

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF QUOGUE, HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025.

PRESENT: Mayor Robert Treuhold, Trustees Randy Cardo, Ted Necarsulmer and Sally Beatty, Village Clerk Aimee Buhl, Police Chief Christopher Isola and Building Inspector Bill Nowak

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Cirincione, Andrew and Karen Cirincione, Lynn Joyce, Ed Coraballis, Michael Nelson and Irwin Messer

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

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Ted Necarsulmer and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 21, 2025 were approved.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Ted Necarsulmer and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the Abstract of Audited Vouchers Schedule 04-25, \$294,480.16 and Treasurer's Report for the Month ending March 2025 are approved:

\$ 153,696.86	General Account
\$ 5,792,337.99	General Investment
\$ 1,356,788.21	Capital Reserve
\$ 500,000.00	Compensating Balance
\$ 4,358,292.43	Class General Account
<u>\$ 195,698.56</u>	Scrub Oak Renovation Bond Proceeds
\$12,356,814.05	Total 3/31/25

The Clerk gave the report for March 2025 False Fire and Burglar Alarms:

Burglar Billed: \$325; Burglar Collected: \$925
Fire Billed: \$2,750; Fire Collected: \$1050

Fire Chief Dave Schaffauer was absent from the meeting. Police Chief Chris Isola gave the March 2025 report for the Police Department. Building Inspector William Nowak gave the March 2025 report for the Building Department.

Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Tentative Budget

The Mayor gave a summary of anticipated increases in expenses and decreases in revenues. The Mayor explained the tax cap and stated that \$325,000 of surplus funds will be rolled over to the 2025-2026 budget, and that the Village will be piercing the tax cap for the second time since inception. Irwin Messer, Lynn Joyce and Andrew Cirincione commented on the tentative budget.

Upon motion made by Ted Necarsulmer, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the Public Hearing was closed.

Upon motion made by Ted Necarsulmer, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the issuance of Proclamations recognizing years of service are authorized to be issued to firefighters David Turinsky, David Warner and Joseph Jahelka.

Upon motion made by Randy Cardo, seconded by Ted Necarsulmer and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the issuance of a Proclamation recognizing April 22, 2025 as Earth Day in the Village of Quogue is authorized.

WHEREAS: on April 22, 1970, millions of people from every corner of our country joined in common cause to celebrate the first Earth Day and demand basic protections to safeguard our planet for future generations; and

WHEREAS: the first Earth Day helped transform the ways we interact with the world around us, and it changed how we view our impact on the natural world – inspiring the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and landmark legislation that protects the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the animals that live alongside us; and

WHEREAS: today, we resolve to build on the progress made in the half-century since, and we reaffirm our commitment to leaving a clean, healthy Earth for our children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS: just as the people who came together on Earth Day in 1970 embraced their responsibility to preserve our planet, today we face a threat that also requires collective action; and

WHEREAS: human activity is disrupting the climate, and the challenge of combating climate change is one that will define the contours of our time; and

WHEREAS: the effects of climate change are already evident in stronger storms, deeper droughts, more rapidly eroding soil, and longer wildfire seasons – and the ten warmest years on record have occurred in the last decade; and

WHEREAS: we each have a role to play in ensuring that we do not pass a world beyond repair on to our children; and

WHEREAS: everyone must do their part, and as long as we unite to protect the one planet we have, we can leave it in better shape for future generations; and

WHEREAS: on Earth Day, let us all accept our individual responsibilities to care for the world we live in, and let us marshal our best efforts toward building a safer, more stable, and more sustainable world.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Robert Treuhold, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2025 as Earth Day in the Village of Quogue.

Upon motion made by Randy Cardo, seconded by Ted Necarsulmer and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that Mary Ann C. Donohue is appointed to the position of Alternate Election Inspector at a rate of \$16 per hour for the Village's June 20, 2025 election.

