

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF QUOGUE, HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026.

PRESENT: Mayor Robert Treuhold, Trustees Randy Cardo, Ted Necarsulmer (via Zoom), Sally Beatty and Tom Mullen, Village Clerk Aimee Buhl, Police Chief Christopher Isola, Building Inspector William Nowak and Assistant Fire Chief Christopher Osborne

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven and Debra Guiffre, Kimberly Monsour, Peter Sartorius, Kittric Motz, Lee Wadleton and Michael Nelson

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

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2025 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 01-26, \$316,363.64 and Treasurer's Report for the Month ending December 31, 2025 are approved:

\$ 146,764.23	General Account
\$ 7,711,625.58	General Investment
\$ 1,841,621.67	Capital Reserve
\$ 500,000.00	Compensating Balance
\$ 4,492,534.79	Class General Account
\$ <u>201,726.38</u>	Scrub Oak Renovation Bond Proceeds
 \$14,894,272.65	 Total 12/31/2025

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

Fire Billed: \$1,300; Fire Collected: \$500
Burglar Billed: \$1,425; Burglar Collected: \$1,550

Assistant Fire Chief Chris Osborne gave the December 2025 report for the Fire Department. Building Inspector Bill Nowak gave the December 2025 report for the Building Department. Police Chief Chris Isola gave the December 2025 report for the Police Department.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the General Village Election of the Village of Quogue, New York will be held on Friday, June 19, 2026. The polling place for the 2026 General Village Election shall be at the Quogue Firehouse, Jessup Avenue, Quogue, New York. The polls shall open at 12:00 noon and close at 9:00 p.m. prevailing time and the offices to be filled at said General Village Election and the terms thereof are as follows:

Mayor - one (1) for the term of two (2) years
Trustees - two (2) for the term of two (2) years

Upon motion made by Tom Mullen, seconded by Sally Beatty and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the certified amount of unpaid Village taxes for the fiscal year 2025-2026 submitted by the Treasurer of the Village of Quogue, and as provided in Section 1454 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, has been compared with the original tax roll and has been found to be correct and the amount of unpaid taxes is \$12,154.38 and further to approve that the unpaid village taxes for such fiscal year will be sold by Public Tax Sale at which sale certificates of tax liens for such unpaid taxes shall be properly sold with interest and

advertising fee (\$25); such tax sale shall be held in the manner provided by law, at 9:15 A.M. on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 and notices of such tax sale to be published in the Southampton Press-Western Edition for three (3) consecutive weeks in issues dated 2/19/2026, 2/26/2026, and 3/5/2026 in accordance with statutory law.

Upon motion made by Tom Mullen, seconded by Sally Beatty and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the certification from the Quogue Fire Department as to the members and points they received in 2025 under the Quogue Fire Department Service Award Program Point System is accepted and the Fire Department is directed to post it for at least 30 days as required by law and to resubmit it at the end of such period with any changes.

Upon motion made by Tom Mullen, seconded by Sally Beatty and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the price quotation from Commander Fleet Corp. for the upfit of the Fire Department 2025 F150 STX in the amount of \$19,987.60 to be funded by the Fire Department Capital Reserve fund, which was previously subject to a 30-day permissive referendum, is accepted.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the Village may enter into an agreement with Nelson + Pope and affiliate Nelson Pope Voorhis to assist in the preparation and submission of the Town of Southampton's Water Quality Improvement Program Application for 2026 in the amount of \$12,500.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the proposal from Nelson + Pope and affiliate Nelson Pope Voorhis for engineering services for the grant-approved green infrastructure projects for the Post Lane Roundabout and Quogue Street in the amount of \$49,550.00 for Post Lane and \$24,500.00 Quogue Street (two locations) which the Village will seek reimbursement from a CPF grant is accepted.

Upon motion made by Tom Mullen, seconded by Sally Beatty and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that a permit application from Steven Giuffre to remove existing bulkhead, construct a new vinyl bulkhead, dredge 5' seaward from the bulkhead, construct ~258' of boardwalk, raise existing fixed dock 12" to match new bulkhead height, and place 6' wide pea gravel 6" to 8" deep landward of boardwalk to create 10' "no turf zone" landward of bulkhead located at 19 Old Point Road 902-5-1-9. is approved. Applicant Steven Giuffre stated the application was only to replace the existing bulkhead and not to make any additions.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that a refund in the amount of \$60 to Summerhouse Builders for the overpayment of a building permit is approved.

