

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 3, 2019**

Present: Mayor Montreuil  
Trustee Coppola  
Trustee Pallisco  
Trustee Burger  
Cathryn Hillmann, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Absent: Deputy Mayor Squicciarino  
Thomas P. Gannon, Supt. DPW & Building Department  
Janet Bevers, Research Assistant to the Board

Mayor Montreuil opened the Board Meeting at 8:00 pm immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Montreuil. The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the Karpinski Family that lost two family members in a tragic fire over the weekend.

The Mayor took a moment to commend and thank the New Hyde Park Fire Department and surrounding Fire Companies that responded to the fire over the weekend. The firemen were able to get the fire under control quickly.

Trustee Coppola mentioned that the Fire Department will have a critical incident meeting to speak to the firemen. He also discussed the importance of having working smoke detectors and monitoring any lit candles. The American Red Cross was going door to door over the weekend giving out flyers to homeowners with information on how to get free smoke detectors. The Red Cross will come and install the detectors.

**Minutes:**

Upon motion by Tr. Coppola, and seconded by Tr. Burger, the minutes of the December 18, 2018 Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

An E-Board request was granted for the Hillside Library to promote a blood drive to be held on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 7:30 pm

**License Renewals:**

**Carter:**

Eagle Sanitation, PO Box 298, Woodbury  
PCI Contracting, 561 Donald Lane, Woodmere  
S&M Prompt Removal Service, 228 Miller Avenue, Freeport

**Restaurant:**

Taco Bell, 1650 Jericho Tpke.  
Nova Asian Bistro, 1215 Jericho Tpke.  
Gino's, 1113 Jericho Tpke.

**Tow Car Owner:**

C & N Auto Center, 96 Jericho Tpke.

**Dance:**

Gino's, 1113 Jericho Tpke.

### **Tr. Coppola:**

#### **Fire Department**

Trustee Coppola thanked the Fire Department for their service to the Village. The volunteers put in a lot of time at the Fire House and time keeping up with training.

They will discuss the fire from last week and see how to make improvements if needed. They did a great job.

#### **Auxiliary Police**

Trustee Coppola also thanked the Auxiliary Police their service. He reminded residents that cars in the neighborhood are still being broken into. Please keep doors locked and do not leave any valuables in your car. Around the holidays there was an issue of packages being stolen, hopefully this is done.

### **Tr. Pallisco:**

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled because there were no cases on the docket. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>. There is one case on the docket:

- 912 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue – the applicant is seeking approval 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 after construction would be 2,267 square feet. This application requires a variance for 370 feet in excess of allowable floor area ratio.

#### **Architectural Review Board**

The January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was cancelled because the homeowner was unprepared. The next meeting is scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>. There is one case on the docket:

- 5 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street – the applicant is seeking approval to enclose the open roofed front deck into an unconditioned entry foyer as well as to add a roof above the rear terrace. He is additionally proposing to re-face the house with stone veneer replacing its siding

#### **Chamber of Commerce**

The Presidents Gala will be held Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6 pm at the Inn at New Hyde Park

#### **Nassau County Tax Assessment Meeting**

The Villages of New Hyde Park, Floral Park and Stewart Manor are planning on holding a public informational meeting on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the New Hyde Park Road School. Kate has been following up with the County Executive and Nassau County Assessor. As of today, neither have responded.

Legislator Nicoletto will also be holding two workshops at Clinton G. Martin, Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to Noon and Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

### **Tr. Burger:**

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

Construction on Covert Avenue continues. Utility work and utility pole relocations on Covert, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue are still underway and will continue through January into February. At the last meeting it was indicated that the demolition of the building at 115 New Hyde Park Road would begin in January. However, the latest 6 week look ahead does not mention it. Trustee Burger contacted 3TC, they do not have a date yet but it will not come down in January.

At the last Board meeting Trustee Burger gave an update on the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with 3TC and the Village to go over plans for Covert Avenue. The Village asked for a more detailed summary for the noise control plan, 3TC is working on this.

The Board received a map of the haul routes. Normally there would be more of a detailed document showing the direction of traffic and a construction logistics plan. The Board would like clarification on the time schedule and more of a defined plan.

The Mayor gave an update on a meeting he attended on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The haul routes were discussed. Chris from 3TC explained that 30 trucks a day will make deliveries. The Mayor explained the delivery route associated with the plan provided. Trucks will travel every 24 minutes. Will unload in the Right of Way and a small vehicle to move the materials. Will be at each access point for a month. This will be very impactful. They have done surveys of the roads which the Mayor requested to see what the state of the roads are from start to finish. They need to bring the roads back to where they were before the project. The Mayor and Rainer discussed 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue goes behind homes to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Undeveloped and unused by the Village. The two homeowners have always used this land. What if 3tc cleared the area and put a temporary road to use for deliveries. Could cut down traffic on surrounding roads. Will talk to 3tc. How would they return the land? Don't want to keep it as road, would put it back to what it was. Will impact the 2 homes abutting the undeveloped area but will alleviate the impacts on more homes in the area.

#### Detour Plan

Meeting with the Fire Department on January 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the detour plan. After the meeting the Village will meet with 3TC to finalize the plan. Temp facility for FD to be in the S 12<sup>th</sup> lot. Need to verify that the structure meets the needs of the fire department

#### Soil Sample

Still do not have the report of the soil samples that were taken in the right of way. Need to ask Mark Roche to forward the report. Floral Park received their results.

