

DRAFT MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON APRIL 20, 2026 AT 32 OLD SLIP, NEW YORK, 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 5:02 p.m., and the following were in attendance:

Hugh O'Brien, Mayor
Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor, Trustee
Susan Skerritt, Trustee
Katie Lihn, Trustee (Remote)
Scott Rosenblum, Advisor to the Board (Remote)
Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney
Mario Posillico, Village Administrator
Donna Lyudmer, Treasurer
No others attended in person, and one other attendee observed all or part through internet connection.

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, Trustee Lihn
Abstain: None
Against: None

Trustee Kovner joined the Executive Session remotely at the start at approximately 5:02 p.m.

RE-ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC SESSION

Trustee Wolf made a motion at 6:01 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 Wolf
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
Frank Wolf, Deputy Mayor, Trustee
Susan Skerritt, Trustee
Anna Kovner, Trustee (Remote)
Katie Lihn, Trustee (Remote)
Scott Rosenblum, Advisor to the Board (Remote)
Joseph Prokop, Village Attorney
Mario Posillico, Village Administrator
Donna Lyudmer, Treasurer
No others attended in person, and approximately 10 other attendee 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 March 30, 2026 had previously been presented to the Board and posted in draft form on the Village website. Following discussion, Trustee Skerritt 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 Skerritt

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. 11A in the amount of	\$191,245.98
Trust & Agency Checking No. 11A in the amount of	\$2,000.00

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, Trustee Lihn

Abstain: None

Against: None

AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW TO MODIFY CHAPTER 54 OF THE SALTAIRE VILLAGE CODE – WATER TAXIS

Mayor O'Brien stated that during the offseason the Board had been approached by a potential operator for use of the Village docks for water taxi service. The Village Attorney reviewed the existing Chapter 54 of the Village Code that regulates water taxi service in the Village, and following this review, he recommended minor adjustments to the Code. After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion to hold a public hearing on the same date as the next scheduled Board of Trustees meeting to consider amendments to Chapter 54 of the Village Code, the initial draft of which was distributed to the Board by the Mayor prior to the meeting.

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

Motion: Trustee Wolf

Seconded: Trustee Kovner

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

Abstain: None

Against: None

APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A LEASE, MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION AGREEMENT WITH SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY (SCWA)

Mayor O'Brien stated that for the past 18 months the Board has been considering and discussing with the public a potential lease, management and operation agreement with SCWA to assume management of the Village's public water system. He stated that the topic had been discussed at numerous general and special public meetings during this span, which included presentations by the SCWA and the Village staff, and more recently the posting of FAQs on the Village website, followed by numerous emails encouraging village residents to submit any final comments prior to the Board's decision on the matter. He further stated that the Board has responded to all queries thus far, 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, Trustee Skerritt moved approval of the following motion in anticipation of a vote on the SCWA agreement:

**SEQRA RESOLUTION REGARDING THE
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH SCWA FOR THE LEASE, MANAGEMENT AND
OPERATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALTAIRE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM**

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Village of Saltaire is considering approval of an agreement with the SCWA for the lease, management and operation of the Village of Saltaire Public Water System; and

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adopts Lead Agency status for purposes of SEQRA with respect to the consideration of approval of an agreement with the SCWA for the lease, management and operation of the Village of Saltaire Public Water System; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that approval of an agreement with the SCWA for the lease, management and operation of the Village of Saltaire Public Water System is an Unlisted Action for purposes of SEQRA; and it is further;

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the approval of an agreement with the SCWA for the lease, management and operation of the Village of Saltaire Public Water System;

Will not create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations; and
Will not result in a change in the use or intensity of the use of land except that the use of the subject property will be changed to be consistent with the uses in the surrounding area and properties; and

Will not impair the character or quality of the existing community; and
Will not have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area; and

Will not result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking, or walkways; and

Will not cause an increase in the use of energy or fails to incorporate reasonably available energy a conservation or renewable energy alternatives; and

Will not impact existing public or private water supplies; and

Will not impact existing public or private wastewater treatment facilities; and

Will not impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources; and

Will not result in an adverse change to natural resources such as wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna provided certain conditions are met on the development of the subject property; and

Will not result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems; and

Will not create a hazard to environmental resources or human health; and that it is therefore

RESOLVED that a Negative Declaration is hereby adopted for purposes of SEQRA.