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

17937	Witmer Public Safety Group	\$9.99 for shipping
17948	We'll Floor U, Inc.	\$1,855.00 additional poly coat

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the following refunds of \$25 for the overpayment of a 2026 Alarm Registration are approved:

Gordon Andrews, Carrie Spero and Mark Meyer

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

From A1621422 Gym-Heat to A1621443 Improvements & Maintenance \$500

From A1990400 Special Items/Contingent to A1620443 Buildings/Improvements & Maintenance \$6,000

From A3410422 Fire Dept/Heat to A3410444 Fire Dept/Hydrant Rental \$50

From A718049 Beach/Misc. Expenses to A7180423 – Beach/Telephone \$1,200

From A9040801 Workers First Aid to A1920400 Special Items/Municipal Assoc. Dues \$900

Resolution Supporting the Regional Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance Shared Services Project

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Town of Southampton has proposed a Regional Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance Shared Services Project that would enable participating municipalities to jointly utilize a regional vacuum truck to support a regular and coordinated schedule of stormwater infrastructure maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is intended to improve the efficiency, reliability, and cost-effectiveness of stormwater system maintenance by reducing duplicative equipment purchases, improving maintenance frequency, and strengthening intermunicipal cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the shared use of a regional vacuum truck would support maintenance activities including, but not limited to, the cleaning and maintenance of storm drains, catch basins, and hydrodynamic separators, thereby optimizing the performance of existing stormwater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the project is expected to provide important environmental benefits by improving stormwater system function and reducing the discharge of pollutants to regional waterways; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southampton intends to submit an application for funding through the New York State Department of State Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grant Program to support the acquisition of the vacuum truck and the establishment of a formal shared-services framework among participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Quogue recognizes the regional value of this initiative and the operational, fiscal, and environmental benefits that may result from participation in the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Quogue hereby expresses its support for the Regional Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance Shared Services Project led by the Town of Southampton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Quogue affirms its intent to participate in the project, subject to final terms and conditions, through the development and execution of an intermunicipal agreement or other appropriate shared-services arrangement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Quogue authorizes its designated officials to cooperate with the Town of Southampton and other participating municipalities in project planning, coordination, and implementation efforts related to the shared stormwater maintenance initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is adopted in support of the Town of Southampton's application to the New York State Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grant Program and may be submitted supporting documentation with that application.

SEQRA Negative Declaration for Quogue Wildlife Refuge (Nature Center & Auxiliary Classroom Project)

Upon motion made by Tom Mullen, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Southampton Town Wildfowl Association, Inc. (the "Association") is a not-for-profit organization that was granted a license by the Village of Quogue ("the Village") to operate and maintain a wildlife refuge or sanctuary, and natural recreation area for the benefit of the public on real property owned by the Village of Quogue located on the northerly side of Old Country Road, and designated as SCTM#s 0902-001.00-01.00-001.00 & 023.001, 0902-003.00-01.00-002.00; 0902-003.00-02.00-041.00; and 0900-313.00-01.00-062.00 (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to paragraph 6 of the License Agreement for the Quogue Wildlife Refuge, dated December 20, 2024, "No new buildings or other major improvements shall be constructed by the Association on the Property without the prior written approval of the Village;" and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is in receipt of a request from the Association seeking approval of a project entitled "Quogue Wildlife Refuge (Nature Center & Auxiliary Classroom Project)" consisting of the renovation and expansion of the existing Nature Center building, a building addition to the Workshop, new deck improvements, various site and utility service improvements, reconfiguration the existing parking area and driveway, and addition of handicapped accessible and electric vehicle parking spaces, as depicted and described on Site Plan Drawings (C-1 through C-7) prepared by TF Engineering, PLLC, last dated January 8, 2026 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed application is a project that is subject to environmental review pursuant to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act -SEQRA) of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Chapter 87 (Environmental Quality Review) of the Code of the Village of Quogue and said project meets the criteria for classification as an "Unlisted Action" pursuant thereto; and

