

Village of Huntington Bay

Minutes Board of Trustees January 12, 2026

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

Also Present: Christopher Jack, Police Chief
Danielle Catanese, Village Administrator
Rachel Scelfo, Village Attorney
James Siino, Building Inspector

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:

Nasib Saab, 112 Bay Drive East, Huntington Bay

Robert Wern, AIA, presented the application to construct a second-floor addition and interior alterations. After discussion, Trustee Anna made a motion to approve the application, Trustee Richter seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved 4-0. A transcript was taken by Christine Freyersein. The hearing was closed at 7:06PM.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Police Chief's Report (September 2025)

Chief Jack delivered the Police report to the Board. The Huntington Bay Police Department (HBPD) responded to 63 priority calls and issued 22 summonses during the month of December.

The budget is running according to projections.

The new police vehicle is officially on the road.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor delivered his report to the board.

In the absence of the Road Commissioner, the Mayor delivered the Road Commissioner's report. He informed the Board that a pothole survey is currently underway. A large pothole at the intersection of

Bay Avenue and Beaux Arts will be addressed. He further noted that the Village is in the process of revising the master drainage map to incorporate newly added drains.

The Mayor discussed the potential transition to a new waste management company due to concerns regarding high and inconsistent pricing. Currently, each household holds its own contract and pays Waste Management directly monthly. In an effort to lower costs for residents, the Village is considering implementing sanitation fees included in the Village tax bill and putting sanitation pickup services out to bid.

A **resolution** was passed to consider a local law authorizing the Village to collect sanitation fees. A public hearing on this matter will be held next month.

Motion by Mayor Dara, seconded by Trustee Doan. Motion carried, 4–0.

Village Administrator's Report

Mrs. Catanese delivered her report to the board.

There is one outstanding property tax payment totaling \$1,313.

The Zoning Board of Appeals had one application before the Board submitted by Triolo, located at 7 Hillside Court. The application was approved.

Regarding snow removal, Scott was called out to plow four times during the previous month, on December 14, 15, 25, and 27, for a total cost of \$20,597.50.

Under landscape and tree removal matters, it was noted that letters will be sent this week to all landscapers and tree removal companies requesting re-registration for 2026. New registration stickers are currently on order.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Anna to approve the December 2025, minutes, it was seconded by Trustee Richter and unanimously approved (4-0).

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 Richter, it was seconded by Trustee Doan and unanimously approved (4-0).

A motion was made by Trustee Dara to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anna and unanimously approved (4–0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Catanese

Attendees:

Edward O'Brien Carroll

Judy Jorge

Eric Koelmel

Robert Wern

Liz Brown

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25 Sydney Road, Huntington Bay

116 Bay Drive East, Huntington Bay

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