

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2026 WITH A REMOTE ATTENDANCE OPTION ONLY VIA AN AUDIO/VIDEO CONNECTION TO THE INTERNET PURSUANT TO MAYOR O'BRIEN'S LOCAL WEATHER EMERGENCY DECLARATION AS AUTHORIZED BY NEW YORK STATE AND VILLAGE OF SALTAIRE CODE AND REGULATIONS

Mayor O'Brien called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., and the following were in attendance via video or phone connection:

Hugh O'Brien, Mayor
Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor, Trustee
Susan Skerritt, Trustee
Scott Rosenblum, Advisor to the Board
Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney
Mario Posillico, Village Administrator
Donna Lyudmer, Treasurer
0 other attendees observed all or part through internet connection
(exclusive of the officers/staff noted above).

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Skerritt made a motion at 5:02 p.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 Skerritt
Seconded: Trustee Wolf
In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Skerritt
Against: None
Abstain: None

Trustee Kovner arrived into Executive Session in person at approximately 5:03 p.m.

RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Wolf made a motion at 6:00 p.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 Skerritt, Trustee Kovner
Against: None
Abstain: None

Mayor O'Brien called the Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., and the following were in attendance via video or phone connection

Hugh O'Brien, Mayor

Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor, Trustee
Susan Skerritt, Trustee
Anna Kovner, Trustee
Scott Rosenblum, Advisor to the Board
Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney
Mario Posillico, Village Administrator
Donna Lyudmer, Treasurer
Approximately 35 other attendees observed all or part through internet connection (exclusive of the officers/staff noted above).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft copies of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of December 12, 2025 had previously been presented to the Board and posted in draft form on the Village website. Following discussion, Trustee Wolf 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 Wolf

Seconded: Trustee Skerritt

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, 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. 8A in the amount of	\$156,334.23
Capital Fund Checking No. 8A in the amount of	\$1,374.00

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 Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None

Against: None

RATIFY ARTICLE 2B DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Mayor O'Brien reported that with prior consultation with members of the Board, Village staff and the Village Attorney, he executed a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency due to the severe weather conditions which started on January 25, 2026 and which negatively impacted travel through

the scheduled time of the Board meeting. He stated that he determined that the safety of the public, Village staff and the Trustees would be imperiled by in-person attendance at a public location, and therefore authorized a virtual-only Board meeting for January 26, 2026.

After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion to ratify the Article 2b declared by Mayor O'Brien. 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 Wolf

Seconded: Trustee Kovner

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW TO WAIVE OUT OF NEW YORK STATE MAXIMUM TAX CAP

Mayor O'Brien stated that the Board will shortly undertake the budget process for the 2026/27 fiscal year, and that it is currently undetermined whether the budget will require a tax increase and if so to what extent. The Board has the option to waive the State-mandated tax cap limit, which is likely to be two percent (2.0%). The waiver can only be accomplished by adoption of a local law each year. The adoption of such a local law would not require that the Board adopt a tax increase above the State minimum increase, but rather would provide the flexibility to do so if necessary to balance the budget. After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Skerritt made a motion to hold a public hearing on the same date as the next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting to consider such an amendment of Chapter 48 of the Village Code.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Wolf, and on call the motion was carried according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Skerritt

Seconded: Trustee Wolf

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE SALTAIRE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

Mayor O'Brien reported that Village and the executives of the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company had for the last two months been working to finalize the terms of a 5-year operational contract to renew the previous contract which expired on December 31, 2025. He further stated that the original contract terms were still in effect during the 12-month automatic extension period, and that both parties to the agreement were satisfied with and approved the final version up for consideration by the Board.

Discussion ensued, and after all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Village of Saltaire and the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company (SVFC) have a current contract under extension for the provision of fire and rescue protection services within the SVFC's district(s), which extension expires December 31, 2026 and

WHEREAS, both parties are desirous of executing a new contract for a certain term and for a certain increased fee; and

WHEREAS, all Board members have received the draft contract extension language,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees agrees to the draft contract presented at the meeting for a renewal contract with a term from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 between the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company and the Village of Saltaire pursuant to the terms and conditions therein, and further

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Village of Saltaire is authorized to execute the proposed contract extension with the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company, in consultation with the Village Attorney for final language approval, including such non-substantive revisions that he may deem necessary to execute the final contract.

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 Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None

Against: None

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE SUFFOLK COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT

Trustee Wolf made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company is authorized to operate its Rescue Ambulance pursuant to standard operating guidelines that govern all municipally owned and operated ambulances; and

WHEREAS, those guidelines have been memorialized in a contract that the Village had previously executed with the County, the term for which expired December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, all Board members have received the draft of the new contract for a term to expire December 31, 2030,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees agrees to the draft contract presented at the meeting as the new contract with the County of Suffolk for the SVFC to operate its Ambulance effective January 1, 2026 pursuant to the terms and conditions therein, and further

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Village of Saltaire is authorized to execute the proposed contract in consultation with the Village Attorney for final language approval, including such non-substantive contract revisions that he may deem necessary to execute the final contract.

