

Village of Huntington Bay

Minutes Board of Trustees May 11, 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
Rachel Scelfo, 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:

Steven Show, 86 East Shore Road, Huntington Bay

Gary Spinello, AIA, presented the application to construct a rear first-floor garage addition, a second-floor addition above the garage, a covered porch and drainage improvements. After discussion, Trustee Anna made a motion to approve the application, Trustee Buerlein seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved 5-0. A transcript was taken by Christine Freyeisen. The hearing was closed at 7:10PM.

Local Law

The public hearing was opened for consideration of Local Law No. 2 of 2026, a proposed local law entitled "Terms of Elected Office and Village Elections," which would extend the terms of the Mayor and Village Trustees from two (2) years to four (4) years, establish even-year Village elections beginning in 2028, and provide a transition schedule. After discussion, Trustee Buerlein made a motion to approve the local law, Trustee Richter seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 5-0. A transcript was taken by Christine Freyeisen. The hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Jack delivered the Police report to the Board. The Huntington Bay Police Department (HBPD) responded to 52 priority calls and issued 21 summonses during the month of April.

Firearms training for the Police Officers was completed this month.

The FHWA is no longer covering the cost of repairs to the collapsing section of East Shore Road near the yacht club. The Mayor noted that the application process began in October 2024 and, after multiple

submissions, the Village was informed that funding would not be provided. The Village will continue to pursue other grant opportunities for the project.

The Halesite Fire Department awarded the Huntington Bay Police Department the Spirit of Halesite Award.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor delivered his report to the board.

Crown Castle is proposing upgrades to four utility boxes. The permit fee will be determined based on the amount previously paid. Once received, the upgrades will proceed, as federal law requires the Village to allow them.

Road Commissioner Report

Trustee Beuerlein delivered her report to the board.

All leaching fields and drains on the Village public roads were cleaned. Most associations also took advantage of the drain cleaning at the same time.

East Shore Road was paved and widened near house number 158. A drain was exposed during the paving project and has been restored to proper function.

National Grid is in discussions to complete a gas upgrade on Kanes Lane, Bay Avenue, and Kaiser Hill Road. The Village plans to coordinate paving after completion of the project.

Village Attorney Report

Rachel Scelfo advised the Board that she is working on finalizing the renewal of the franchise agreement with Verizon.

Village Administrator's Report

Mrs. Catanese delivered her report to the board.

Property taxes: Tax bills will be mailed out by the end of the week.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Zoning Board of Appeals met on Thursday, May 7, for two applications and will meet again on Thursday, May 14, for the Bay Club application at the American Legion.

Snow: The Village is awaiting two payments from the Beaux Arts and L'Ecluse associations for snow overages. A reminder has been sent.

CHIPS/POP Grant: Grant submissions are due by May 29. The Village will be applying for paving on East Shore Road (approximately \$15,000) and pothole repairs (approximately \$7,000).

Tax grievances: Several SCAR petitions were filed. Municipal Valuation Services will handle the claims.

Election: Petitions are due to be filed on May 12th. The Village election will be held on June 16th.

Approval of Minutes

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

A motion was made by Trustee Beuerlein to adjourn the meeting and enter into Executive Session to speak about confidential matters at 7:50PM. It was seconded by Trustee Anna and unanimously approved 5-0. They came out of executive session at 8:40PM.

A motion was made by Mayor Dara to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beuerlein and unanimously approved (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Catanese

Attendees:

Edward O'Brien Carroll

Judy Jorge

Steven Show

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