MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 17, 2024 AT 103 BROADWAY, SALTAIRE, NEW YORK WITH A REMOTE ATTENDANCE OPTION VIA AN AUDIO/VIDEO CONNECTION TO THE INTERNET.

Mayor O'Brien called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 8:01 a.m., at which time the following were in attendance:

Hugh O'Brien, Mayor
Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor, Trustee
Nat Oppenheimer, Trustee
Susan Skerritt, Trustee
Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney
Scott Rosenblum, Advisor to the Board
Mario Posillico, Village Administrator
0 persons attended in person and 0 other attendees observed through internet connection (exclusive of the officers noted above).

### ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion at 8:01 a.m. that the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss one or more of the following: information relating to current and future investigation and/or prosecution of offenses in the Village, litigation strategy in pending or future litigation, personnel matters as described in Public Officers Law Section 105(f). The motion was seconded by Trustee Wolf, and the question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, and was carried according to the following:

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer

Seconded: Trustee Wolf

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt

Against: None Abstain: None

Trustee Kovner and Village Treasurer Lyudmer arrived into the Executive Session at 8:04 a.m.

### RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Kovner made a motion at 9:02 a.m. to close the Executive Session and to re-adjourn into public session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Skerritt, and the question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, and was carried according to the following:

Motion: Trustee Wolf Seconded: Trustee Skerritt

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Against: None Abstain: None

Mayor O'Brien called the Public Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and the following were in attendance:

Hugh O'Brien, Mayor Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor, Trustee Nat Oppenheimer, Trustee
Susan Skerritt, Trustee
Anna Kovner, Trustee
Scott Rosenblum, Advisor to the Board
Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney
Mario Posillico, Village Administrator
Donna Lyudmer, Village Treasurer
And at times up to 35 persons attended in person and at times up to 5
other attendees observed through internet connection at various times

### NOTIFICATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SWEARING INTO OFFICE

The Village Clerk notified Frank Wolf and Susan Skerritt of their certified elections to the office of Trustee, each for a two-year term, starting September 2, 2024, as well as the requirement of filing an oath of office with the Village Clerk within 30 days. Trustees Wolf and Skerritt then undertook the required oath of office for their respective offices. He then notified Hugh O'Brien of his certified election to the office of Mayor for a two-year term, starting September 2, 2024, as well as the requirement of filing an oath of office with the Village Clerk within 30 days. Mayor O'Brien then undertook the required oath of office.

(exclusive of the officers noted above).

## **ELECTION UNDERTAKING RESOLUTION**

Trustee Kovner made a motion that the Board of Trustees, confirming the long-standing practice of the Village of Saltaire regarding the filing requirements for elected officials, resolves that officials elected in the 2024 Village of Saltaire election shall not be required to file an undertaking as a requisite for assuming duly-elected office. The motion was seconded by Trustee Oppenheimer, and the question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, and was carried according to the following:

Motion: Trustee Kovner

Seconded: Trustee Oppenheimer

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None Against: None

#### APPROVAL OF FIRE COMPANY LINE OFFICERS

Mayor O'Brien reported that the annual election of line officers by the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company (SVFC) had taken place on August 10, 2024, and stated that the elected members were certified by the Executives of the SVFC as meeting all the qualifications for holding the positions to which they were elected. After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion to approve the following elected line officers:

Chief Josh Raeben

1<sup>st</sup> Asst Chief Jarrod Bernstein

2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief Theodore Weinrib

3<sup>rd</sup> Asst Chief Douglas Kunreuther

The motion was seconded by Trustee Skerritt, and the motion was carried according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Wolf Seconded: Trustee Skerritt

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None Against: None

Trustee Wolf also noted the election of the following SVFC's administrative officers (who do not require Board approval): President David Basche, Secretary Maddie Medenica, and interim Treasurer James McDonald. Mayor O'Brien recognized and thanked all the SVFC officers for their service.

