

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF QUOGUE, HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor Robert Treuhold, Trustees Randy Cardo, Ted Necarsulmer, Sally Beatty, and Tom Mullen, Village Attorney Wayne Bruyn, Village Clerk Aimee Buhl, Police Chief Christopher Isola, Building Inspector William Nowak, and Fire Chief Dave Schaffauer

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael and Marisa Nelson and Irwin Messer

The Mayor invited everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion made by Ted Necarsulmer, seconded by Sally Beatty and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 25, 2024 were approved.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the Abstract of Audited Vouchers Schedule 11-24, \$1,263,944.78 and Treasurer's Report for the Month ending October 31, 2024 is approved:

\$ 148,523.51	General Account
\$ 9,689,800.80	General Investment
\$ 1,334,549.54	Capital Reserve
\$ 500,000.00	Compensating Balance
\$ 4,281,031.22	Class General Account
\$ <u>103,787.35</u>	Scrub Oak Renovation Bond Proceeds
\$16,057,692.24	Total 10/31/24

The Clerk gave the report for October 2024 False Fire and Burglar Alarms:

Fire Billed: \$550; Fire Collected: \$1,050
Burglar Billed: \$825; Burglar Collected: \$450

Fire Chief Dave Schaffauer gave the October 2024 report for the Fire Department. Building Inspector Bill Nowak gave the October 2024 report for the Building Department. Police Chief Chris Isola gave the October 2024 report for the Police Department.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that Maya Ryvicker is appointed to the position of Planning Board Alternate Member effective November 15, 2024.

Upon motion made by Tom Mullen, seconded by Ted Necarsulmer and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the 2024-2025 A3120450 Police/Maintenance/Contracts budget is increased in the amount of \$90,000, which represents the funding received by New York State for the Law Enforcement Tech grant in July 2024.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the Village may enter into a license agreement with GOGov, Inc. for a one-year permitting and licensing program subscription.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that an account with Stripe, Inc. will be set up to process GOGov, Inc. online payments.

Upon motion made by Tom Mullen, seconded by Ted Necarsumer and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that a refund of \$181.13 to Barry Altman for the overpayment of 2024-2025 taxes is approved.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that purchase order 17540 to Galls is increased in the amount of \$22.00.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the following transfers are approved:

A9015800 State Retirement PFRS	A9010800 Employee Benefits/State Retirement ERS	\$ 1,249
A3410421 Fire Dept/Light & Water	A3410416 Fire Dept/Supplies-Misc	\$ 2,000
A3410441 Fire Dept/Serv Veh Labor	A3410416 Fire Dept/Supplies-Misc	\$ 2,000
A5110100 Hwy Pers Serv	A8020446 Planning/Eng Cont Serv	\$10,000

Upon motion made by Randy Cardo, seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that payments in the amounts of \$51.25, \$102.50 and \$205.00 (\$358.75 total) to the Raynor Group from Capital Account H4200200 (Road Improvements) are approved.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that an increase in A8710200 Stormwater Runoff & Bioswale Project and A3089 Other Govt Aid in the amount of \$43,500, to be funded from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds previously received by the Village, is approved.

Upon motion made by Tom Mullen, seconded by Sally Beatty and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that a reimbursement to the Quogue Club at Hallock House for the Village's share of the cost of repaving the area on Quogue Street in front of the Quogue Club, including the restriping of the crosswalk across from Quogue Street, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 is approved.

Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased State Aid for Local Governments

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED

Whereas, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

Whereas, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

Whereas, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

Whereas, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

Whereas, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

Whereas, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Quogue calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

Be it further resolved, that the Village of Quogue urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

Resolution to schedule a public hearing on a local law amending Article V (Fences, Walls and Bulkheads) of Chapter 196 (Zoning) of the Village Code

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Ted Necarsulmer and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Village of Quogue hereby directs that a public hearing shall be held on Friday, December 20, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the Village Hall, Jessup Avenue, Quogue, New York, to hear any and all persons either for or against a local law entitled: “A Local Law amending Article V (Fences, Walls and Bulkheads) of Chapter 196 (Zoning) of the Village Code to authorize exceptions to the height limitations for non-residential districts, railroad screening, sports courts, septic systems, outdoor storage and utilities, temporary garden fences and deer fences.” (Attached as Exhibit A)

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to refer this local law to the Suffolk County Planning Commission; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the following Notice of Public Hearing:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Copies of the proposed law are on file in the Village Hall and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF QUOGUE
AIMEE BUHL, VILLAGE CLERK**

With no other business to discuss and upon motion made by Tom Mullen, seconded by Ted Necarsulmer and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Aimee Buhl, Village Clerk