

VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
February 5, 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 8:10 pm following a Public Hearing. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Public Hearing.

Minutes:

Upon motion by Tr. Squicciarino, and seconded by Tr. Burger, the minutes of the January 15, 2019 Board Meeting were approved. Tr. Coppola abstained from voting because he was not in attendance at that meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

A request was granted for the NHP Little League to hold their annual parade on Saturday, April 13th at 11:00 am. The parade will begin in the Lakeville Road Parking Lot, travel east on Jericho Turnpike, north on New Hyde Park Road to Lincoln Avenue and west to Memorial Park. This represents a new route and a new event location due to the closure of Covert Avenue and Nuzzi Field.

A request was granted for the Hillside Public Library to use the e-Board to promote a NYS Citizens Disaster Preparedness Program on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm. The program is free to the public.

A request was granted for the NHP Republican Club to use the Marcus Christ Community Center on Monday, February 25th from 7 – 9 pm.

License Renewals:

Restaurant: Approved.

New Chef Wang, 1902 Jericho Tpke.
Domino's Pizza, 1017 Jericho Tpke.
The Angry Gnome Pub, 1217 Jericho Tpke.
Five Star Indian Cuisine, 247 Jericho Tpke.

Dance: Approved.

The Angry Gnome Pub, 1217 Jericho Tpke.

Dry Cleaner: Approved.

Green Tree Cleaners, 1309 Jericho Tpke.

Games: Approved.

The Angry Gnome Pub, 1217 Jericho Tpke.

Carter: Approved.

ACA Waste Services, 40 Eads Street, West Babylon
AM Waste Services, 50 Eads Street, West Babylon
Certified Carting, 46 Skipper Drive, West Islip
Liotta & Sons Inc, 3966 Long Beach Road, Island Park

Superior Waste Services of NY, 442 Tate Street, Holbrook

Landscaper License: Approved.

Deamorim Landscaping, 35 Cherry Lane, Carle Place

McNulty Outdoors, 99 Lakeville Road

Rosario Castellano Landscaping, 35 North 11th Street, New Hyde Park

J & R Landscaping & Design, 119 Crown Avenue, Elmont

Victor's Landscaping Service, 1043 North 1st Street, New Hyde Park

Daniel Escobar Landscaping, 16 Lent Avenue, Hempstead

Jose Escobar Landscaping, 468 William Floyd Parkway, Shirley

Ramalhete & Sons Landscaping, PO Box 418, Williston Park

Frank Landscaping, 100 Westbury Blvd, Hempstead

Ciro Freitas Landscaping, 1569 Adams Street, Elmont

Alvarado Landscaping, 35 Old Stewart Avenue, Garden City Park

Tow Car Owners: Approved.

A 1 Grand Auto Body, 105 Herricks Road, Garden City Park

Grand Auto Body, 90 Denton Avenue, Garden City Park

TNT Automotive, 909 Second Avenue

Frame Auto Collision, 71 Denton Avenue, New Hyde Park

Used Car: Approved.

S. M. Motorsports, 140 Lakeville Road

Limousine Owner: Tabled.

A Whitestar Limousine Service, Inc., 20 Jericho Tpke – 11 vehicles to be stored in parking lot at 2 Jericho Tpke.

Tr. Coppola:

Little League

As previously noted, the Parade will be held on Saturday, April 13th. Adjustments have been made to the parade route and location.

Fire Department

The Department responded to 1,200 calls in 2018 – 700 were rescue calls and 500 were fire calls.

It's important to clear snow from fire hydrants and check the batteries in smoke detectors and CO2 detectors. The American Red Cross supplies free smoke detectors to anyone who cannot afford to purchase one.

Nassau County

Inspector Abruzzo is holding a Community Forum with community leaders, local government officials, school officials, students, and residents. Members of the 3rd Precinct will be there to discuss issues and answer questions. School safety will also be addressed and students will be able to meet with police officers in a more relaxed setting. This forum will be held 7 pm tomorrow night at the NHP Road School.

Auxiliary Police

Deputy Inspector John Concannon provided a brief report on Unit activities.