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

Trustee Wolf then made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Village of Saltaire has owned and operated since its inception the public water supply and distribution system (Saltaire Water System) that continues to serve the residents of the Village, and for which it charges a flat annual fee per tap connected to each residence; and

WHEREAS, it has been a long-held goal of the Village to convert the billing of the Saltaire Water System from a flat annual fee to metered service, which would better match billing charges to actual consumption, as well as significantly increase water conservation efforts through better real-time information management of usage and far superior expedited leak identification and control, and better adhere to the metering requirement of covering regulations; and

WHEREAS, the dramatically increasing cost of improvements and upgrades to water infrastructure capital components has been a limiting factor in meeting the goal of metered service as well as upgrades to other infrastructure and components of the Saltaire Water System at the desired schedule of improvement; and

WHEREAS, the regulatory environment of public water systems has made it much more difficult for single community, independent water operators to comply with more stringent and complicated regulations, which in turn has made it more difficult to find properly certified personnel to operate the water system and to meet those requirements; and

WHEREAS, SCWA is interested in managing the Saltaire Water System, and has been long-established as the largest, as well as a very highly regarded, provider of public water for numerous districts throughout Suffolk County, and the primary provider of public water throughout Fire Island, and could meet or exceed the quality standards to which the Village has operated its water system, while also having the capability of bringing personnel and material economies of scale and capital funding planning to the management of the Saltaire Water System not available to a small independent operator like Saltaire; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has negotiated a Lease, Management and Operation Agreement that fairly and accurately represents the Board's requirements for the SCWA to take over the management of the Saltaire Water System;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approves the Lease, Management and Operation Agreement (including all exhibits) with the SCWA to take over management and operation of the Saltaire Water system pursuant to the terms of the Agreement presented at the meeting;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor be authorized to execute the Lease, Management and Operation agreement with SCWA as presented with all necessary exhibits, and as may be modified by the Mayor in consultation with the Village Attorney for minor changes in language in that Agreement and all exhibits, that would not result in substantive changes to the obligations, rights and terms of the Agreement.

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

ADOPTION OF MODIFICATION TO CHAPTER 53 - WATER - TO REFLECT AND PROVIDE LEGAL FOUNDATION FOR THE NEWLY AUTHORIZED AGREEMENT WITH SCWA

Mayor O'Brien provided an overview of the proposed amendments to Chapter 53, the enactment of which became necessary when the Board chose to approve an agreement with the Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) to manage the Village's public water supply system. Village Attorney Prokop stated that the potential adoption of the local law was a Type II action, and therefore no further SEQRA review would be required. After discussion and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made a motion to adopt the local law to modify various sections and add an additional section of

Chapter 53 of the Village Code as presented at the previously held Public Hearing. 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

ADOPTION OF THE 2026/27 VILLAGE BUDGET

Mayor O'Brien reported that the Board had, on March 30, 2026, presented at a Public Hearing, as is required by State law as a prerequisite to adoption of the annual budget, the tentative budget of the Village for the 2026/27 fiscal year. He further stated that subsequent to that public hearing, the Board had continued to fine-tune and rationalize the budget into its current version, which has been posted and continually updated on the Village website. Administrator Posillico provide a brief overview of the budget presented for consideration, and each Trustee provided their perspective on the process and the current version. After further discussion, and all having a chance to be heard, Trustee Wolf made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the tentative budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027 has been duly presented to the Board by the Village Administrator and Village Treasurer, and a duly advertised public hearing has been held thereon, and

WHEREAS, the final assessment role for the Village of Saltaire for the fiscal year 2026-2027 has been duly filed with the Village Clerk,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Village Law §5-508(4), that the said presented and modified tentative budget reflecting a tax rate of \$6.85 per thousand of assessed value, be and hereby is adopted as the budget of the Village of Saltaire, New York, for the fiscal year 2026-2027, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to §1420 of the Real Property Tax Law, that the Board of Trustees levy Real Estate Tax in the amount of \$3,170,837.00 against all properties listed in the 2026-2027 assessment roll of the Village of Saltaire, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to execute the Warrant for Collection of Taxes pursuant to §1246 of the Real Property Tax Law, and authorizes the Village Treasurer to pay the annual salaries or pro-rated part thereof on a semi-monthly basis for the full-time employees and other key seasonal employees of the Village of Saltaire as reflected in the budget and/or certification of payroll, and to pay the seasonal and hourly employees on a semi-monthly basis to be hired and authorized and have their pay certified by the Village Administrator at rates he deems necessary to fill the needs anticipated and reflected in the 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, Trustee Lihn

Abstain: None
Against: None

CLOSE OF MEETING

Trustee Wolf made a motion at 7:38 p.m. to close the meeting and to hold the next Board of Trustees meeting according to the following schedule:

- 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.

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

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

- June 27, 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.