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 Wolf

Seconded: Trustee Kovner

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH SPECIAL COUNSEL

Trustee Kovner made the following motion:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms set forth in Mr. David Yaffee's January 17, 2026 letter to Mayor Hugh O'Brien, the Incorporated Village of Saltaire agrees to modify the terms of the Village's November 11, 2022 retainer agreement with the law firm of Hamburger & Yaffe, LLP, as special counsel, and authorizes Mayor O'Brien to execute the revised retainer agreement.

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 Kovner

Seconded: Trustee Wolf

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

PLAYGROUND SHADING OPTIONS OVERVIEW

Trustee Kovner and Village Administrator Posillico reported on the ongoing collaboration that they and Trustee Lihn have been having with the SCA about opportunities and challenges to improve shading for the playground and park. They reported on the 3-pronged approach on which they are now focused to incrementally implement for the 2026 summer season and beyond. These include 1) installation of taller trees along the south and west sides of the playground, as well as the planter boxes along Neptune, 2) installation of a roofing system over the unshaded seating area in the southwest corner of the playground, and 3) testing sail shading options over the existing playground equipment. Mayor O'Brien thanked the Board members, the SCA, and Consultant to the Board Nat Oppenheimer for their efforts toward continued improvement of the new playground.

SUFFOLK COUNTY EBIKE LEGISLATION

Mayor O'Brien reported that, in conjunction with the Fire Island Association (FIA), he had been involved with a now-adopted revision to Suffolk County's existing law regulating motorized bikes, skates, skateboards and scooters throughout the county. He reported that he also requested from the Legislature that an amendment specifically addressing and regulating the use of e-bikes on Fire Island be considered. A draft amendment with a separate set of regulations for Fire Island, primary of which would be a prohibition of e-bikes and other such motorized vehicles between Memorial Day weekend

through the first Monday of October, is in the process of being drafted for consideration at a future public hearing, hopefully to be adopted before the summer season. After comments, discussions and questions, Mayor O'Brien stated that he would update the Board on the progress of these proposed amendments as they work their way through the drafting and legislative process.

PROPOSED SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Village Administrator Posillico and Village Attorney Prokop provided a summary of the contract status of the proposed agreement with the Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) to manage the Village's water system. They stated that the proposed contract language from the SCWA with their final edits had been received just a few days prior, but also that sufficient progress had been made such that the agreement should be ready for decision at the February meeting. Mayor O'Brien stated that the Village has undertaken numerous public information meetings since last off-season, including one with the chief executives of the SCWA during a well-attend presentation and questions-and-answer session; and added that, given the likelihood that the final version of the contract will be presented and voted on at the next Board meeting, if anyone has further comments or questions they should send them to the Village prior to the next meeting.

PLANNED BULKHEAD AND DOCK REPAIRS

Village Administrator Posillico reported that Islandwide Engineering, after review by Village staff, has completed the design plans for the identified repair of a section of the main dock. He also reported that the design for the repair for western sections of the bayfront bulkhead is still under Village review, but should be completed shortly. He stated that when all designs are complete, he will be able to provide cost estimates for phases for all work, along with options for funding the work that will be presented in the 2026/27 Tentative Budget.

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Wolf made a motion at 7:22 p.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) and specifically as related to the tentative budget. 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 Skerritt, Trustee Kovner

Abstain: None

Against: None

Village Treasurer Lyudmer left the Executive Session at approximately 7:50 p.m.

RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Skerritt made a motion at 8:04p.m. to close the Executive Session and to re-adjourn into public session. 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 Skerritt, Trustee Kovner
Abstain: None
Against: None

Mayor O'Brien called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 8:04 p.m., at which time the following were in attendance:

Hugh O'Brien, Mayor
Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor, Trustee
Susan Skerritt, Trustee
Anna Kovner, Trustee
Mario Posillico, Village Administrator
Joseph Prokop, Village Treasurer
0 other attendees observed through internet connection (exclusive of the officers/staff noted above).

AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR PROVISION OF PROPANE SERVICES ALLOWING FOR POTENTIAL USE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY

Mayor O'Brien reported that Village Administrator Posillico, in consultation with the Village Attorney, had drafted a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals for the provision, delivery and service of propane tanks to Village residents, allowing for the potential use of Village property for storage purposes. After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to formally advertise for and solicit proposals, utilizing the draft RFP presented and distributed to the Board, for Board consideration pursuant to Village procurement policy.

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 Skerritt, Trustee Kovner
Abstain: None
Against: None

CLOSE OF MEETING

Trustee Kovner made a motion at 8:07 p.m. to close the meeting and to hold the next Board of Trustees meeting according to the following schedule:

- February 23, 2026 at 32 Old Slip, New York, New York with the public portion to start at 6:00 p.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 Kovner

Seconded: Trustee Wolf

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

[Clerk Notes: For information purposes, the three subsequent scheduled meetings are:

- March 16, 2026 at 32 Old Slip, New York, New York with the public portion to start at 6:00 p.m. with remote connection, for the primary purpose of conducting a Budget Workshop.
- March 30, 2026 at 32 Old Slip, New York, New York with the public portion to start at 6:00 p.m. with remote connection, which will include all Public Hearings, if any.
- April 20, 2026 at 32 Old Slip, New York, New York with the public portion to start at 6:00 p.m. with remote connection, which will include all Public Hearings, if any.