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

From A1210120 Assistant to the Mayor to A1325140 Clerk Salaries \$5,400

From A3120.446 Police Tuition to A3120.130 Police Part-time Services \$5,500

From A3120.445 Police Training to 3120.130 part-time services \$2,500

From A1110416 Court Equip to A111022 Court Equip \$1,000

From A9060800 Emp Benefits/Hosp & Med Ins to A111022 Court Equip \$1,700

From A142042 Law/Contractual other to A1420410 Law/Codification \$400

From A3410444 Fire Dept/Hydrant Rental to A3410413 Fire Dept/Supplies Electronic Parts \$2,500

From A3410444 Fire Dept/Hydrant Rental to A3410443 – Fire Dept/Bldg-Improvements & Maint \$5,000

From A5182449 Street Lighting Improvements to A1325411 Clerk Treasurer/Supplies & Materials \$2,500

From A5182449 Street Lighting Improvements to A132549 Clerk-Misc \$500

From A1990400 Special Items Contingent to A7180443 Beach Bldg Maint \$6,000

From A1420430 Village Prosecutor to A1420400 Law/Contract./Vill.Attny \$8,500

From A5182449 Street Lighting/Improvements to A1420400 Law/Contract/Vill Attny \$10,000

From A142042 Law/Contractual other to A1420400 – Law/Contract./Vill.Attny \$1,500

From A142042 – Law/Contractual other to A1420410 Law Codification \$400

From A1325451 GASB 45 Post Emp Ben Report to A1320400 Auditor/Contractual Serv \$35

Upon motion made by Randy Cardo, seconded by Ted Necarsulmer and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the following purchase order are increased:

17560 South Shore Docks, Inc. \$72.00
17597 Galls \$12.99
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17674 Netsource Partners. LLC \$180.00

Upon motion made by Ted Necarsulmer, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that a refund to John Ramsay in the amount of \$25 for duplicate payment of an alarm renewal is approved.

Upon motion made by Ted Necarsulmer seconded by Sally Beatty and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the bid opening for “Bid for Caterpillar model 259D3 (or suitable equivalent) with less than 320 hours, to include a compact track loader with general purpose bucket and multipurpose bucket with set of forks” are approved and the bid is awarded to H.O. Penn Machinery Company, Inc.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Ted Necarsulmer and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that a payment in the amount of \$75,000 to H.O. Penn Machinery Company, Inc. for the purchase of a Caterpillar model 259D3 utilizing the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund and subject to a permissive referendum is approved.

Upon motion made by Randy Cardo, seconded by Ted Necarsulmer and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that an application from Ryan Fay for a party to be held at the Village Beach on June 18, 2025 for a Quogue School staff party is approved.

Upon motion made by Ted Necarsulmer, seconded by Sally Beatty and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that an additional LOSAP contribution payment of \$28,091 from A9089 Fire Service Award is approved.

Resolution amending the Length of Service Award Program

Upon motion made by Ted Necarsulmer, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried it was resolved:

WHEREAS eligible voting residents of the Village of Quogue (“Village”) approved a referendum to establish a defined benefit Length of Service Award Program (a “LOSAP”) for active volunteer firefighters of the Quogue Fire Department effective January 1, 2015 in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (“GML”);

WHEREAS the Village is the LOSAP Sponsor and Program Administrator;

WHEREAS GML § 216 authorizes the Village, as LOSAP Sponsor, to amend the LOSAP;

WHEREAS a year of Service Credit is earned for each calendar year during which an active volunteer firefighter earns 50 or more points. Points are awarded for such things as attending training sessions, participating in drills, responding to calls, being an officer, and other activities;

WHEREAS an active volunteer firefighter that earns Service Credit for a calendar year currently earns a \$20 Service Award benefit, payable for one hundred twenty months, beginning either the January 1 following the attainment of the Entitlement Age if the active volunteer firefighter age is under the Entitlement Age, or beginning the January 1 following the calendar year in which the Service Credit is earned if the active volunteer firefighter is age over the Entitlement Age;

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees believes that amending the LOSAP to improve the benefits provided is consistent with the intent of the LOSAP to recruit, retain, and reward volunteer firefighters; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Quogue, Town of Southampton, County of Suffolk, State of New York, as authorized by Article 11-A of the GML, approves an amendment to the LOSAP effective January 1, 2026 to increase the monthly Service Award earned for each year of Service Credit earned during calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2026 from \$20 to \$25. Years of Service Credit earned prior to January 1, 2026 will remain at the \$20 level. The maximum monthly benefit a participating firefighter can earn will increase from \$800 to \$1,000, provided all Service Credit is earned after January 1, 2026. The maximum monthly benefit will be less than \$1,000 for any participant who earned Service Credit prior to January 1, 2026.