### APPROVAL OF PAID EMS SERVICES FOR THE 2025 SEASON AND BEYOND

Mayor O'Brien stated that the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company (SVFC) has requested that the Board approve a paid EMS program to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) or Basic Life Support (BLS) service, based on availability, from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend for 2025 as well as for subsequent years. He stated that their request is being made ahead of the normal budgeting process because of the anticipated long lead time necessary to find staffing in a tight labor market for this service, as well as the general need to plan for all aspects of fire and rescue service well ahead of the extended summer season. Trustee Wolf stated that the need for paid EMS providers for responses to rescue calls in the shoulder seasons has become more apparent due to the trending higher populations combined with the scarcity of volunteer EMTs in residence at those times of year. The SVFC also requested that an increase of up to a weekly salary to \$1,500.00 be approved in order to be competitive in an increasingly tight labor market for these services. Village Administrator Posillico stated that the requested time frame at the stated compensation rate would result in a budgeted salary cost of approximately \$30,000.00, plus associated payroll costs. After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to commit and/or expend up to \$30,000.00, plus associated payroll costs, which shall be included in the final 2025/26 budget, and to arrange for procurement of ALS and/or BLS providers (depending on availability) at a weekly salary of up to \$1,500.00 per person from Memorial Day weekend through the Columbus Day weekend for the 2025 season; and for the Board to allocate associated housing as part of the annual organizational resolutions regarding housing allocation; and that henceforth treat the hiring of EMS personnel as a regular budgetary item rather than a special request submitted each year unless amended by a future resolution of the Board of Trustees

The motion was seconded by Trustee Kovner, and the motion was carried according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Wolf Seconded: Trustee Kovner

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None Against: None

# DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ZONING MODIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR ITS CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

Trustee Oppenheimer distributed a graphic presentation and made a verbal presentation of a proposed modification to the Zoning Code to better define, regulate and limit roofed-deck structures, including porches, screened porches and gazebos. He stated that the current proposal was the result of numerous

meetings and discussions with various stakeholders, and although there was not universal consensus on this present draft, the process resulted in a better understanding of the issues as well as potential gaps and unintended consequences. He felt that continued work amongst the group would very quickly result in an even more comprehensive version of the code regarding roofed-deck structures. Comments and questions were received from the members of the Board and those in attendance, and after all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion to hold a public hearing on the next scheduled meeting date to consider such an amendment to Chapter 55 of the Village Code.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Wolf, and the question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, and was carried according to the following:

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer

Seconded: Trustee Wolf

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None Against: None

## SPEED CONTROL MEASURES

Trustee Skerritt reported that she has investigated physical speed control options as a supplement to Public Safety enforcement that could possibly assist in limiting excessive speed of ebikes and other vehicles on Lighthouse Promenade, and that she had submitted a proposal to the Board to test the effectiveness of one or more of these options during the upcoming off-season. She detailed the options of speed humps, speed tables and raised rubber crosswalks outlined in her proposal that are less abrupt and less obstructive for walkers and manual bike riders than the speed bumps that had been tested in the past and proven not be effective in meeting the Village's speed control goals. After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, the proposal for a test of the products was held over pending the provision of additional details, and Mayor O'Brien asked Trustee Skerritt to work with Trustee Oppenheimer to develop, as soon as practical, a trial plan for the Board's consideration that identified the proposed costs, locations, timeframe and technologies for testing on Lighthouse Promenade.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft copies of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings of July 20, 2024 had previously been presented to the Board and posted in draft form on the Village website. Following discussion, Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented with the minor non-substantive corrections that may have been discussed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wolf, and the question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, and was carried according to the following:

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer

Seconded: Trustee Wolf

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None Against: None

### AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

Mayor O'Brien stated that the following Abstracts, having been distributed to the Board and posted on the Village website, were presented for approval by the Village Administrator and the Village Treasurer:

General Fund Checking No. 3A in the amount of \$168,429.68 Capital Fund Checking No. 3A in the amount of \$44,006.99

After discussion and opportunity for questions, Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion that the above-listed abstract(s) be approved as presented and that the Mayor be authorized to execute the warrant(s). The motion was seconded by Trustee Kovner, and the question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, and was carried according to the following:

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer Seconded: Trustee Kovner

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None Against: None

# DECALRING LEAD AGENCY STATUS FOR CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CHANGE As presented by the Village Attorney, Trustee Oppenheimer made the following motion:

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Saltaire is considering for adoption a proposed Local Law of 2024 which Local Law would amend Chapter 55 (Zoning) of the Saltaire Village Code to adopt regulations regarding roofed-deck structures;

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adopts lead agency status and preliminarily determines that the consideration and adoption of the local law of 2024 amending Chapter 55 to adopt regulations regarding roofed-deck structures is a Type 1 action for the purposes of SEQRA.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Skerritt, and the question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, and was carried according to the following:

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer Seconded: Trustee Skerritt

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None Against: None

#### **CLOSE OF MEETING**

Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion at 11:07 a.m. to close the meeting and to hold the next Board of Trustees meetings according to the following schedule:

• September 15, 2024 at 103 Broadway, Saltaire, New York with the public portion to start at a time to be determined, with remote connection, which will include any Public Hearings.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Skerritt and the question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, and was carried according to the following:

Motion: Trustee Oppenheimer Seconded: Trustee Skerritt

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None Against: None