

Village of Huntington Bay

Minutes Board of Trustees June 8, 2026

Present: Mark L. Dara, Mayor
Kenneth Anna
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:

Joseph & Laura Sweeney, 21 Sydney Road, Huntington Bay

Andrew Giambertone, AIA, presented an application to construct a new dwelling, pool, pool patio, spa, and generator. The applicant was requested to install 15 trees along the east side of the property to provide screening of headlights toward the neighboring property. Following discussion, Trustee Anna made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Trustee Richter, and the application was unanimously approved 3-0. A transcript was taken by Christine Freyeisen. The public hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Jack delivered the Police report to the Board. The Huntington Bay Police Department (HBPD) responded to 63 priority calls and issued 27 summonses during the month of May.

The collapse of East Shore Road near the Yacht Club was discussed. Due to delays in the federal review process, the Village's request for DOT funding was denied. The Village will now revisit and pursue the original FEMA funding application for the necessary repairs.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor delivered his report to the board.

Mayor Dara reported that the Village has secured several grants benefiting Village operations and infrastructure, including funding for a new police vehicle, a \$50,000 DEC planning grant for drainage improvements on East Shore Road and seawall repairs, and a \$15,000 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grant to upgrade the heating system at Village Hall.

Mayor Dara also reported that the Village ended the fiscal year in a stronger financial position than anticipated. He noted that the Village is approximately three-quarters of the way through its plan to

eliminate its fiscal stress designation. While it was originally anticipated that the process would take four years, the Village is now hopeful that it will emerge from fiscal stress by the end of the 2027 fiscal year due to careful financial management and the efforts of Village officials and staff.

The Mayor provided an update on the Village's sanitation agreement with Winters Bros., noting the implementation of uniform pricing, elimination of the fuel surcharge, a dedicated customer service contact, and a rate lock through the end of 2027. He encouraged residents to participate in voluntary recycling efforts and noted that recycling information has been distributed to residents.

Village Administrator's Report

Mrs. Catanese delivered her report to the board.

Property Taxes: Tax bills were mailed several weeks ago and collections are ongoing. Approximately \$500,000 has been collected to date. \$250,000 has been placed into a Certificate of Deposit at 3.9% interest, maturing in September.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The ZBA met on Thursday, June 4, to review three applications.

Snow Removal: The L'Ecluse Association has not yet paid its snow overage bill. Collection efforts will continue.

CHIPS/POP Grants: Applications were submitted for CHIPS funding for East Shore Road in the amount of approximately \$15,000 and POP funding for pothole repairs in the amount of approximately \$7,000.

Election: The official ballot has been prepared and absentee ballots were mailed to eligible disabled voters. The Village Election will be held on June 16th.

Village Attorney

Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2026, "Terms of Elected Office and Village Elections," was presented, extending the terms of the Mayor and Trustees from two (2) to four (4) years, establishing even-year Village elections beginning in 2028, and providing a transition schedule.

A motion to adopt was made by Trustee Anna, seconded by Trustee Richter, and approved 3-0. The local law is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Article 9 of the Village Law and will take effect upon completion of required procedures and filing with the Secretary of State.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Anna to approve the May 2026, minutes, it was seconded by Trustee Richter and approved (3-0).

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 Mayor Dara and unanimously approved (3-0).

A motion was made by Trustee Anna to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Richter and unanimously approved (3-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Catanese

Attendees:

Andrew Giambertone

Joe & Laura Sweeney

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Janice & Kim Schillig

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