Tr. Pallisco:

Zoning Board of Appeals

At the last hearing on January 9th, the following case was approved:

- 912 1st Avenue – an application was granted to construct a 300 square foot single story addition to the rear of the home and a new second story with 920 square feet of floor area. The total requested floor area for this home after construction will be 2,267 square feet.

There is one case on the agenda for the February 13th hearing:

- 1401 4th Avenue – second review of application

Architectural Review Board

There is one case on the agenda for the February 6th hearing:

- 5 South 11th Street – an application to enclose the open roofed front deck into an unconditioned entry foyer and to add a roof above the rear terrace. Applicant also seeks to re-face the house with stone veneer to replace the siding. This application was originally scheduled to be heard on January 2nd but the homeowner was unprepared to make a presentation and the meeting was rescheduled to February.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on February 15th at 2 pm at Elsie Lane,
the new pub located at 29 Jericho Tpke.
President's Week begins February 18th. All schools will be closed.

Tr. Squicciarino:

Clerk's Office

The following revenue was received:

- \$14,638 - Coin meters
- \$31,092 - Court traffic fines
- \$12,870 - Parking permits
- \$28,560 – IPS vouchers
- \$37,796 – LIRR Community Benefit
- \$25,396 – LIRR Community Benefit Pending Reimbursement

Last week the Village learned that it is at risk for losing per capita aid from NY State. This year, the Village received \$148,000 in per capita aid. If the Governor pulls this aid, it will have a significant impact on next year's budget, which the Board is beginning to work on tonight. The Mayor has drafted a letter to the Governor.

Board of Assessors

The tentative tax roll is available for viewing at the Village Clerk's Office.

Tax Grievance Day is February 19th. The Village Assessor will be available from 8:45 am – 4:15 pm and, by appointment only, from 6 – 9 pm.

There are a number of tax grievance workshops being held in the community. Charles Berman from the Town of North Hempstead will host a workshop at the Hillside Public Library on February 19th.

Library

There are a number of classes being held at the Hillside Public Library. Some topics include cooking, stress relief, and teen book clubs.

Tr. Burger:

LIRR 3rd Track Project

There is a lot of activity on Covert Avenue and we are getting closer to the full project. There have been a number of frustrating events. On January 25th, utility work required the water to be shut down. The Water Authority failed to turn the water back on for the impacted residents. Once notified, Supt. Gannon responded to the scene and worked with 3TC and the Water Authority to rectify the problem. Supt.

Gannon and I went to each home impacted to follow up with residents. Supt. Gannon was acknowledged and thanked for his timely reaction and resolution to this matter.

The partial closure of Covert Avenue was expected to happen on January 29th. On January 30th, after the Village sent out notifications to residents, the Village was informed that date had been changed to January 30th. This change occurred because Nassau County had disapproved the detour plan. Beginning today, Covert Avenue will be closed between 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue, from 7 am – 4:30 pm. This partial closure will continue through February 12. During this time, detours will be in place for commercial and non-commercial vehicles. Flaggers and Nassau County police will be present

There has been confusion over utility shutdowns and the work schedule. Recently, EJ Electric was found working on a Sunday. The Village was never notified of this weekend work.

The temporary Fire Department Facility is being constructed and the footings are being done now.

There is nothing new to report on the Haul Route Plan.

Pile work was expected to begin in mid-February, but the work has been postponed to February 25.

The complete and full closure of Covert Avenue was rescheduled to March 31st. The date has been extended to April 15th.

The 90% Design Plan of the New Hyde Park Road Undergrade Crossing was reviewed with Vertex and the Village submitted our comments back to 3TC. Their current plans still show portable generators and the Village wants permanent generators to be installed to pump out water at the Undergrade Crossing.

Mayor Montreuil added that this capital project is growing more inconvenient and is becoming a bigger burden as the project gets underway. The Village continues to work to mitigate as many issues as possible, traffic, road closures, parking, etc. Additionally, Supt. Gannon spends an inordinate amount of extra time on this project and his intervention, collaboration, and great relationships with other community leaders is crucial. The Village is working with 3TC to find alternative resident and commuter parking.

The next Mayor's meeting with the LIRR and 3TC will be on February 27th.

