

**Village of Huntington Bay
Minutes
Board of Trustees
January 13, 2025**

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

Also Present: Christopher G. Jack, Police Chief
Danielle Catanese, Village Administrator
James Siino, Building Inspector
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 7:02 PM.

The Mayor extended his heartfelt congratulations to Trustee KC Anna on his appointment as the 2nd Assistant Chief at the Halesite Fire Department. We take great pride in our strong relationship with the fire department and are excited to continue working together for the benefit of our community.

Public Hearings:

A Local Law Amending Chapter 84 of the Code of the Village of Huntington Bay Concerning Speed Regulations

Mayor Dara presented the proposed Local Law to the Board. A motion to approve the new local law was made by Trustee Beuerlein. It was seconded by Trustee Richter and unanimously approved 5-0. The hearing was closed at 7:10PM. A transcript was taken by Christa Flash.

Resolution

Resolution Discontinuing the Northern Terminus of Vineyard Road

Mayor Dara presented to the resolution to the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Beuerlein to approve the resolution. It was seconded by Trustee Richter and unanimously approved 5-0.

Public Comments

Resident, John Schmid addressed the Board with questions regarding his road bond.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Jack delivered the Police report to the Board. There were 29 summonses, and 70 incident reports filed within the past month.

The officers completed fire arms training on December 16th.

Part-time Officer Cafiero successfully rescued a dog that had fallen through the ice on the pond at Coindre Hall. Kudos to Officer Cafiero for his quick and heroic actions!

Road Commissioner Report

Trustee Barbara Beuerlein presented her report to the Board. She met with National Grid to discuss their project in Bay Hills. They will be replacing gas lines and will pave the roads upon completion. The project will begin in February.

Two grant applications have been submitted for two major projects. The first project addresses the flooding issue at Bay Hills Beach, where high tide causes water to overflow onto the road and parking lot. The second project focuses on the flooding behind the houses at the end of Locust Lane, caused by a pipe draining the rainwater pooling at the end of Fleetwood. The total estimated cost for both projects is approximately \$72,000. These applications have been submitted to the SCWQRP for a 50/50 grant, meaning they would cover 50% of the project costs. Additionally, an application has been submitted to Sea Grant, which could potentially cover 100% of the costs.

The pipe into the harbor located at 200 East Shore Road, will be inspected for debris and dealt with accordingly.

We will be placing greater emphasis on ensuring that shrubs and overgrown vegetation on private properties are trimmed back from the roadways to maintain safety.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor delivered his report to the Board.

The Mayor attended the Town of Huntington meeting regarding the Vineyard Estates project, where plans were presented to build eight houses. The development includes 66% conservation areas, with elevations ranging from 112 feet to 36 feet. Concerns were raised that water runoff from the site could flow into the village. The project plans include three 10x12-foot leaching systems designed to capture 3 inches of water, although village code requires the systems to handle 4 inches. Additionally, the proposal includes the installation of three 12-foot drains at the bottom of the plan to manage water flow. The Mayor will continue to be actively involved in monitoring how the water runoff from the Vineyard Estates project may impact our village roads and properties.

The Town of Huntington is implementing a new landscaping law in 2026, which will no longer permit gas-powered blowers, requiring them to be battery-powered instead. However, after researching battery-powered blowers, it was found that they can overheat and potentially explode, as was the case in Cold Spring Harbor. Huntington Bay has decided not to enforce this law, as we do not want to take on the associated liability or risk any potential harm to individuals.

The Mayor would like to revisit and take steps to enforce regulations against illegal rentals in Huntington Bay.

Trustee Anna has distributed a draft of the tree ordinance for review. Comments will be gathered and discussed next month, with the goal of having the ordinance go into effect in the spring.

Village Administrator's Report

Mrs. Catanese delivered her report to the board.

Scott Cissick was called in to plow on December 21st.

We received a reimbursement of \$13,600 from the CHIPS grant for road paving work on Bay Avenue and Kane's Lane.

The Pet Supply Drive was a great success, wrapping up on Friday, January 10th. A significant amount of food, treats, and supplies were collected, along with \$300 in gift cards.

Resolution Approving the return of the Road Bond for Wesissberg at 96 Crescent Beach Drive.

A motion was made by Mayor Dara to approve the release of the Road Bond. It was seconded by Trustee Beuerlein and unanimously approved 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Anna to approve the December 2024, minutes, it was seconded by Trustee Beuerlein and unanimously 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 Beuerlein, it was seconded by Trustee Doan and unanimously approved 5-0.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:00PM to discuss litigation. A motion was made by Mark Dara to close executive session. It was seconded by Barbara Beuerlein and unanimously approved 5-0. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:21PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Catanese

Attendees:

Judy Jorge	25 Sydney Road, Huntington Bay
Matthew Hickerson	243 Vineyard Road, Huntington Bay
John Schmid	2 Charlemagne Road, Huntington Bay