#### Covert Avenue

Looking at March as a closure. Various phases, reached out to 3TC for a timeline. Early work pile driving will start mid January. Start the work to minimize night work.

#### New Hyde Park

Received the 100% Undergrade crossing Plan which is currently being reviewed by Vertex.

#### Signal

The Village put a request in to Commissioner Arnold for a street light to be installed at covert Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Weekly telecoms continue. Took a break during the holiday.

#### December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting

#### Satellite parking

Talked about using a school bus to transport the workers. The Mayor let them know that a resident complained at the last meeting that Banker a sub-contractor parking on South 5<sup>th</sup> Street. They will stop that immediately. Thought to have workers park off sight and bussed in. They asked The Mayor if he knew of any local parking that would be available. He will look around the Village to see if there is anyway the Village can help.

### Rodent Control

The Board gave feedback on the plan, they thought it was insufficient and asked for different monitoring. They are adopting the NY City inspection and follow up action checklist for detecting and preventing rats. They are adding and checking bait stations, charting the number of comments they hear.

### Pedestrian Detour on Covert Avenue

There will be no pedestrian cross for Covert Avenue. The Mayor was disappointed. 3TC explained that the area from 5<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue will be closed. They are doing with should take 12 months in 6 months. There will be a large number of workers and trucks in this area around the clock, you will not want pedestrians in the area. It will be a disaster area. Pedestrians will have to cross at S 12<sup>th</sup> Street. At the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting it was discussed possibly having a jitney to transport people over the tracks. As of now there is no solid plan for a jitney.

### VFW 8031

The post will disband due to lack of membership. The requirements will be listed in the Winter 2019 newsletter to see if there are any members that may want to join to save the post. As of now they will fold up their tent on April 15, 2019. Trustee Burger will speak to the American Legion to see if they will take over the ceremonies.

### Building Court

The last Village Court was held on December 19<sup>th</sup>. There are 5 cases on the docket. 3 cases for working without a permit and 2 property maintenance violations. The next Court will be held on January 16<sup>th</sup>, there are currently 13 cases on the docket.

### Building Permits

20 building permits were issued between December 18<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all.

Members of Cub Scout Pack #489 attended the December 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. They sent an e-mail thanking the Board for the opportunity to attend the meeting and appreciated the Board's response to all their questions.

Boy Scout Troop #298 held a Court of Honor on December 14<sup>th</sup> at Marcus Christ Hall. They thank the Board for the space provided to them.

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

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, Supt. Gannon and I met with 3TC and the MTA to review our comments to a number of designs submitted for Covert Avenue. The Noise Control Plan and noise mitigation methods, such as the use of mufflers and blankets, was also discussed. Work will be sequenced with the less noisy work to be done at night.

Starting in late January, 180 piles will be driven into Covert Avenue. Most of this work will be done early in the day. Once Covert Avenue is closed, the final 15 piles will be done. Pile driving will be vibration driven and monitors will be set up and present at the work site. Mayor Montreuil stated that he asked 3TC to produce a list of the homes that have been surveyed. The Village may want to encourage more residents to take advantage and allow surveys to be done before construction begins. Having a pre-construction survey on file will make processing a damage claim an easier process. Tr. Burger will follow up with 3TC on this matter.

3TC has been asked to produce haul routes, including delivery routes and timeframes and to coordinate this information with the Nassau County Police Department. Mayor Montreuil added that he appreciates Tr. Burger's detailed work with 3TC on this issue. Mayor Montreuil emphasized that from the

beginning of this project, the Village insisted that the MOU include language that the Village will have input into the Traffic and Delivery Route Plan.

The temporary facility for the Fire Department was delivered today. A meeting with 3TC and the Fire Department is being planned.

A meeting with 3TC and the MTA will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Tr. Burger will push to get soil sample reports. Mayor Montreuil added that in a recent email, 3TC said it has produced soil sample results from eight boring sites, but we want additional soil samples taken from the right of way.

100% of the construction plan for the New Hyde Park Road Grade Crossing was received last week and is currently under review.

March 1<sup>st</sup> is the estimated date to close Covert Avenue.

#### **Veterans Affairs**

There is a Veteran's Food Pantry located on Hempstead Tpke in East Meadow. If you know a veteran in need, please pass this information on to them.

Nassau County is looking for volunteers to help drive veterans to medical appointments. More information is available on the Nassau County website/Veterans Affairs.

A Toys for Tots donation drive continues until December 20<sup>th</sup> with drop off locations in Mineola, N/C Police Department, and the County Executive's Office.

The American Legion Post will meet on December 20 from 7 – 9 pm at Marcus Christ Hall.

#### **Building Department**

Building Court was held on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15 cases were heard. A number of those cases involve the property located at 1508 Jasmine Avenue.

The next Building Court is scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> and there are 9 cases on the docket.

There were 11 permits issued from December 4 thru December 18.

#### **Tr. Squicciarino:**

#### **Mayor Montreuil**

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

#### **Public Information**

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**18-90 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #18-17**

**18-91 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW RESIDENT ZONE USES**

#### **Old Business:**

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

#### **Public Participation:**

No public participation.

Upon motion by Tr. Burger, seconded by Tr. Coppola, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

**Cathryn Hillmann**

Clerk-Treasurer