

Village of Huntington Bay

Minutes

Board of Trustees

September 14, 2026

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

Also Present: Christopher Jack, Police Chief
Danielle Catanese, Village Administrator
Anthony Guardino, 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 7:03 PM.

Public Hearings:

Justin Waaland, 25 Kanes Lane, Huntington Bay, New York 11743

James DeLuca, AIA, presented an application to replace the existing detached garage with a garage and attic on the existing foundation and expand the existing driveway. The property is located in Huntington Bay Zoning District "C." Following discussion, Trustee Anna made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Trustee Richter, and the application was unanimously approved 4-0. A transcript was taken by Christine Freyeisen. The public hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

Linda Waldo, 29 Heckscher Drive, Huntington Bay, NY 11743

Catie Vandrei, HGLV Architects, presented the application. The applicant returned to the Board due to the need to remove the existing foundation. During the course of the work, it was determined that a basement would also be added. The property is located in Huntington Bay Zoning District "W.P.D. D1." Following discussion, Trustee Richter made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Trustee Beuerlein, and the application was unanimously approved 4-0. A transcript was taken by Christine Freyeisen. The public hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

Public Comment

Resident Robert Aquilina addressed the board.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Jack delivered the Police Report to the Board. The Huntington Bay Police Department (HBPD) responded to 84 documented incidents and calls for service during the month of August and issued 33 summonses.

The Department handled 91 incident/offense records, including 4 motor vehicle accidents, 8 aided cases, 4 alarm calls, 6 false alarms, and 4 hazardous-condition calls.

The Flock license plate reader cameras have not been operating as anticipated. The Village received a \$16,000 refund and will investigate alternative solutions.

The Department is also exploring Kultera, a program that would allow access to the Department's prior records management system (RMS) without continuing the annual maintenance fee for the former system. The initial cost is \$9,000, payable at \$3,000 per year over three years.

The Department is testing and evaluating a new TASER platform.

The Department is in the process of ordering a new police vehicle while awaiting the \$62,500 grant that was awarded toward the purchase.

Road Commissioner Report

Mrs. Beuerlein deliver her report to the board.

The Road Commissioner reported that the Village received a Multi-Modal grant years ago that must be utilized by November 2026 and is designated for improvements to Bay Road. The Road Commissioner will be walking the road with the contractor to assess the condition of the roadway and determine the necessary improvements and repairs.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dara delivered his report to the Board.

The Village received reimbursement for a portion of the LWRP project, which is a positive step toward moving the project forward. The Village has approximately two additional years to complete the project.

The Mayor reported that the Village remains in strong financial condition, with approximately \$200,000 in reserves.

The Mayor discussed concerns raised by the resident at the end of Vineyard Road regarding vehicles parking at all hours of the night. The Board will continue to explore potential solutions, including the possibility of abandoning the roadway and installing a gate while maintaining public access to the walkway. Further discussion will continue.

The Building Inspector has proposed several potential changes to the Village Code to address issues that have arisen with recent applications. One issue involves waterfront properties, which under the current Code are considered to have two front yards, the street side and the waterfront side. The waterfront setback requirement of 200 feet can make it difficult or impossible for certain properties to comply with the zoning requirements.

The Board is also discussing the height requirement for waterfront homes, which currently differs from the 35-foot height permitted in other areas. These proposed changes will continue to be reviewed and will be brought before the Board once the details have been finalized.

Village Administrator's Report

Mrs. Catanese delivered her report to the board.

Property Taxes: Four property taxes remain outstanding. Letters were sent regarding the additional 1% penalty effective September 1.

CDs: A \$250,000 CD matured and was returned to the Village with \$2,489.04 in interest.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Zoning Board met on September 4. One application for additions and alterations, including a pool, will be coming before the Board of Trustees next month.

Street Lights: Five non-working incandescent bulbs are being replaced with LED bulbs within the next few weeks.

Resolutions

Adoption of the Suffolk County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Board adopted the Suffolk County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan, which addresses mitigation goals and actions to reduce long-term risks from natural hazards. Upon motion by Trustee Beuerlein, seconded by Trustee Richter, the resolution was unanimously approved, 5-0.

Acknowledging the Required Examination and Audit of the Village Justice Court Records Pursuant to Section 2019-a of the New York Uniform Justice Court Act: The Board acknowledged completion of the required annual examination and audit of the Village Justice Court records and dockets for the fiscal year June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. Upon motion by Trustee Beuerlein, seconded by Trustee Doan, the resolution was unanimously approved, 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

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

A motion was made by Trustee Anna to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Richter and unanimously approved (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Catanese

Attendees:

Christine Diraimo

Judy Jorge

James DeLuca

Joe Paternoster

Steve Wilkenshoff

Susan Fitzgerald

Tara & Harold Campbell

Eddie O'Brien Carroll

Justin Waaland

Catie Vandrei

Bob & Linda Aquilina

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