

**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
REGULAR MEETING
March 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 8:05 pm following the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mayor Montreuil.

Minutes:

Upon motion by Tr. Coppola, and seconded by Tr. Squicciarino, the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

A request was granted for the NHP Little League to use the William Gill Theatre for uniform pick up on Saturday, March 23 from 10 am – 1 pm.

Carter License Renewal: Approved.

A.A. Danzo Sanitation, 131 Scooter Lane, Hicksville

Taxi Cab/Limousine Owner Renewal: Approved.

Checker Cab Management, 47 North Main St, Freeport (20 taxis & 4 limos to be stored at 1305 Hempstead Tpke)

Landscaper License Renewals:

American Elm Landscaping, 122 Laurel Drive, New Hyde Park
Uniondale Landscaping, 700 Winter Avenue, Uniondale
Precision Landscaping & Design, 64 Michel Avenue, Farmingdale
Velasquez Landscaping, 3 Commerce Blvd, Amityville
Rose n Thorn Landscaping, 696 Lenore Lane, Elmont
Hines Designs, 155 S. 4th Street, New Hyde Park
MGM Landscaping, 162-31 76th Avenue, Fresh Meadows
Golden Mean Landscaping, 465 Wood Bridge Lane, Jericho
Cabnal's Landscape, 556 Hilda Street, East Meadow
Jose Vasquez Landscaping, 339 Doughty Blvd, Inwood
Rafael's Landscaping, 392 Mulberry Lane, West Hempstead
Gonzalez Landscaping, 990 Wilson Blvd, Central Islip
Moscoto Landscaping, 188 Cedar Street, Hempstead
M. Ramirez Landscaping, 14 E. Greenwich Avenue, Roosevelt
Benavides Landscaping, 8 Holly Lane, Westbury
Jose Lovo Landscaping, 1989 Murray Hill Street, Elmont
Hicks Nurseries, 100 Jericho Tpke, Westbury
J. Rubio Landscaping, 2431 Salisbury Road, Westbury
M & L Gisonda, 785 3rd Avenue, Franklin Square

Brant's Landscaping, 1229 Theodora Street, Elmont

Tr. Coppola:

Auxiliary Police

Deputy Inspector John Concannon reported that the Unit has been on County details. Unit members were present at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Mineola last week. The new Little League parade route has been reviewed with the 3rd Precinct.

Little League

A meeting was held recently with Little League to discuss the temporary closing of Nuzzi Field and field scheduling at Memorial Park. The annual Parade will be held April 13th and a new route was established. The parade begins on Lakeville Road, travels east on Jericho Tpke, north on New Hyde Park Road, west on Lincoln Avenue to Memorial Park.

Nassau County Police

There continues to be an increase in telephone scams, especially robot calls. Residents should remain aware and be alert to telephone inquiries, especially if information is requested. Residents were advised to verify the legitimacy of the call before responding.

Tr. Pallisco:

This is a quiet time for Beautification, Cultural Commission, and the Tree Committee. A meeting with the Tree Committee will be held soon.

Zoning Board of Appeals

One case was heard at the last hearing held on February 13th:

- 1401 4th Avenue – on September 12, 2018, the applicant submitted an application for parking provisions. The Zoning Board could not vote at that time because the Village Board had previously denied the application. The application was reviewed and approved for parking provisions.

There are no cases for the March 13th hearing. The next hearing will be April 10th.

Architectural Review Board

The following cases are on the agenda for the March 6th hearing:

- 5 South 11th Street – This application was previously tabled at the February 6th hearing. The homeowner proposes to enclose the open roofed front deck into an unconditioned entry foyer, add a roof above the rear terrace, and re-face the house with stone veneer replacing its siding.
- 410 Terrace Blvd. – the architect has submitted renderings to Building Supt. for comments before a formal application is submitted.

On March 2nd, a fundraiser was held in a Garden City restaurant to benefit the Karpinski family, who lost family members and their home in a tragic fire. It was very well attended and all proceeds go to the family.

Tr. Burger:

LIRR 3rd Track Project

Construction activity is ramping up on Covert Avenue. The full closure of Covert Avenue is scheduled for April 15th. As reported at the last Board Meeting, after a walk-through of the site, a number of safety issues were noted that needed correction. After discussions with 3TC, some of those issues have been corrected. Outstanding issues remain, such as:

- Safety barriers are needed on the north side of Covert Avenue. There are no curbs or sidewalks and the road veers to the right.
- Lighting at the site is poor and it's very dark at night. The Village Electrician and 3TC are working to correct.

