

**Village of Huntington Bay
Minutes
Board of Trustees
December 9, 2024**

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

Also Present: Christopher G. Jack, Police Chief
Danielle Catanese, Village Administrator
Michelle Katovitz, Deputy Village Administrator
James Siino, Building Inspector
Rachel A. Scelfo, Esq., Farrell Fritz

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.

Public Hearings:

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

The Mayor introduced the Local Law announcing that there will be another public meeting next month, at which time a vote will be held. He further explained that additional private associations would be involved in the implementation of the 25-mph speed limit. It was noted that no new speed limit signs would be installed; instead, existing signs would be replaced.

Resolution

Resolution Discontinuing the Northern Terminus of Vineyard Road

It was proposed to install an aesthetically pleasing gate at the end of Vineyard to deter parking on the street. This proposal followed incidents, including arrests, fence damage, and drivers unknowingly turning around in the resident's driveway. The gate was deemed the most effective and visually appealing solution to address these issues.

A motion was made by Mark Dara to approve the resolution. It was seconded by Trustee Beuerlein and unanimously approved 5-0. A public hearing will be held in January.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Jack delivered the Police report to the Board. There were 27 summonses, and 74 incident reports filed within the past month.

State training has been completed for all officers.

The Chief has been attending calls with FEMA regarding the August 18-19, 2024 rainstorms. The Village is seeking \$126K in reimbursable expenses, which includes the cleaning of all village drains.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor delivered his report to the Board.

The Mayor, along with Trustee Anna, is currently looking at possibly creating a tree ordinance. The process is complex and will take some time to complete, but it is underway.

Two weeks ago, Trustee Doan and Mayor Dara met with the association heads. Going forward, Trustee Doan will serve as the liaison with the association heads to improve communication and address any issues.

Mayor Dara informed residents that the Town of Huntington meeting regarding the Vineyard Estates project will be held on December 18th at 6 p.m. He reiterated that the land being developed is outside of the Village's jurisdiction.

The Mayor plans to speak at the Town of Huntington meeting against a new law set for 2026 that requires landscapers to use battery-powered blowers. The Mayor expressed concerns that the law has not been thoroughly reviewed, the technology is not yet sufficient, and that landscapers would be required to drive around with battery backups, which would be both dangerous and costly. He suggested postponing the implementation of this law until 2030.

Road Commissioner Report

Trustee Barbara Beuerlein presented her report to the Board and reported that the drains on East Shore Road have been cleaned.

Scott Cissick, our snow plower, is prepared to respond in the event of a snow or ice storm.

Village Administrator's Report

Mrs. Catanese delivered her report to the board.

Letters have been sent to all the private associations to collect funds for snow and sanding services for this winter. Checks are requested to be submitted by December 15th.

Grants have been submitted for various projects, including a \$13,600 request to CHIPS for road paving on Bay Avenue and Kane's Lane, as well as a \$7,500 request to EWR for gabion cleaning, tree removal, and road storm cleanup on both Bay Avenue and Kane's Lane.

R&L generously donated a landscaping facelift for Village Hall.

The Village also participated in a food drive, delivering over 200 lbs. of food to Long Island Care. Additionally, a Holiday Pet Supply Drive is ongoing to benefit Proud Rescuers of Puerto Rico, with collections continuing until January 1st.

Financials

The financial reports have been made available to the Board.

Jennifer Ditta, our village accountant, was present at the meeting and reviewed the new financial format. She answered questions and clarified the details, making everything easy for everyone to understand.

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 Beuerlein and unanimously approved 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

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

On motion made by Trustee Beuerlein and seconded by Trustee Richter, the meeting was closed at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Catanese

Attendees:

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| Rozita Shay | 24 Harbor Hill, Huntington Bay |
| Muffin Tomlinson | 348 Bay Ave, Huntington Bay |
| George Tomlinson | 348 Bay Ave., Huntington Bay |
| Jason Palmer | 41 Shore Drive, Huntington Bay |
| Joanne Graziano | 2 Longview Ct., Huntington Bay |
| Andrea Palios | 36 Bay Drive East, Huntington Bay |
| Eric Koelmel | 116 Bay Drive East, Huntington Bay |
| Stephen Reddington | 103 Crescent Beach Drive, Huntington Bay |