The annual contribution for the LOSAP for current active volunteer firefighters is currently about \$82,000, which averages about \$1,800 per participating volunteer firefighter who earns Service Credit. The anticipated contribution for the amended program is expected to be about \$102,000, which averages about \$2,250 per participating volunteer firefighter who earns Service Credit. The Village pays an additional \$10,000 annually in actuarial, administrative, and investment advisory fees, which will not change as a direct result of this amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any additional administrative procedures that must be adopted to effectuate the intent of the Board shall be made by the adoption of a revised Plan Document.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to a mandatory referendum of qualified voters of the Village of Quogue and said referendum shall be held on Friday, June 20, 2025, between the hours of 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM (prevailing time) at the Quogue Firehouse, Jessup Avenue, Quogue, New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposition placed before the qualified voters read as follows:

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF QUOGUE, TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, STATE OF NEW YORK IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED APRIL 22, 2025, APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEFINED BENEFIT LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026 TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY SERVICE AWARD FROM \$20 TO \$25 FOR ALL YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT EARNED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026. THIS WILL INCREASE THE MAXIMUM MONTHLY BENEFIT FROM \$800 TO \$1,000 IF ALL SERVICE CREDIT IS EARNED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026. THE SERVICE AWARD REMAINS \$20 FOR SERVICE CREDIT EARNED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2026. THE

PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OF THE QUOGUE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE VILLAGE.

THE CURRENT FUNDING CONTRIBUTION FOR THE PROGRAM IS ABOUT \$82,000. THE AVERAGE COST FOR EACH PARTICIPATING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER THAT EARNS SERVICE CREDIT IS APPROXIMATELY \$1,800. THE FUNDING CONTRIBUTION FOR THE AMENDED PROGRAM IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$102,000, AND THE AVERAGE COST PER PARTICIPATING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER EARNING SERVICE CREDIT INCREASING TO \$2,250. THE VILLAGE PAYS AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000 IN ANNUAL ACTUARIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES, WHICH WILL NOT CHANGE AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THIS AMENDMENT.

SHALL THE STATED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BE APPROVED?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LOSAP shall continue to be administered by the Village and that all other provisions of the LOSAP shall remain the same.

The question of adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Mayor Treuhold voting Aye
Trustee Cardo voting Aye
Trustee Necarsulmer voting Aye
Trustee Beatty voting Aye

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute two agreements with the Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) with respect to the Village undertaking restoration work on Dune Road following the installation of water mains by SCWA in exchange for the payment to the Village of the sums of \$135,784.46 and \$139,618.89, respectively.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Ted Necarsulmer and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that Rosemar Contracting, Inc. is approved to undertake drainage, excavation and paving work on Dune Road pursuant to their proposals dated April 22, 2025 and April 2, 2025.

Lynn Joyce asked questions regarding the existing drains. Mayor Treuhold and Randy Cardo explained how the new drainage will improve flooding in that area.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Ted Necarsulmer and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the building permit fees in connection with the Quogue Wildlife Refuge's planned expansion of their visitor center and related projects will be waived.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the next regular monthly Trustees meeting is rescheduled from Friday, May 16th to Tuesday, May 20th at 3:00 PM, and a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled on Friday, May 30th at 11:00 AM.

Irwin Messer addressed the Board regarding airplane traffic, especially in the evenings. Mayor Treuhold stated that Steve Farrell is on the Gabreski Airport Noise Mitigation Board and that there is a phone number to accept complaints via text.

Kevin Cirincione of 206 Dune Road addressed the Board regarding speeding on Dune Road and dredging related to FIMP. Mayor Treuhold stated that the Board and police department are aware of the speed issues. Regarding FIMP, Mayor Treuhold stated that the borrow contract is complete and that Contract #3 which covers Quogue will most likely not begin this coming winter.

Lynn Joyce addressed the Board regarding the “borrow area.” The Mayor stated that he was told by the Army Corps. of Engineers that the sand bars and nourishment will not be affected.

With no other business to discuss and upon motion made by Sally Beatty seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Aimee Buhl, Village Clerk