

Village of Huntington Bay

Minutes Board of Trustees July 6, 2026

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

Also Present: Christopher Jack, Police Chief
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 7:03 PM.

Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered by Suffolk County Legislator Stephanie Bontempi. The following officials were sworn into office: Mayor Mark Dara, Trustee Luan Doan, Trustee Elizabeth Richter, and Village Justice Stephen Kunken.

Appointments

Mayor Dara announced the annual appointments (see attached).

Mayor Dara presented the list of 2025-2026 Huntington Bay Appointments. A motion was made by Trustee Anna to approve the appointments; it was seconded by Trustee Richter and unanimously approved 4-0.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Jack delivered the Police report to the Board. The Huntington Bay Police Department responded to 67 incident reports and issued 27 summonses during the month of June.

The Chief reported that the Village is seeking grant funding for drones, anticipated to be available in late October.

A new part-time police officer, Chris Amendalore., a former New York State Trooper, was hired.

The Department is transitioning to the Niche records management system, replacing Impact.

The Fourth of July holiday was uneventful aside from storm-related issues. Several trees were down and there were a few power outages. R&L Landscaping responded to complete tree cleanup.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor delivered his report to the board.

Mayor Dara provided an update on the LWRP and dock evaluation. The Village engineer has identified a company to perform a complete evaluation of the docks and environmental impacts. The Mayor will appear before the Town of Huntington on August 11 to request an easement to the mean high watermark, which is expected to improve water quality through the installation of valves and filters on pipes.

The Mayor reported that the Village remains in sound financial condition with a positive bank balance.

Road Commissioner Report

The Road Commissioner's Report was read by Mayor Dara.

East shore Road is currently being addressed due to roadway collapse issues.

The Town of Huntington will perform road sweeping services pursuant to the Village's intermunicipal agreement.

Village Administrator's Report

Mrs. Catanese delivered her report to the board.

Property Taxes: The deadline for payment of Village property taxes was July 1. Approximately 20 payments remain outstanding. Reminder notices will be mailed with a 5% penalty, with an additional 1% penalty added each month thereafter.

Investments: An additional Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$750,000 will be purchased.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The ZBA will meet on Wednesday, July 8, to review two applications returning after receiving Board feedback.

Snow Removal: All snow removal payments have been collected, and the account is closed until November.

CHIPS/POP Grants: Additional submissions were made for East Shore Road work and Belgian block repairs on Vineyard Court. The Village is awaiting approximately \$15,000 in CHIPS reimbursement for East Shore Road paving and approximately \$7,000 in POP reimbursement for pothole repairs.

Election Results

The Village Election was held on June 16, 2026. A total of 182 ballots were cast.

Mayor Mark Dara received 174 votes. Trustee Elizabeth Richter received 156 votes. Trustee Luan Doan received 135 votes. Edward O'Brien Carroll received 42 votes. Village Justice Steven Kunken received 172 votes.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Anna to approve the June 2026, minutes, it was seconded by Trustee Richter and 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 Anna, it was seconded by Trustee Richter and unanimously approved (4-0).

A motion was made by Mayor Dara to adjourn the meeting and enter into Executive Session to speak about confidential matters at 7:34PM. It was seconded by Trustee Anna and unanimously approved 4-0. They came out of executive session at 8:03PM.

A motion was made by Trustee Richter to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Anna and unanimously approved (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Catanese

Attendees:

Tom Kalkau

Karen Cronin

Katy Dara

Stephanie Bontempi

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