

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON MARCH 30, 2026 AT 32 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK, NEW YORK WITH A REMOTE ATTENDANCE OPTION VIA AN AUDIO/VIDEO CONNECTION TO THE INTERNET.

Deputy Mayor Wolf called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., and the following were in attendance:

Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor, Trustee  
Susan Skerritt, Trustee  
Katie Lihn, Trustee  
Mario Posillico, Village Administrator  
Donna Lyudmer, Treasurer  
No others attended in person, and no other attendee observed all or part through internet connection.

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Skerritt made a motion at 5:01 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 Lihn, 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 Lihn  
In Favor: Trustee Wolf, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Lihn  
Abstain: None  
Against: None

Mayor O'Brien and Trustee Kovner joined the Executive Session remotely at the start at approximately 5:02 p.m.

RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Kovner 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 Lihn, 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 Lihn  
In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner, Trustee Lihn  
Abstain: None  
Against: None

Mayor O'Brien called the Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., and the following were in attendance via video or phone connection

Hugh O'Brien, Mayor (Remote)  
Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor, Trustee  
Susan Skerritt, Trustee  
Anna Kovner, Trustee (Remote)

Katie Lihn, Trustee  
Mario Posillico, Village Administrator  
Donna Lyudmer, Treasurer

No others attended in person, and approximately 10 other attendees observed all or part through internet connection (exclusive of the officers/staff noted above).

Advisor to the Board Rosenblum and Village Attorney Prokop joined the public meeting remotely at approximately 6:20 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. respectively.

#### PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 53 - WATER

Mayor O'Brien opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. to consider the proposed amendments to various sections of Chapter 53 of the Village Code relating to the provision of water services. Mayor O'Brien provided an overview of the proposed amendments to Chapter 53, the enactment of which would be necessary if and when the Board chooses to approve an agreement with the Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) to manage the Village's public water supply system. He further stated that the Board is nearing a decision on the SCWA agreement, which will most likely be made at the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, and therefore a decision on the proposed local law, if necessary, would be made at that time. 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 Wolf made a motion at 6:17 p.m. to close the public hearing. 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, Trustee Lihn

Abstain: None

Against: None

#### PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026/27 BUDGET

The most recent version of the 2026/27 tentative budget had been posted on the Village website and available for viewing or download. Village Administrator Posillico provided an overview of the projected results of the 2025/26 fiscal year (ending May 31, 2026), at the conclusion of which the general fund balance is projected to stand at approximately \$1,950,000.00. He then provided an overview of the 2026/27 tentative budget, which as presented carries a 4.58% tax rate increase and is projected to result in a budget deficit of approximately \$350,000.00, which would result in a projected general fund balance of approximately \$1,600,000 for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2027. He then outlined the main drivers of the budget deficit as presented, as well as the service enhancements and capital improvements included in the budget, and a number of still pending variables that could impact the budget, including the decision on the SCWA agreement. He further stated that the tentative budget as presented presumed the approval of the SCWA agreement. After comments and discussion amongst the members of the Board, and questions from those in attendance, and after all having had a chance to be heard, Trustee Skerritt made a motion at 6:44 p.m. to close the Public Hearing on the 2026/27 tentative budget. 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 Skerritt

Seconded: Trustee Kovner

In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner, Trustee Lihn  
Abstain: None  
Against: None

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Draft copies of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of March 16, 2026 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 Lihn, 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 Lihn  
In Favor: Mayor O'Brien, Trustee Wolf, Trustee Skerritt, Trustee Kovner, Trustee Lihn  
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. 10B in the amount of                   \$18,637.85

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, Trustee Lihn  
Abstain: None  
Against: None

#### APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBER OF THE FIRE COMPANY

Trustee Wolf reported that the Saltaire Volunteer Fire Company (SVFC) had voted to admit the following member at its March 14, 2026 meeting. Mayor O'Brien stated that the State law required members of a Village fire department also be approved by the Village Board of Trustees. After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion to ratify the selection to membership of the following Member:

Member	Liam Somers
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The motion was seconded by Trustee Lihn, and the motion was carried according to the following vote:

