

Village of Huntington Bay

Minutes Board of Trustees March 9, 2026

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

Also Present: Christopher Jack, Police Chief
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:

Meredith and Kevin Shanley, 6 Baycrest, Huntington Bay

Abdrew Gianbertone, AIA, presented the application to construct proposed addition and alterations. After discussion, Trustee Beuerlein made a motion to approve the application, Trustee Anna seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved 5-0. A transcript was taken by Christa Flash. The hearing was closed at 7:08PM.

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

No public comments.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Jack delivered the Police report to the Board. The Huntington Bay Police Department (HBPD) responded to 50 priority calls and issued 7 summonses during the month of February.

Police officers completed active shooter response training.

There were significant snow events in February that required additional police officer coverage.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor delivered his report to the board.

The Village received a \$15,000 grant from the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) to assist with upgrading the failing heating system at Village Hall. The Board agreed to authorize payment to the contractor prior to the next Board meeting in order to initiate the project.

A settlement was reached in the matter involving Robert Ruggiero. A resolution titled “Robert Ruggiero, Trustee of the Ruggiero Family Trust v. Incorporated Village of Huntington Bay and Wincoma Association, Inc.” was presented to the Board authorizing the settlement and insurance payment in the amount of \$22,500. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Trustee Beuerlein and seconded by Trustee Richter. The motion was unanimously approved, 5–0.

The Village has reached an agreement with Winters Bros. for sanitation pickup. They will be mailing information packages to residents, and the new uniform rate will take effect on April 1.

The Mayor reviewed the proposed budget with the Board. A public meeting to present the budget to residents will be held on March 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

Mayor introduced the Local Law for the changing terms from 2 years to 4 years, which will be heard at the May Board meeting.

Road Commissioner Report

Trustee Beuerlein delivered her report to the board.

National Grid contacted the Village regarding the potential replacement of gas lines on Kaiser Hill, Bay Avenue, and Kanen Lane. The Village will continue discussions regarding timing and project details.

All potholes resulting from winter conditions will be addressed this spring.

Village Administrator’s Report

Mrs. Catanese delivered her report to the board.

Grievance Day was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2025. A total of 48 grievance requests were submitted. A motion to deny all requests was made by Trustee Anna, seconded by Trustee Beuerlein, and approved, 5–0.

Snow plowing took place multiple times in February, totaling \$25,800. The Village is currently over its \$55,000 snow budget by \$21,322.50. The Village share is 0.36, with the Associations’ combined share at 0.64.

Approximately \$5,000 has been collected to date in registration fees for landscape and tree removal.

Reimbursement checks for CHIPS and POP grants are expected this month. A CHIPS grant reimbursement of \$12,100 was submitted for Huntington Bay Road paving, and a POP grant reimbursement of \$2,515 was submitted for potholes.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Anna to approve the February 2026, minutes, it was seconded by Trustee Beuerlein 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 (5-0).

A motion was made by Trustee Anna to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dara and unanimously approved (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Catanese

Attendees:

Andrew Gianbertone

Meredith and Kevin Shanley

Judy Jorge

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