

**AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE PRIMARY WELL OF THE VILLAGE OF SALTAIRE'S PUBLIC WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

WHEREAS the Village water well located at Beacon Walk is the primary and lead well that provides water and system pressure for the Village public water distribution, and that primary well experienced a catastrophic system failure in September of 2023; and

WHEREAS the Village Administrator and Water Superintendent retained Delta Well to perform diagnostic services to determine the cause of the failure, which was discovered to be a mechanical breakdown of the well shaft and impellor system; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Village's water engineer H2M Group and the Suffolk County Department of Health, it has been determined that the necessary repair includes replacement of fifty feet of the well shaft and the impellor, plus other associated work; and

WHEREAS the failure of this well has created a public emergency with a potential threat to public health and safety due to the lack of volume and pressure throughout the system that is caused by the non-operation of this primary well, and it is vital and essential for the primary well to be brought back into service as quickly as possible so that the entire system can be brought back online in order for the public water distribution system to effectively deliver potable water to its customers pursuant to all health regulations and standards, and with sufficient pressure for fire suppression capability;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law of New York State the Board of Trustees of the Village of Saltaire is authorized, upon a finding of an emergency condition that threatens public health and safety and the property of the residents of the Village to authorize the purchase of materials and labor necessary to correct that public emergency without competitive bidding where competitive bidding might otherwise be required;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of the Village of Saltaire hereby declares that the repair and restoration to operating condition including the materials and labor necessary for that repair and restoration of the primary water well located at Beacon Walk is an emergency repair that must be completed as quickly and effectively as possible in order to protect public health and safety and that any delay, including competitive bidding or seeking alternate proposals, could threaten the life, safety, and welfare of the residents and property of the Village; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that is has been proven and demonstrated that Delta Well has the technical skill, training and experience with the Village's well systems and the unique circumstances of water systems on Fire Island to be in the best position to most timely and cost-effectively implement the necessary repair under the guidance of the Village Administrator, Water Superintendent and H2M Group and Village Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Administrator to contract with Delta Well, on a time and material basis, and under the guidance of and in consultation with the Water Superintendent and H2M Group, and subject to the review of the contract by the Village Attorney, to provide the necessary equipment, skilled labor and material components to complete the repair of the water well located at Beacon Walk as quickly as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Village Administrator is authorized to expend up to \$65,000 from general reserves for the diagnosis, engineering, regulatory coordination, and repair of the water well located at Beacon Walk, and to further advise the Board if the cost of the total repair will exceed this initial authorization.