MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON JUNE 1, 2025 AT 103 BROADWAY, SALTAIRE, NEW YORK WITH A REMOTE ATTENDANCE OPTION VIA AN AUDIO/VIDEO CONNECTION TO THE INTERNET.

Deputy Mayor Wolf, who presided at the meeting at the request of Mayor O'Brien, who was under the weather but attending remotely, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., at which time the following were in attendance:

Hugh O'Brien, Mayor (Remote)

Frank Wolf, Presiding as Deputy Mayor, Trustee

Nat Oppenheimer, Trustee

Susan Skerritt, Trustee

Anna Kovner, Trustee

Scott Rosenblum, Advisor to the Board (Remote)

Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney

Mario Posillico, Village Administrator

Donna Lyudmer, Treasurer

0 persons attended in person and 1 other attendee observed through internet connection (exclusive of the officers/staff noted above).

## ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Skerritt made a motion at 8:00 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 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 Skerritt

Seconded: Trustee Oppenheimer

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

Against: None Abstain: None

# RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion at 9:00 a.m. to close the Executive Session and to re-adjourn into public session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Skerrit, 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 Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Against: None Abstain: None

Deputy Mayor Wolf called the Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and the following were in attendance:

Hugh O'Brien, Mayor (Remote) Frank Wolf, Presiding as Deputy Mayor, Trustee Nat Oppenheimer, Trustee Susan Skerritt, Trustee Anna Kovner, Trustee Scott Rosenblum, Advisor to the Board (Remote) Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney Mario Posillico, Village Administrator Donna Lyudmer, Treasurer

And 9 persons attended in person and at times up to 8 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 May 17, 2025 had previously been presented to the Board and posted in draft form on the Village website. Following discussion, Trustee Kovner made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented with minor non-substantive corrections. 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 Kovner Seconded: Trustee Skerritt

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

Abstain: None Against: None

## AUDIT AND APPROVAL OF ABSTRACTS

Deputy Mayor Wolf 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. 12B in the amount of \$11,694.75

General Fund Checking No. 1A in the amount of \$54,994.70 (as presented)

[Clerk's Note: Due to the subsequent removal of an erroneous duplicate payment already paid from the Capital Fund, as reflected in the Abstract for Capital Fund 1A, the amount of this Abstract was

ultimately reduced to \$51,661.16.]

Capital Fund Checking No. 1A in the amount of \$5,409.14

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 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 Skerritt

Seconded: Trustee Oppenheimer

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

Abstain: None Against: None

#### DOCK AND WALKWAY ENGINEER

Deputy Mayor Wolf reported that the previously authorized dock and walkway engineer, Dan Falasco, P.E., has decided to retire; and that the Village Administrator has identified Jeff Patanjo, managing partner of Island Wide Engineering as the Village dock and walkway engineer. Village Administrator stated that Mr. Patanjo has done work in the past with the Village, understands the local conditions, has a strong municipal dock background, and has a strong association with the Mr. Falasco to assist in the transition. After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Oppenheimer made the following motion:

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES DESIGNATING VILLAGE WALKWAY & DOCK ENGINEER

WHEREAS the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Saltaire have found it to be in the best interest of the Village to retain the services of an engineering consulting firm to advise the Village on design, engineering and maintenance of the docks, boardwalks and concrete walkways of the Village, and;

WHEREAS the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Saltaire are desirous of retaining the services of Jeff Patanjo, PE, and/or Island Wide Engineering as the engineering consultant to advise the Village on design, engineering and maintenance of the docks, boardwalks and concrete walkways of the Village of Saltaire for the 2024/25 fiscal year and beyond until resolved otherwise, it is therefore,

RESOLVED that Jeff Patanjo, PE, and/or Island Wide Engineering is hereby designated as the dock, concrete and boardwalk (inclusive of adjacent and impacted water mains) engineering consultant of the Village of Saltaire, subject to further agreement of engagement to be submitted by that firm for review and approval by the Village Administrator.

