the NHP Museum. Also, the PIO Pallisco will take pictures at the 3TC public information session on the LIRR 3rd Track Project. Mayor Montreuil added that he asked the MTA for the grade-crossing gate to be given to the NHP Museum for their collection. Mayor Montreuil reported that Supt. Gannon is using the Village drone to take pictures of the 3rd Track Project to document, from an aerial perspective, the progress and identify issues.

Tr. Burger:

LIRR 3rd Track Project

There is a lot of activity ramping up and a lot of complaints about homes shaking and rattling from the construction. This is causing hardship to many residents. There are road blocks throughout the neighborhood. Weekly calls with 3TC continue. Mayor Montreuil, Deputy Mayor Squicciarino, and Supt. Gannon also participate on these calls. If house vibrations are intolerable, residents should call the 3TC hotline to report. So far, 3TC reports that the vibrations are within the threshold. If not done already, residents in the construction area should call 3TC to get a home survey done. Tr. Burger informed Resident Bess Giordano that he contacted 3TC today and requested that a paper copy of her survey be sent to her.

Utility work and pile-driving continues to occur on Covert Avenue. April 15th is still the date for the full closure of Covert Avenue. Concerns about rodent sightings on the north side of the tracks on 2nd Avenue, west of Covert Avenue, have been discussed with 3TC and additional traps have been positioned. Road conditions are terrible and temporary patch work has been done on Covert Avenue. Temporary patch work on 2nd Avenue is underway. 3TC held a meeting with Covert Avenue residents on March 12th and on March 28th. The meetings were well attended.

On April 3rd at 7:00 pm, 3TC will hold a public information meeting at Marcus Christ Hall. Flyers were prepared and have been distributed. Information is also on the Village website and e-board. Mayor Montreuil asked Village Clerk-Treasurer Hillmann to send out a robo-call to remind residents about this meeting.

Work and lane restrictions continue this week on New Hyde Park Road. Once Covert Avenue closes, 3TC confirms that there will not be any lane reductions on New Hyde Park Road as the traffic count will increase from the road detour at Covert Avenue. Residents were advised to check the Village website for interim road closures.

At the last Board Meeting, residents on 4th Avenue expressed concerns over the large number of construction and personal vehicles parked on their block, increased traffic, noise, and blocked driveways.

DPW Supt. Gannon and Judy White, the 3TC Community Ambassador, have had a presence on the block trying to alleviate these issues. 3TC has been asked to continue to monitor activity on 4th Avenue.

Installation of the temporary Fire Department facility at the South 12th Street Resident Parking Lot is almost completed. The trailer still hasn't been installed but it must be done by April 15th. Covert Avenue cannot be closed until the Fire Department temporary structure, trailer, water, and electricity are installed and fully functioning.

Parking has been a challenge in the S. 12th Street lot. A number of residents have sent e-mails complaining about parking. The Mayor prepared and sent a letter outlining actions taken to alleviate the parking situation. Resident parking stickers will be honored in voucher parking spaces; voucher parking spaces have been added on Plaza Avenue, east of New Hyde Park Road. And on 2nd Avenue, west of South 12th Street, the parallel parking spaces were changed to head-in parking to create additional parking spaces. Also, Village workers will be present in the resident parking lot in the morning to assist residents with parking options. The Village is also negotiating a land lease and possibly a land swap to use for additional parking. No further information can be provided at this time because negotiations are underway.

The electrical substation 3% designs are expected on April 26th.

The demolition of 115 New Hyde Park Road is expected to take place on April 15th.

The Detour Plan Update is available on the Village website. The last Detour Plan published on the website and newsletter outlined possible options available if needed. This caused some confusion. This new version is simplified.

Mayor Montreuil commented that the Board approved the Fire Department's request to access the Community Benefit Fund for equipment such as ambulances and emergency services vehicles stationed in the temporary site in the S. 12th Street Parking Lot that will service residents living on the south side of the tracks.

Veterans Affairs

As previously reported, the VFW Post is going to close and will be absorbed by the American Legion Post. Research Assistant Bevers is working closely with members of the VFW Post to organize the Memorial Day Parade. The Village will always have a Memorial Day Observance Parade and a Veterans Day Ceremony. The Memorial Day Observance Parade will be held on Saturday, May 25th from 10 am – 11:30 am. The parade begins at Lakeville Road, travels east on Jericho Turnpike, stops at Village Hall for a brief service, then continues to Memorial Park for a ceremony. Invitations will go out shortly and everyone is urged to attend this important observance. Mayor Montreuil expressed his appreciation to Tr. Burger for his involvement with Veterans Affairs and commented that the ranks are getting older and the VFW Post members asked for the Village's help to organize the Memorial Day Observance Parade and the Veterans Day Ceremony. Mayor Montreuil stated that this is the one day for residents to honor the 56 young men from New Hyde Park who lost their lives in different wars. Mayor Montreuil added that this is the least we can do, as a community, to come together as a community to honor and remember our Veterans.

Building Department

On March 20th, Village Court heard 18 cases involving property maintenance issues, parking on rear lawns, illegal use of a single-family home, and working without permits. Tr. Burger added that the number of no-shows at Court is astounding. Residents should understand that a simple fine can quickly escalate and even rise to an arrest warrant.

There are 16 cases on the April 17th Court docket involving property maintenance issues, working without a permit, and illegal use of single-family home.

There were no special use applications submitted since the last Board Meeting.

From March 21 through April 2nd, 11 permits have been issued.

