

# Village of Huntington Bay

## Minutes Board of Trustees April 13, 2026

**Present:** Mark L. Dara, Mayor  
Barbara Buerlein  
Kenneth Anna  
Luan Doan  
Elizabeth Richter

**Also Present:** Christopher Jack, Police Chief  
James Siino, Building Inspector  
Danielle Catanese, Village Administrator  
Anthony Guardino, Village Attorney

The meeting was held at Village Hall, 244 Vineyard Road, Huntington Bay, NY 11743.

Mayor Dara called the organizational meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### Public Hearings:

#### **Michael DiLorenzo, 108 Bay Avenue, Huntington Bay**

Rudolph Shaparah, AIA, presented the application to construct proposed garage and cabana. After discussion, Trustee Beuerlein made a motion to approve the application, Trustee Richter seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved 5-0. A transcript was taken by Christine Freyeisen. The hearing was closed at 7:09PM.

### MS4 Annual Report

Trustee Beuerlein, Road Commissioner, presented the MS4 (Stormwater Management) report, prepared by the Village Engineer, to the Board. The Village is in full compliance with all State requirements, and the report has been duly submitted. The MS4 transcript is available upon request.

### Resolution

#### **Proposed Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law**

Mayor Dara presented the resolution to the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Anna to approve the resolution. It was seconded by Trustee Beuerlein and unanimously approved 5-0.

### Public Comments

The following individuals addressed the Board: Jay Meyer, Ed O'Brien Carroll, Ron Prior

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### Police Chief's Report

Chief Jack delivered the Police report to the Board. The Huntington Bay Police Department (HBPD) responded to 46 priority calls and issued 21 summonses during the month of March.

Chief reported that a grant has been secured for a new police vehicle, covering all associated costs, including upfitting.

### **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor delivered his report to the board.

### **Budget 2026-2027**

Mayor Dara reported that the 2026–2027 Budget, which includes a 3.3% increase, was presented at the Public Hearing held on March 30th. Trustee Anna made a motion to approve the 2026–2027 Budget, which was seconded by Elizabeth Richter and passed unanimously (5–0). A transcript of the Budget Hearing is available upon request.

### **Term of Elected Officials**

The Board discussed a permissive referendum process regarding the adoption of a local law establishing the terms of elected officials. Upon adoption, the local law would be subject to a 30-day permissive referendum period. If no petition is filed within that 30-day period, the law would take effect. It was noted that the law would not take effect in time for the upcoming election cycle. The Village will continue with even-year elections. The required legal notice will be published in the newspaper on May 11th.

### **Road Commissioner Report**

Trustee Beuerlein delivered her report to the board.

The Village drains will be cleaned by the end of the month. Private associations will be contacted and given the opportunity to coordinate cleaning services while work is being performed in the Village.

All potholes resulting from winter conditions will be taken care of by the end of this month as well.

Grant money will be used to fund the road work.

### **Village Administrator's Report**

Mrs. Catanese delivered her report to the board.

### **Property Taxes**

Tax bills will be prepared following budget adoption and are scheduled to be mailed in May.

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Zoning Board of Appeals met at the American Legion regarding the Bay Club application. A special meeting of the ZBA is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th to review submissions from the public hearing.

### **Snow**

The Village is in the process of collecting payments from associations to cover overages in snow removal costs.

### **Landscape/Tree Removal**

To date, \$12,500 has been collected in landscaper registration fees, representing 52 registrations.

**CHIPS / POP Grant**

The Village received reimbursement checks. A CHIPS grant reimbursement request in the amount of \$12,100 was submitted for Huntington Bay Road paving, and a POP grant reimbursement request in the amount of \$2,515 was submitted for pothole repairs.

**Tax Grievances**

Denial letters for tax grievances were sent.

**Election**

Election petitions are available for pickup and are due back by May 12th. The Village election is scheduled for June 16th. A resolution approving election inspectors will be presented for Board approval.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Trustee Richter to approve the March 2026, minutes, it was seconded by Trustee Beuerlein and approved (5-0).

**Financials**

The financial reports have been made available to the Board.

The financials were presented to the Board. After discussion, a motion to accept the bills as presented was made by Trustee Anna, it was seconded by Trustee Richter and unanimously approved (5-0).

A motion was made by Trustee Anna to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Doan and unanimously approved (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Catanese

**Attendees:**

Ron Prior	47 Shore Drive, Huntington Bay
Jay Meyer	166 Bay Road, Huntington Bay
Edward O’Brien Carroll	36 Locust Lane, Huntington Bay
Michael Dilorenzo	108 Bay Ave, Huntington Bay
Judy Jorge	25 Sydney Road, Huntington Bay
Susan Murphy	98 Bay Ave, Huntington Bay
Stephanie Regis	98 Bay Ave, Huntington Bay