Veterans Affairs

As previously reported, the VFW will close its Post in April due to lack of membership. The Village will assume responsibility of organizing the Memorial Day Parade and the Veterans Day Ceremony. A meeting will be held with members from the VFW and the American Legion to learn what's involved in organizing these events.

Building Department

Building Court was held on January 16th. Seven cases were heard involving working without permits, illegal parking, and property maintenance issues.

The next Building Court will be held on February 20th and there are 16 cases on the docket. These cases range from property maintenance, illegal parking, and illegal use of a single family home.

There have been no special use applications submitted.

There were 26 permits issued from January 15th through February 4th.

Mayor Montreuil

Public Information

The Winter Newsletter has been produced and the Post Office should begin delivery by Friday. This is an expanded edition to include updated information on the 3rd Track Project. Additionally, there is a lot of important information of Village matters including an article on the expanded Rental Registration requirements for single, 2 family and mixed use/multi dwelling units. Homeowners can rent their home, but it must be done in a safe manner, and the homeowner must register the home as a rental unit. Mayor Montreuil thanked Janet Bevers for her efforts in producing another informative and attractive edition.

Mayor Montreuil reported that the Board is reconsidering holding the annual Street Fair this year due to safety and congestion concerns from the construction of the 3rd Track Project and the six-month

closure of Covert Avenue. Mayor Montreuil added that the Board is not anxious to see this tradition end, and there will be further discussion on this issue.

RESOLUTIONS:

18-98 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #18-20

18-99 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGETARY ACCOUNT CODES

18-100 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

18-101 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATE OF PAY FOR INSPECTORS AND CLERKS ON VILLAGE ELECTION DAY

18-102 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A 300 FOOT RADIUS MAILING NOTICE FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT

INCENTIVE BONUS APPLICATIONS

Old Business:

- Emergency generator for Village Hall – no update provided
- Traffic calming measures on Stewart Avenue – no update provided

Public Participation:

Resident Michael Morrissey reported that the transformers being installed on S. 6th Street seem excessively large; he questioned why the staging area on Covert Avenue is not being utilized, and commented that NHP Protection is concerned about losing time getting over the railroad tracks during construction. Supt. Gannon explained that the staging area on Covert Avenue is being used to store equipment during the downtime and will be used as the new bridge is constructed. Tr. Burger added that the temporary fire house is being installed in the S. 12 Street Parking lot. The tracks are open during the partial closure of Covert Avenue.

Resident Bess Giordano reported that piling is being done along the tracks by her home. She also complained that the LIRR and 3TC are not being good neighbors because they continue to block her road with trucks and equipment rather than using the tracks. Tr. Burger assured her that the work being done is not piling, but rather work to elevate the railroad ties by 3 feet. Mayor Montreuil added that the Village tried to get deliveries made via the rails. However, the LIRR will not interrupt train service and tie up the lines for a long period as deliveries are being made. Therefore, the Village suggested that the vacant property adjacent to 3rd Avenue through 6th Avenue be cleared to extend truck access to the tracks. This will minimize the number of trucks making deliveries and then having to back up.

The daughter of resident Joanne Hanson requested that lights be installed on the two large poles that were recently installed on/about 6th Street and 1st Avenue. Ms. Hanson asked for help getting access to her mother's house once her mother is released from the hospital. Supt. Gannon suggested that Ms. Hanson contact him once she knows the release date.

A resident asked for an update on the status of the removal of the sub-station on South 9th Street. Tr. Burger will ask 3TC for updated plans.

Resident Grace Desiderio, 33 Lewis Avenue, reported that parking on Lewis Avenue remains a problem and asked that something be done to prevent Day and Nite workers from parking on the block all day. Mayor Montreuil explained that a parking survey was sent to all residents on the block to get input on

possible changes to the parking ordinance. In the meantime, code enforcement will be extra diligent in this area. Supt. Gannon added that he will talk with owners of Day and Nite to discuss possible remedies.

APO Unit #212 Commander John Concannon asked the Board to consider increasing the Unit's budget.

There being no further public comment, upon motion by Tr. Coppola, seconded by Tr. Squicciarino, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting closed at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janet Bevers

Research Assistant to the Board