Tr. Squicciarino:

Clerk's Office

The following has been received:

Coin Meter Collections for March - \$14,206

Licenses - \$8,735 (121 landscaping licenses have been issued)

Parking permits - \$850 (343 resident parking permits have been issued)

Village Tax - \$1,223.75 prior year tax, plus \$188.36 penalty

CDBG Residential Rehab – the Village received \$31,800 advance from Nassau County for residential rehabilitation which will be paid to the contractor upon completion of work.

MTA Capital Construction Fund – the Village received \$27,885 for engineering and legal fees.

Park and Recreation

Long and Lean Exercise continues in the lower level of Village Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings, from 10:30 – 11:30 am.

On April 1st, Memorial Park opened with full services. Last week, a walk through was done at Memorial Park. The fence needs to be repaired and the gazebo needs to be sand blasted and repainted. Little League has moved in another shed. Supt. Gannon was asked to move any remaining sports equipment, such as the removable pitching mound, from Nuzzi Field to Memorial Park.

The Little League Parade will be held on Saturday, April 13 at Memorial Park. The parade begins at Lakeville Road, east on Jericho Tpke, north on New Hyde Park Road, west on Lincoln Avenue to Memorial Park.

Library

A concert will be held at the Hillside Public Library on April 12 at 7 pm, a Beatles tribute concert. Coffee and cake will be served before the show.

Mayor Montreuil:

Business Development

There is some agreement with a developer for the property located at 301 South 12th Street. Tonight, the Board will consider a resolution to advertise a public hearing on a special use application. Part of the agreement will include a payment into a Community Development Fund.

Public Information

The LIRR/3TC public information meeting will be held tomorrow night. 3TC is making the presentation, the Village is providing the venue only.

Last night, the south side experienced a power surge caused by a traffic accident on Plainfield Avenue. This surge impacted some in New Hyde Park and all in Floral Park. It was not caused by the LIRR.

The Annual Street Fair will not be held this year. A Community Day event in September is being planned. This will be a New Hyde Park event for residents, merchants and organizations to meet. More to come on this event.

RESOLUTIONS:

18-131 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #18-26

18-132 A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM BUDGETARY ACCOUNT CODES

18-133 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DPW/BUILDING SUPT. TO PURCHASE A PLOW FOR THE

2019 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK

18-134 A RESOLUTION APPROVING SMALL CLAIM GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENTS

18-135 A RESOLUTION APPROVING SMALL CLAIM GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENTS

18-136 A RESOLUTION APPROVING SMALL CLAIM GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENTS

18-137 A RESOLUTION APPROVING SMALL CLAIM GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENTS

18-138 A RESOLUTION APPROVING SMALL CLAIM GRIEVANCE SETTLEMENTS
18-139 A RESOLUTION FOR THE VILLAGE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE A
PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 30 AT 7:30 PM FOR A SPECIAL USE APPLICATION
FOR 301 S. 12TH STREET

Old Business:

- Emergency generator for Village Hall – no update provided
- A Whitestar Limousine Service, 20 Jericho Tpke – application remains pending

New Business:

Tr. Coppola asked why and when the Village obtained a credit card. Village Clerk Hillmann explained that a credit card is necessary for on-line purchases and for website update fees. Clerk Hillmann explained that there is a monetary limitation and the card is secure at all times. Mayor Montreuil added that the use of P-cards are common in many organizations and municipalities.

Public Participation:

Resident Monica Nadasky asked for more details about the proposed development at 301 S. 12th Street. Mayor Montreuil explained that design and development details will be discussed at the public hearing. That is the purpose of the public hearing. At this stage, the proposal includes a 4-story building, with 2 levels of underground parking.

Resident Sam Khoury asked if a decision regarding the fate of the Street Fair could be delayed until after April 15th. Mayor Montreuil explained that planning for this event begins in the beginning of the year and the decision has been made.

Resident Khoury asked for more details on the LIRR meeting tomorrow. Mayor Montreuil explained that this is a public information session. There will be visual aids, a video presentation, pictures of Urban Avenue construction, and more detail about what to expect in the next few months. The worst of the construction is approaching very soon, and there will be an unimaginable amount of equipment, workers, and vehicles in the area. Supt. Gannon added that there will be different sections on select topics, an open house set-up. Tr. Burger added that a set of drawings and handouts will also be available.

Resident Bess Giordano asked for explanation of sheet pile driving. Supt. Gannon explained that the sheet pile driving is done across the tracks to hold up the rails until the new bridge is ready to be installed.

Resident Monica Nadasky expressed concern that there is no signage of the upcoming Covert Avenue closure and street detours. Mayor Montreuil explained the signage will be up once Nassau County signs off on the Detour Plan. The Mayor added that the full closure of Covert Avenue is scheduled for April 15th. During the expected 9-month construction on New Hyde Park Road, the road will not be completely shut down. There will be a bend around for traffic. Ms. Nadasky added that she is also waiting for 3TC to send her a paper copy of her home survey. Mayor Montreuil commented that he pursued this further on her behalf and Travis Brennan assured him that her request is being processed.

Resident Bess Giordano reported finding three more cracks in her home and backyard patio.

Resident Michael Morrissey suggested switching the timing of the traffic light at Covert Avenue to keep traffic moving.

Resident Rosemary Hudson suggested putting signage on Lakeville Road to alert traffic about the Covert Avenue closure. Tr. Burger explained that once Nassau County approves the Detour Plan, signage will be in place. Additionally, local streets will still be accessible to local residents. 3TC will continue to communicate with navigation systems, such as Waze and Google to update their systems to local road closures.

There being no further public comment, upon motion by Tr. Coppola, seconded by Tr. Squicciarino, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting ended at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janet Bevers

Research Assistant to the Board