

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 15, 2019**

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

Absent: Trustee Coppola

Mayor Montreuil opened the Board Meeting at 8:00 pm immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Montreuil.

**Minutes:**

Upon motion by Tr. Burger, and seconded by Tr. Pallisco, the minutes of the January 3, 2019 Board Meeting were approved. Deputy Mayor Squicciarino abstained from voting because she was not in attendance at the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

**License Renewals: Approved.**

**Dance:**

The Inn at New Hyde Park, 214 Jericho Tpke.

Olde Trading Post, 1218 Jericho Tpke.

**Restaurant: Approved.**

The Inn at New Hyde Park, 214 Jericho Tpke.

Olde Trading Post, 1218 Jericho Tpke.

Dunkin Donuts, 601 Jericho Tpke.

Yesterday's Diner, 443 Jericho Tpke.

**Tr. Coppola: Absent.**

**Fire Department**

Mayor Montreuil reported that at the last Board Meeting, a moment of silence was held for the tragic fire on North 12<sup>th</sup> Street that took the lives of a grandmother and her 4 year old granddaughter. This was a terrible loss for the family and for the community. The grandmother, Maria Karpinski acted heroically to try to save her grandchildren. And the firefighters worked heroically and admirably in their efforts to save the lives of the family members trapped inside the house. The Mayor asked everyone for their continued support and prayers for the family and the firefighters involved in this terrible tragedy.

**Auxiliary Police**

Deputy Inspector Concannon reported that the Unit continues to conduct day and evening patrols and has covered a number of events in the Village, including Board Meetings and Village Court. Unit members volunteered over 4,000 hours from January through October 2018. Mayor Montreuil thanked all Unit members for their service to the community.

## **Little League**

Mayor Montreuil reported that since Nuzzi Field will be closed this year, the Little League Parade route will have to change. Although not confirmed, the parade may start on Lakeville Road and travel on New Hyde Park Road to Memorial Park.

## **Tr. Pallisco:**

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

At the January 9<sup>th</sup> hearing, the following case was heard:

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

The next hearing is scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup>, but as of today, no applications have been submitted.

### **Architectural Review Board**

The January 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing for 5 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street was cancelled because the applicant was not prepared to present. The application will be heard on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Tr. Burger:**

### **LIRR 3<sup>rd</sup> Track Project**

Utility work on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Covert Avenues will continue through February. Upon coming across workers from EJ Electric this past weekend, the Mayor learned of night work planned for tonight and January 17<sup>th</sup>. 3TC never informed the Board, which they are required to do. 3TC has been cautioned to get control of its sub-contractors and their schedules, and share that information with the Board and our residents. A meeting is scheduled with 3TC and the LIRR tomorrow, and this issue will be addressed again.

An updated 6 week schedule details that on February 11<sup>th</sup>, work will begin on installing 180 soldier pilings on Covert Avenue. 15 of those piles will be installed during the night.

Demolition of the building located at 115 New Hyde Park Road has been put on hold due to asbestos abatement issues. The demolition may be delayed an additional month or more.

A temporary Fire Department facility will be set up on the south side of the tracks. The needs of the Fire Department include shelter, heating, seating, and plumbing. The steel shelter provided by 3TC does not meet the Fire Departments needs and requirements and this is being addressed further with 3TC. Mayor Montreuil added that once construction is completed on Covert Avenue and New Hyde Park Road, this shelter will no longer be needed.

The Detour Plan has been reviewed with the Fire Department and we are both in sync with the plans. The Board continues to push 3TC for a detour plan at Lakeville Road and Jericho Tpke, which will be a big traffic problem once Covert Avenue is closed.

Traffic will be diverted at Jericho and Stewart Avenues, and access will be limited to local residents only. 3TC will use e-signs and on-line navigation systems such as WAZE to notify the public on traffic re-routing. The goal is to divert traffic away from Covert Avenue as far as Hempstead Tpke, Franklin Avenue or even the Cross Island Parkway. The Board is working to protect residential streets from being used as a cut-through. Stewart Manor Village is also taking steps to minimize impact on their local streets.

Mayor Montreuil added that in order to shorten the duration and complete the work in 6 months, construction on Covert Avenue will be done 24 hours a day, 5 days a week. Therefore, during that time, Covert Avenue from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be a drastically impacted.

Trucks will deliver and off-load materials at various access points in the right of way. The plan is to have a truck deliver materials every 30 minutes throughout the day. When you factor in truck entry and

departures, there will be 60 truck deliveries a day. The wall is the first piece of the project to be constructed. The LIRR and 3TC had originally planned to deliver materials by rail, but have now decided that doing so will interrupt the railroad schedules during the day. So deliveries will now be done by trucks.