WHEREAS, coordination with other involved agencies is optional; and

WHEREAS, the application was referred to the Village's consulting engineers, who by memorandum, dated January 16, 2026, made certain recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has conducted a review of the information recorded in the Environmental Assessment Form Part I and the Environmental Assessment Form Parts II and III prepared by the Village consulting engineers; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude and importance of each impact have been considered and the Board of Trustees finds that the project will not result in any large and important impact(s) and, therefore, will not have a significant impact on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the 6 NYCRR §617.7, SEQR and Chapter 87 of the Code of the Village of Quogue, a NEGATIVE DECLARATION is hereby adopted for the Quogue Wildlife Refuge (Nature Center & Auxiliary Classroom Project).

Approval of the Quogue Wildlife Refuge (Nature Center & Auxiliary Classroom Project)

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Southampton Town Wildfowl Association, Inc. (the “Association”) is a not-for-profit organization that was granted a license by the Village of Quogue (“the Village”) to operate and maintain a wildlife refuge or sanctuary, and natural recreation area for the benefit of the public on real property owned by the Village of Quogue located on the northerly side of Old Country Road, and designated as SCTM#s 0902-001.00-01.00-001.00 & 023.001, 0902-003.00-01.00-002.00; 0902-003.00-02.00-041.00; and 0900-313.00-01.00-062.00 (collectively the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to paragraph 6 of the License Agreement for the Quogue Wildlife Refuge, dated December 20, 2024, “No new buildings or other major improvements shall be constructed by the Association on the Property without the prior written approval of the Village;” and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is in receipt of a request from the Association seeking approval of a project entitled “Quogue Wildlife Refuge (Nature Center & Auxiliary Classroom Project)” consisting of the renovation and expansion of the existing Nature Center building, a building addition to the Workshop, new deck improvements, various site and utility service improvements, reconfiguration the existing parking area and driveway, and addition of handicapped accessible and electric vehicle parking spaces, as depicted and described on Site Plan Drawings (C-1 through C-7) prepared by TF Engineering, PLLC, last dated January 8, 2026 (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes that the Quogue Wildlife Refuge with its natural setting and minimal improvements has for many decades provided a significant public benefit to the residents of the Village and the general public by providing access and trails to over 300 acres of diverse natural habitats including forests and ponds, as well as the ecologically rare Dwarf Pines in the Pine Barrens; maintaining an educational nature center and library; and maintaining an outdoor wildlife complex that houses and exhibits injured wildlife that require human care to survive; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that the Association’s request to renovate and expand the facility as described in the application is reasonable and necessary to enable the facilities to be modernized and expanded to serve the public now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the application provides for an upgrade of existing sanitary septic systems and other environmental mitigation that are subject to the review and approval of the NYSDEC and SCDHS; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees further recognizes the unique environmental and regulatory setting of the existing buildings and improvements, and upon balancing the public interests, it is not necessary for the Board of Trustees to apply Village zoning requirements on the renovation and expansion of the existing buildings and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the renovation and expansion of the buildings and improvement must, however, conform to the Village and State Building and Fire Codes, and require a Village building permit and certificate of occupancy; and

WHEREAS, the application was reviewed by the Village’s consulting engineers, who by memorandum, dated January 16, 2026, recommended the adoption of a Negative Declaration under the provisions of SEQRA and approval of the project with certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed site plan is classified as an Unlisted Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and upon the recommendation of the Village consulting engineer, the Board of Trustees, by resolution, dated January 16, 2026, adopted a Negative Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that application of the Southampton Town Wildfowl Association, Inc. pursuant to the License Agreement of the project entitled “Quogue Wildlife Refuge (Nature Center & Auxiliary Classroom Project)” consisting of the renovation and expansion of the existing Nature Center building, a building addition to the Workshop, new deck improvements, various site and utility service improvements, reconfiguration the existing parking area and driveway, and addition of handicapped accessible and electric vehicle parking spaces, as depicted and described on Site Plan Drawings (C-1 through C-7) prepared by TF Engineering, PLLC, last dated January 8, 2026, be and hereby is APPROVED.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, to approve the waiver of the building permit fees in connection with the Quogue Wildlife Refuge’s Nature Center & Auxiliary Classroom Project.

