

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON MAY 17, 2025 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 9:00 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  
Anna Kovner, Trustee (Remote)  
Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney  
Mario Posillico, Village Administrator  
Donna Lyudmer, Treasurer  
0 persons attended in person and 0 other attendees observed through internet connection (exclusive of the officers/staff noted above).

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion at 9:00 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, Trustee Kovner

Against: None

Abstain: None

Advisor Rosenblum arrived at the Executive Session by remote connection at 9:01 a.m.

RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Wolf made a motion at 9:59 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 Hearing and Meeting to order at 10:00 p.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 (Remote)  
Scott Rosenblum, Advisor to the Board (Remote)  
Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney  
Mario Posillico, Village Administrator  
Donna Lyudmer, Treasurer

And 14 persons attended in person and at times up to 7 other attendees observed through internet connection at various times (exclusive of the officers noted above).

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft copies of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of April 14, 2025 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 minor non-substantive corrections. 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. 12A in the amount of	\$200,000.20
Capital Fund Checking No. 12A in the amount of	\$102,518.34

After discussion and opportunity for questions, Trustee Skerritt 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 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 Skerritt

Seconded: Trustee Wolf

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

#### WATER SYSTEM DISCUSSION

Mayor O'Brien reported that during the past off-season, the Board has been in communication with the Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) to investigate whether it would be beneficial to the Village to enter into a management agreement for SCWA to operate the Saltaire Water System. He stated that the Village has investigated this option a number of times in the past, but this time their

proposed arrangement would be different because the Village would retain ownership of the system, while the SCWA would assume control of the water operation and directly bill the customers pursuant to the terms of agreement. He further stated that the Board planned to discuss this possibility at all of its upcoming summer meetings before a decision would be made, and that there will be one meeting specifically focused on this subject where a representative of the SCWA will be present to answer any questions that the public might have. Village Administrator Posillico then provided an overview of the Village water infrastructure, the basic terms and conditions of a potential management contract with the SCWA, and the initial pros and cons of that possible management contract. After Trustee comments and opportunity for questions from the public, Mayor O'Brien closed the discussion, reiterating that there will be more detailed information coming at future meetings, and that a decision won't be made until the end of the summer at the earliest.

#### APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS OF ELECTION

Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion to appoint the following Saltaire residents as Inspectors of Election for the 2025 Saltaire election:

Liv Hempel	Chairperson
Chip Stanley	Inspector
Steve Kunreuther	Inspector
Allison Williams	Inspector
Rosemarie Pico	Alternate
Kathryn Morlet	Alternate

The motion was seconded by Trustee Wolf and the question of the adoption of the foregoing resolutions 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

#### FEE SCHEDULE APPROVAL

Village Administrator Posillico had posted and presented the updated general fee schedule, which reflected fees included in the recently adopted budget. After review and discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Kovner made a motion to adopt the Fee Schedule as presented and to remain in effect until modified by future Board action.

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

Motion: Trustee Kovner

Seconded: Trustee Wolf

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

## AUTHORIZATION TO REPLACE TRANSPORT VEHICLE FOR USE BY THE SALTAIRE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Mayor O'Brien stated that the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company (SVFC) has advised the Village that the 2011 Ford Expedition, which is used for access to and from Saltaire from Robert Moses State Park parking fields pursuant to the Transportation Policy, is nearing the end of its useful life, which has been confirmed by the Village equipment managers. He further stated that the SVFC has identified a replacement vehicle which is being sold by the Kismet Fire Department, a 2014 Chevrolet Suburban, which is being sold by the Kismet Fire Department. After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees agrees that there is a current need for the Fire Company to have a reliable transport vehicle to meet its membership access needs onto Fire Island, and for off-island training and other operational purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees agrees that the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the 2011 Ford Expedition, which currently provides that function, is warranted at this time, and that the SVFC has identified that replacement vehicle, which is a 2014 Chevy Suburban currently being sold by the Kismet Fire Department;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Trustees of the Village of Saltaire hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to procure the aforementioned replacement vehicle for the 2011 Ford Expedition pursuant to the specifications provided by the Fire Company and pursuant to the Village's purchasing policy for an amount not to exceed \$10,00.00, plus any necessary post-purchase outfitting, and further;

BE IT RESOLVED that the funding for the purchase plus any necessary post-purchase outfitting shall to be entirely paid with funds contributed by the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Skerritt and the question of the adoption of the foregoing resolutions 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

Abstain: None

Against: None

## SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Administrator Posillico reported that, based on consultation with the SVFC and the Village equipment managers, he has identified the following equipment as being surplus to the SVFC's needs based on the equipment's current use or condition, decreasing functional capability and shrinking benefit-to-cost ratio.

Trustee Wolf made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Saltaire owns and is in possession of the following equipment:

- 2011 Ford Expedition
- Out-of-Service Turnout Gear

WHEREAS, the aforementioned equipment is surplus to the SVFC's needs;

RESOLVED that the Village Administrator is authorized to either repurpose the above-listed equipment for Village purposes, or to sell the surplus equipment, that he may utilize any reasonable method to realize the fair-market value for the property, or to donate it, or otherwise dispose of any portion that cannot be sold in whole or in part.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Oppenheimer and the motion was carried according to the following:

Motion: Trustee Wolf

Seconded: Trustee Oppenheimer

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

#### DISCUSSION OF SPEED CONTROL DEVICES

Trustee Skerritt reported on the two speed control devices that were installed on Lighthouse Promenade in October of 2024. She stated that although the primary intended purpose was to control the speed of Ebikes, she has heard that they have been effective at slowing down golf carts and vehicle traffic during the off-season. She stated that the relevant test for whether they slow down Ebikes will be made during this upcoming summer season, as well as for observing or hearing reports of any unintended problems or inconvenience they might create for pedestrians and riders of standard bicycles. She stated that the Board and the Public Safety staff will be able to better observe the impacts on traffic during the busy summer months, and report their observations to the public. She also asked the public to do the same and report to the Board and Public Safety about what they have observed or experienced. Mayor O'Brien thanked Trustee Skerritt for her leadership on this issue, which has resulted in utilizing better technology and equipment than had been used in past trials.

#### CLOSE OF MEETING

Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion at 11:45 a.m. to close the meeting and to hold the next Board of Trustees meetings according to the following schedule:

- June 1, 2025 at 103 Broadway (Village Hall), Saltair, New York with the public portion to start at 9:00 a.m. with remote connection, which will include all Public Hearings, if any.
- July 6, 2025 at 103 Broadway (Village Hall), Saltair, New York with the public portion to start at 9:00 a.m. with remote connection, which will include all Public Hearings, if any.

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