The Village continues to push for soil sampling along the right of way. 3TC reports that soil sampling must be done in a 6 month period of work beginning. So this will be done at a later date.

Rodent Control Plan continues to expand. The Board urges all residents to put trash in a sealed plastic bag in a sealed receptacle.

### **Veterans Affairs**

As previously reported, the Board received notification that due to membership decline, the VFW Post #8031 G & E Linder Post will be closing or 'folding its tent' on April 15, 2019. This is a very sad situation. Our veterans should not be forgotten. There will be an article in the Winter Newsletter on this situation with a request for new membership. The Village Board will continue to work with the American Legion on Veterans events, such as the Memorial Day Parade and Veterans Day Ceremony.

### **Building Department**

At the December 19<sup>th</sup> Building Court, five cases were heard.

At the January 16<sup>th</sup> Building Court, 13 cases are scheduled to be heard. The cases involve working without permits, property maintenance issues, or illegally parking of cars on property.

From January 3<sup>rd</sup> through January 15<sup>th</sup>, 15 permits were issued.

No special use applications have been submitted to date.

### **Tr. Squicciarino:**

#### **Clerk's Office**

In December, the second mortgage tax was received in the amount of \$60,012.

Resident parking permits are still available for purchase. To date, we have received \$58,200 in parking permit revenue.

Reimbursement from NYS DOT in the amount of \$445,959 was received in December. The paperwork was submitted in October.

#### **Board of Assessors**

The Tax Reassessment Meeting planned in January has been cancelled after we were unable to connect with the NC Executive or the NC Assessor. There are a number of public meetings being held on this topic. Legislator Nicoletto is holding a meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup> at Clinton G. Martin Park. Charles Berman, Town of North Hempstead Assessor is holding public meetings on February 5<sup>th</sup> and February 19 at the Hillside Public Library.

#### **Library**

There are a number of interesting programs being held at the Hillside Public Library. On January 29<sup>th</sup>, the LI Alzheimer's Foundation will present a workshop on Safety in the Home. Check the Library website for information on upcoming programs.

#### **Chamber of Commerce**

On Wednesday evening, the Chamber is holding its President's Gala and Installation of Officers at the Inn at New Hyde Park. Tr. Pallisco will attend.

### **Mayor Montreuil**

#### **Department of Public Works**

Supt. Gannon reported that he continues to work with the architect designing the new facility and equipment is being consolidated in preparation of the new facility.

#### **Public Information**

Mayor Montreuil reported on attending Senator Anna Kaplan's inauguration last week. The Village Board had a great relationship with Senator Elaine Phillips and it hopes to have the same with

Senator Kaplan. There are a number of outstanding grants the Village obtained from Senator Phillips and we are working with Senator Kaplan to maintain these grant funds. Mayor Montreuil extended Senator Kaplan the best of luck and success in her new role and looks forward to working with her.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**18-94 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #18-19**

**18-95 A RESOLUTION TO REVERSE RESOLUTION 18-79 DATED NOVEMBER 13, 2018  
PERTAINING TO LIMIT PARKING ON 11<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE FROM PREMIER BLVD  
TO COVERT AVENUE**

**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 PSEG was working all day last Saturday on S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to install power.

Resident Grace Desiderio, 32 Lewis Avenue, complained that the street is flooded with parked cars from employees of Day and Nite Air Conditioning, located on Charles Street. Ms. Desiderio claimed that cars are parked as early as 5:30 am. Residents on this block have no place to park. After further discussion, Mayor Montreuil stated that the Village will talk to owners of Day and Nite and the Board will discuss further.

Resident Rosemary Hudson reported a torn flag is hanging on a pole in between Olde Trading Post and the Physical Therapist office.

Tina Hanson, whose elderly Mother lives on South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, complained about the work being done for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Track Project. She reported that her car was blocked in the driveway for 5 hours on Saturday and Sunday, no prior notice of road work and electricity being cut off. She also presented pictures of a pole that was installed with a wire hanging on the ground. Tr. Burger will address these issues with 3TC and the LIRR at tomorrow's meeting.

Resident Bess Giordano suggested that a vibration detector be installed close to the homes on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to detect vibration levels from the construction. She reported that last week her house and her neighbor's house was shaking during track work. She explained that both the LIRR and 3TC denied the problem was caused by them. Ms. Giordano expressed concerns once trucks begin delivery routes on her narrow block. She also suggested that workers be transported into the work site by bus to avoid excess cars parked on the streets. Mayor Montreuil explained that a recent idea being considered is to clear the green belt located by the rail road tracks for truck use. This would alleviate some of the truck traffic. Mayor Montreuil also confirmed that 3TC is currently using a school bus to transport workers into the construction site.

Upon motion by Tr. Burger, seconded by Tr. Squicciarino, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting closed at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

***Janet Bevers***

Research Assistant to the Board