Motion: Trustee Wolf

Seconded: Trustee Lihn

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

#### RENEWAL OF LEASE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY

Village Administrator Posillico reported that the Village has been leasing to Kahler Contracting a section of the Village Maintenance Yard for outdoor storage of equipment pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP) process in March of 2024. He stated that based on a review of qualitative and quantitative criteria, it was determined that Kahler Contracting was a qualified lessee who was capable of fulfilling all of the requirements of the RFP and its associated two-year lease. He further stated that during the intervening two years of the lease, Kahler Contracting has upheld all requirements of the lease, and has been a responsible tenant. The terms of the RFP and Lease allow for the renewal of the lease upon agreement of both parties, and Kahler Contracting has indicated it is willing to renew for an additional two-year term for an annual lease rental of \$4,200.00, an increase of \$200.00 per year. Village Administrator Posillico recommended that the Village enter into a two-year renewal with Kahler Contracting at that annual amount pursuant to the same terms and conditions of the original lease, which had been distributed to the Board. Discussion ensued amongst the Board members and those in attendance, and after all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator in consultation with the Mayor and Village Attorney to execute the necessary lease documents for a two-year lease agreement with Kahler Contracting LLC for an annual lease rental of \$4,200.00 pursuant to the same terms and conditions of the original lease. 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, Trustee Lihn

Abstain: None

Against: None

#### APPROVAL OF MODIFIED LEGAL RETAINER AGREEMENT

Mayor O'Brien stated that the Village had received a letter from the Village's labor counsel, Richard Zuckerman, on behalf of his firm, Keane and Beane PC, requesting a modification of the Village's retainer agreement with the firm to provide for an increase in the Village's retainer fee from \$350 to \$375 per hour. The Mayor stated that this would be the first increase in the firm's retainer in over a decade and was well in keeping with comparable rates. Village Attorney Joseph Prokop said the request was a fair one and urged the Board to approve it. After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Skerritt moved the following:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms set forth in Richard Zuckerman's letter of March 3, 2026 to the Village Administrator, the Incorporated Village of Saltaire agrees to modify the terms of the Village's existing retainer agreement with the law firm of Keane and Beane, PC, and authorizes Village Administrator Posillico to execute the revised retainer agreement. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lihn 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 Lihn

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

#### CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO CHAPTER 53 OF THE VILLAGE CODE

After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion to table the decision on the proposed local law to modify Chapter 53 of the Village Code until the Board's April 20, 2026 meeting. 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, Trustee Lihn

Abstain: None

Against: None

#### CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE 2026/27 BUDGET

After discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion to table the decision on the adoption of the 2026/27 operating budget until the Board's April 20, 2026 meeting. 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, Trustee Lihn

Abstain: None

Against: None

#### AUTHORIZATION FOR SPRING LANDSCAPING INSTALLATION

Village Administrator Posillico reported that he had undertaken a public bid solicitation for the implementation of the landscaping design that had been previously presented and approved for the Saltaire Playground. He further reported that only one bid was submitted, but that it was received past the time due for submission, and therefore invalid. He nevertheless stated that he felt that the Village could implement the Playground landscape design with more control and less expense with the use of its own staff to do the planting, and with the assistance of local landscapers and nurseries to select and deliver the trees, rather than through the public bid process with required prevailing wage labor. He further stated that he felt the same procedure could be followed for the planned planting of the front yard and sanitary system of 14 Bay Prom.

After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Lihn made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to expend up to \$32,500.00, which shall be allocated to the 2026/27 Grounds Budget, for the purchase, delivery, planting, and consulting services necessary to implement the planting design, as may be modified to fit planting availability, in and around the Playground, which authorization and spending would also include the installation of low-lying planting in the front area of 14 Bay Prom, with \$25,000 allocated to the Playground project and \$7,500 to 14 Bay Prom.

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 Lihn

Seconded: Trustee Wolf

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

#### DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED SCWA MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Mayor O'Brien stated that the proposed SCWA management agreement is near completion, that the Board has received and made changes to the latest draft of the agreement, and that it is very close to the final version that will be considered for adoption at the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. He then opened the floor for discussion amongst the members of the Board, and received questions and comments from the public about the proposed management arrangement and agreement with SCWA. After discussion, with questions from the public answered, and all having a chance to be heard, Mayor O'Brien stated that an FAQ document regarding the SCWA agreement will be posted on the Village home page, along with the presentation made by the SCWA to the public in the summer of 2025, which he hopes will answer many of the questions that the public has, and will help facilitate final discussion of the topic before a decision is considered at the April 20, 2026 meeting.

#### CLOSE OF MEETING

Trustee Kovner made a motion at 7:31 p.m. to close the meeting and to hold the next Board of Trustees meeting according to the following schedule:

- 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.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Lihn 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 Lihn

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

[Clerk Notes: For information purposes, the following subsequent scheduled meetings is:

- May 30, 2026 at 103 Broadway, 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.