- A steel post bollard at the Covert Avenue grade crossing needs to be removed.

The Detour Plan is in place. The overview map was published in the Winter Newsletter and can also be found on the Village website. Once Covert Avenue is closed, there are detour options in place if needed.

Night work is scheduled for tomorrow, March 6th. A notification to affected residents should have been done by 3TC. There is no other night work planned at this time.

There is a pile driver in the middle of Covert Avenue to drive 120 soldier piles in place. All but 15 will be done during the day. So far, the Village hasn't received any noise complaints.

A meeting was held tonight with a resident of 120 Covert Avenue regarding his concerns with driveway access once Covert Avenue is fully closed.

100% Construction Plan is under review with VERTEX to ensure our responses are included in the final plan.

Mayor Montreuil added that the following was discussed at the February 27th Mayor's Meeting with the MTA:

- updated schedule of work at the Covert Avenue grade crossing was reviewed
- 3TC will hold a meeting on March 12th with residents on the north side of Covert Avenue at the Westbury office. A meeting with residents on the south side of Covert Avenue will be scheduled at a later date.

Construction on Urban Avenue in Westbury will begin on March 8th and the bridge will be installed in late June. The Village will monitor and observe progress at this site. Any lessons learned will help the Village as work proceeds at the Covert Avenue grade crossing.

The 3TC quarterly performance surveys were mailed out by the LIRR and also by the Village. There was a 14% response rate, which is low, but is double most of the other Villages. The performance score for 3TC was 91%, which seems high. Mark Roche, MTA Executive, asked the Village to prepare a performance appraisal letter on 3TC. The Board will make an assessment and prepare the letter.

Tr. Burger added that 3TC will hold a public meeting on April 3rd at 7 pm at the NHP Road School. The meeting was rescheduled from March to bring the meeting date closer to the closing of Covert Avenue. The temporary fire facility is being built in the S. 12th Street resident parking lot. Footings were put in and the steel structure will be constructed within the next month.

Veterans Affairs

As previously reported, the VFW provided the Board with notice that it may close on April 15th due to lack of membership. If anyone qualifies or knows of someone who qualifies for membership, please contact the VFW. A meeting was held with John McGuire, Commander of the American Legion, to determine what the Village can do to help with the Memorial Day Parade and the Veterans' Day Ceremony.

Building Department

Building Court was held on February 20th. Nine cases were heard.

Building Court will be held on March 20th. There are 18 cases on the docket.

There were 20 permits issued from February 15 through March 4.

Mayor Montreuil reported that Tr. Burger is the Village delegate on the Western Water Authority Board and Deputy Mayor Squicciarino is the Treasurer of the Western Water Authority Board. At Mayor Montreuil's request, Tr. Burger provided the following report on the Water Authority. A NY State Law was recently passed mandating that dioxane be removed from drinking water. Station 57 conducted a pilot program to test removing dioxane using UV lighting. The regulation to upgrade wells and remove dioxane from drinking water goes into effect in 2020. Due to the timing of this law, the cost of the clean-up was not budgeted, so it's unclear how the Water Authority will fund the cost. Water rates may increase, and may even double. The Law requires that water must be cleaned or the well will be

shut down. Also, there is concern that the new Belmont Park sports stadium will have a negative impact on the water system.

Tr. Squicciarino:

Clerk's Office

The following amounts were received:

- \$3,074 – interest on deposits. The Village moved its accounts to another bank recently to achieve a higher rate of return and it is expected that this budget line will increase in time.
- \$800 – resident parking permits. To date, 333 resident parking permits have been sold.
- \$25,395 - pending reimbursement from the LIRR Community Benefit Fund
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- \$31,800 - partial advance for Residential Rehabilitation from Nassau County. This money can be used to help a family in need to stay in their home. Contact the Village Clerk to begin the application process.

The budget process continues. The Per Capita funding that the Village used to receive from NY State was left out of the budget. That leaves the Village with a \$148,000 gap to make up.

Library

There are a number of programs and services available at the Hillside Public Library:

- March and April - tax preparation assistance for senior citizens
- March 30 - line dancing lessons
- April 9 – computer security seminar

The annual St. Baldrick's Fundraiser will be held on March 26th from 4 – 7 pm at the Marcus Christ Community Center. This is a great event for a very important cause to cure childhood cancer.