Quogue Wildlife Refuge Executive Director Michael Nelson and President Peter Sartorius were in attendance and thanked the Board for their support.

Resolution Recognizing the 10th Anniversary of the Quogue Historic District

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village of Quogue is a quiet pastoral residential community that contains a multitude of residences and other buildings and structures dating from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries that retain their architectural and historic integrity; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the historic character of the Village, the Quogue Historical Society with the support of several Village residents engaged expert historical consultants to document the history of the Village and inventory and catalog historic structures and properties; and

WHEREAS, the Quogue Historical Society with the support of the Village prepared and submitted petitions to establish the Quogue Historic District with the State of New York and the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Quogue Historic District was established with over 250 contributing structures identified and was added to the New York State Register in December 2015 and National Register on February 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, establishment of the Quogue Historic District has facilitated the preservation of the historic character of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Quogue desires to recognize the past and ongoing efforts of the Quogue Historical Society and the residents of the Village to encourage the preservation of the historic character of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to promote the benefits of the Quogue Historic District and further encourage the preservation of the historic character of the Village by publishing information about the Quogue Historic District on the Village website and by other means, and by directing Village Boards to identify and consider potential impacts upon contributing structures and the Historic District when considering applications and projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Quogue Historic District, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Quogue hereby commend and congratulate the Quogue Historical Society and the residents of the Village on their continuing efforts to encourage the preservation of the historic character of the Village; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby directs that the Village Clerk and other departments undertake to publish information about the Quogue Historic District on the Village website and by other means; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby directs that the Village Clerk, and all Village departments, boards and committees update their respective application forms to require that applicants identify whether the project under review is located in the Quogue Historic District and whether the project site contains a contributing historic structure.

Resolution Directing a Public Hearing on the Tax Levy Limit Override

Upon motion made by Tom Mullen, seconded by Sally Beatty and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Quogue hereby directs that a public hearing shall be held on **Friday, February 20, 2026 at 3:00 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 authorizing a Property Tax Levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c."

LOCAL LAW NO. OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW authorizing a Property Tax Levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Quogue as follows:

Section 1. Title, Intent and Purpose.

1.1. Title. The title of this local law shall be the "Tax Levy Limit Override."

1.2. Legislative Authority. This local law is adopted pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law (GML), §3-c (5) that expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of 60% of said governing body

1.3. Purpose. It is the intent of this article to allow the Village of Quogue to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the tax levy limit as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Tax Levy Limit Override. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Quogue is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in the GML, §3-c.

Section 3. Repeal. If the Board of Trustees of the Village of Quogue adopts a budget for the fiscal year commencing on June 1, 2026 that does not require a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c (to wit, if the authorization contained in Section 2 of this Local Law is not utilized), the override authority under this local law may be repealed by resolution of the Board of Trustees (to wit, without a public hearing and without any further local law).

Section 4. Authority. The proposed local law is enacted pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c (5) and Municipal Home Rule Law §§10(1)(i), 10(1)(ii)(a), 10(1)(ii)(a)(12), and 10(1)(ii)(e)(3).

Section 5. Severability. If any section or subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision of this law shall be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, any judgment made thereby shall not affect the validity of this law as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part or provision so adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional.

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Quogue hereby directs that a public hearing shall be held on **Friday, February 20, 2026 at 3:00 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 authorizing a Property Tax Levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.”

Pursuant to §103-a of the New York State Public Officer’s Law and Local Law No. 3 of 2022, the meeting of the Board of Trustees and aforementioned public hearing will be held in person, or it may be held as a hybrid meeting in a combination of both in-person and videoconference (i.e. ZOOM). Notice whether the meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting and the access requirements of such remote meeting platform may be obtained from the Village Clerk.

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 Sally Beatty and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Aimee Buhl, Village Clerk