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 Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None Against: None

#### APPROVAL OF CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH THE SALTAIRE YACHT CLUB

Deputy Mayor Wolf reported that the existing contract with the Saltaire Yacht Club to provide facility space primarily for the Saltaire Camp expired December 31, 2024. He stated that the agreement with the Yacht Club has been longstanding, and the Club and the Village have agreed in principle to the terms and conditions as presented in the contract distributed to the Board. After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Kovner made a motion to authorize the Mayor, after consultation with the Village Attorney, to execute the contract as presented with any edits or modifications he feels would be in the best interests of the Village. 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 Kovner

Seconded: Trustee Skerritt

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

Abstain: None Against: None

## APPROVAL OF 2025 FIREWORKS SHOW

Deputy Mayor Wolf reported that the Saltaire Events Organization (SEO) had in 2024 donated funds to the Village in the amount of \$22,000 toward the 2024 fireworks show scheduled for August 3, 2024 as part of the SCA's Bay Picnic event. The Village had in 2024 resolved to contribute \$5,000.00 toward the 2024 event. He further reported that the 2024 show was canceled because of storm activity, and since no replacement date could be arranged, there was no show in 2024. Fireworks by Grucci submitted a cancelation charge for the 2024 event, which was immediately disputed by the Village and remains unresolved.

He further reported that the vendor, as part of a settlement discussion of the 2024 charges for the cancelled show, offered to hold the price for a 2025 fireworks show at \$24,915.00, and to reduce the 2024 cancellation fee down to \$3,721.00, resulting in a total contract price for a 2025 performance at \$28,636.00. After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Skerritt made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to execute a contract with Grucci Fireworks for the 2025 selected performance for a total fee of \$28,636.00 inclusive of all previously disputed fees, to apply the \$22,000.00 previously donated to the Village by the SEO toward that contract, and to further authorize him to expend not more than an additional \$6,636.00 in order to offset the gap between the total 2025 contract fee of \$28,636.00 and the sum of \$22,000.00 already contributed by the SEO (plus any possible future contributions). The motion was seconded by Trustee Oppenheimer and on call it was carried according to the following action:

Motion: Trustee Skerritt

Seconded: Trustee Oppenheimer

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

Abstain: None Against: None

#### WATER SYSTEM DISCUSSION

Deputy Mayor Wolf 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 at the previous meeting the Village had presented the management terms, as well as the pros and cons, of the proposed agreement in deeper detail than schedule would allow at the current meeting; and urged anyone interested in this topic to review the video of that presentation and discussion posted on the Village's website. He further stated that the Board planned to discuss this topic at each 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.

## PLAYGROUND AND PARK DISCUSSION

Trustee Kovner provided an overview of the Playground project and stated that initial observations over the Memorial Day weekend indicated that Saltaire families, especially the children, are very excited and enthusiastic about the entire park and playground area. Questions and comments about

the playground were received from those in attendance. Mayor O'Brien stated that although the project is nearing completion for this upcoming summer season, the playground and park are still a work-in-progress in that this summer's use will provide opportunities for observation and receipt of public input, which will help identify any tweaks or adjustment that should be considered; and thanked all involved in creating such a special and unique space for Saltaire families and their children.

## ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Oppenheimer made a motion at 10:08 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 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 Wolf, Trustee Oppenheimer, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

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## RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

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

Against: None Abstain: None

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And 0 persons attended in person and at times up to 0 other attendees observed through internet connection at various times (exclusive of the officers noted above).

## CLOSE OF MEETING

Trustee Kovner made a motion at 10:53 a.m. to close the meeting and to hold the next Board of Trustees meetings according to the following schedule:

- July 6, 2025 at 103 Broadway (Village Hall), Saltaire, New York with the public portion to start at 9:00 a.m. with remote connection, which will include all Public Hearings, if any.
- August 3, 2025 at 103 Broadway (Village Hall), Saltaire, 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 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 Kovner Seconded: Trustee Skerritt

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

Abstain: None Against: None