Parks and Recreation:

Two weeks ago, a meeting was held with the NHP Little League to discuss a new field schedule at Memorial Park now that Nuzzi Field will not be available. A schedule was worked out that will also provide time for residents to come to the Park and use the ball fields.

Tree planting resumes in spring. Please call the DPW to put your name on the list for a new tree.

Mayor Montreuil

Public Information

On January 23, 2018, Don Barbieri passed away. Don is forever in our thoughts and prayers and his absence is always felt. The Board plans to recognize Don's contribution to this Village in some small way with a plaque dedication. We are in the process of coordinating with Don's family to schedule the dedication event. There has been discussion about doing something else in his honor, perhaps a physical reminder in the Park.

Village Election Day is Tuesday, March 19th. There are three Trustee positions on the ballot and all residents are urged to vote. Voting is held at Marcus Christ Hall from 12 noon – 9:00 pm.

The Village received a DEIS from Harley Davidson to build a facility at Herkomer Street and Jericho Tpke. The Board will review the DEIS and provide comments. A public hearing will be scheduled when Village comments are incorporated into an updated EIS.

The Board previously denied a Special Use Application for the facility located at 1800 Jericho Tpke. The owner raised an Article 78, which basically means the Village is now involved in litigation on this matter.

A meeting was held last week with Senator Kaplan to update her on the 3rd Track Project and the open grants that the Village is relying upon to complete important projects, such as the new DPW facility;

Transit Oriented Development; renovations at Village Hall, and the installation of muni meters at the train station. Deputy Mayor Squicciarino added that the Village cannot move forward on any of these projects until we get a written commitment on the grant funding.

The parallel parking spaces by the Post Office were recently converted to perpendicular parking spaces to increase voucher parking spaces. The revenue received from voucher parking is important to the Village budget, especially since the Village may lose \$148,000 in AIM funding. Additionally, metered parking on Plaza Avenue, east of New Hyde Park Road, has been converted to voucher parking.

RESOLUTIONS:

18-109 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABSTRACT #18-23

18-110 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN BUDGETARY ACCOUNT CODES

18-111 A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 189-69 SCHEDULE XVIII TIME LIMIT PARKING OF THE VILLAGE CODE

Old Business:

- Emergency generator for Village Hall – no update provided
- A Whitestar Limousine Service, 20 Jericho Tpke – Supt. Gannon reported that this remains a pending item.

Public Participation:

Resident Peter Dul, 24 North 12th Street, reported that large trucks are parking on the street and wheeling pallets of products to restaurants on Jericho Tpke. He also reported that northbound traffic is heavy on his block and he requested that alternate side of the street parking be implemented on North 12th Street. Mayor Montreuil said the Board will consider sending out a survey to obtain feedback from residents on the block and immediate area.

Mr. Dul asked what action the Board took when he previously reported high level of noise from the Olde' Trading Post. Mayor Montreuil replied that the issues was discussed with the owner.

Resident Mrs. Patel, 115 Covert Avenue, submitted a written outline of issues and problems experienced by the residents of 103, 107, 111, and 115 Covert Avenue involving the Main Line construction and the lack of support provided by the 3TC Ambassador assigned to New Hyde Park. A copy of her written outline is attached/pages 11 and 12. The residents requested that the 5 pm meeting on March 12th with 3TC be re-scheduled to either a Saturday morning or on a weekday after 7 pm, and be held at Village Hall instead of Westbury. The residents also requested that someone from the Village Board be present at this meeting. Some of the Covert Avenue residents present also reported that they were never notified of a pre-inspection survey. Mr. Jani commented that his home inspection survey was only conducted two weeks ago, and there are 3 new large cracks in his foundation. Mayor Montreuil and Tr. Burger thanked the residents for reporting these issues and assured them that these issues will be addressed to the MTA and 3TC.

Resident Monica Nadasky, 1105 5th Avenue, reported that there is a mud pool on the south west corner of New Hyde Park Road. Ms. Nadasky inquired if a public hearing will be held on development plans for the overlay district. Mayor Montreuil explained that, if and when plans are submitted, a special use public hearing will be held to review the plans.

Resident Bess Giordano, 500 6th Avenue, reported that she has a new crack in her backyard patio cement and she reported it to 3TC.

There being no further public comment, upon motion by Tr. Coppola, seconded by Tr. Burger, and unanimously approved, the Board Meeting ended at 10:00 pm and the Board went into Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janet Bevers

Research Assistant to the Board