

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF QUOGUE, HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026.

This meeting was accessible via Zoom.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Irwin Messer, Lee Wadleton (Zoom), Theodore Richert, Lieutenant Dan Hartman, Jennifer Vargas, Ashleigh Trotta, Jonathan Stanton, Gennaro DeScalo, Jason McMunn, Robert Rice, and Brianna Hickerson

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 (Trustee Necarsulmer had not yet joined the meeting), the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 16, 2026 were approved.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried (Trustee Necarsulmer had not yet joined the meeting), it was RESOLVED that the Abstract of Audited Vouchers Schedule 02-26, \$299,703.98 and Treasurer's Report for the Month ending January 31, 2026 are approved:

\$ 179,884.94	General Account
\$ 6,998,776.31	General Investment
\$ 1,846,962.79	Capital Reserve
\$ 500,000.00	Compensating Balance
\$ 4,506,275.52	Class General Account
\$ 202,343.36	Scrub Oak Renovation Bond Proceeds
\$14,234,242.92	Total 1/31/26

Trustee Necarsulmer joined the meeting via Zoom.

The Clerk gave the report for January 2026 False Fire and Burglar Alarms:

Fire Billed: \$1,050; Fire Collected: \$400
Burglar Billed: \$225; Burglar Collected: \$475

Fire Chief Paul Insalaco gave the January 2026 report for the Fire Department. Police Chief Chris Isola gave the January 2026 report for the Police Department. Building Inspector William Nowak gave the January 2026 report for the Building Department.

Upon motion made by Tom Mullen, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that Theodore Richert is promoted to the position of Police Sergeant, effective February 20, 2026, at a yearly salary of \$170,630. Mayor Treuhold then invited Sergeant Richert to come forward with his daughters to be formally sworn into his new position.

Public Hearing on the Tax Levy Limit Override

The Mayor opened the public hearing entitled: "A Local Law authorizing a Property Tax Levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c." as introduced at the Board of Trustees meeting held on Friday, January 16, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. Irwin Messer questioned about a tax levy increase. The Mayor

explained the tax cap requirement and the necessity to adopt this resolution in the event the levy exceeded the threshold. He stated that the local law then would be repealed if the levy stayed within the limit. There were no other comments and upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, the public hearing was closed.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Quogue have proposed a local law authorizing a Property Tax Levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.”;” and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of said local law is considered to be a Type II action under 6 NYCRR §617.5(c), SEQRA and will not have a significant adverse impact upon the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 1 of 2026 is hereby adopted as attached.

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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that after public hearing was held on February 20, 2026, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Quogue at their meeting of February 20 2026 adopted Local Law No. 1 of 2026 as follows: “A LOCAL LAW authorizing a Property Tax Levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.”

Copies of the adopted 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

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

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

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the list from the Quogue Fire Department, following posting on January 16, 2026, showing the names of firefighters and the points earned in 2025 under the Quogue Fire Department Service Award Program and as modified as of this date, is approved.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that Helen Horton and Gale Williams are appointed as Election Inspectors for the Village Election on June 19, 2026.

Upon motion made by Tom Mullen, seconded by Sally Beatty and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that Victoria Sartorius is appointed to the position of Design Review Board Alternate Member effective February 20, 2026.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund Standard Benefit agreement to continue administering the negotiated EBF benefits.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign and execute the 2026 Town of Southampton Shared Computer Services Agreement.

Upon motion made by Tom Mullen, seconded by Sally Beatty and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that a request from Edward Mobus to reserve the Village Dock gazebo for a wedding ceremony on April 12, 2026 from noon until 3:00 is approved.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that a refund of \$25 to Betsy Muller for the duplicate payment of a 2026 Alarm Registration is approved.

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the 2026 fees set forth below and the forms of the 2026 Village Beach Permit Application, 2026 Locker Rental Application, and 2026 Special Events Permit Application are approved as follows:

Vehicle (Resident)	\$120
Vehicle (Renter)	\$500
Walk-On	\$40
Replacement Sticker Fee	\$25
Locker Rental Fee	\$300
Decks and Beach	\$350 (fee waived if contracting with the concessionaire)
Parking Lot For Off-Site Function	\$500

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign the renewal of the Building & Codes Software Support Contract with Williamson Law Book Co. from 3/1/2026 to 2/28/2027.

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

- 17973 Witmer Public Safety Group in the amount of \$22.99 for shipping
- 17865 Galls in the amount of \$38.77 for a price increase & shipping
- 17944 Hinck Electrical Contractor Inc in the amount of \$1,187.61 for an increased cost in the repair to the flashing lights on Montauk Highway

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

- From A3120150 Police Overtime to 3120130 Part-time Services \$25,000
- From A132522 Clerk/Treasurer-Equipment to A1620443 Buildings/Improvements & Maintenance \$3,000
- From A132522 Clerk/Treasurer-Equipment to A1325210 Clerk-Treasurer/Furniture \$200
- From A1325411 Clerk-Treasurer/Supplies & Materials to A132549 Clerk-Misc \$1,000
- From A1440400 Engineer-Architect/Cont Serv to A8020446 Planning/Engineer-Con Ser \$7,000
- From A5182449 Street Lighting/Improvements to A5182448 St. Lighting/Repairs \$6,200
- From A718049 Beach/Misc. Expenses to A7180411 Beach/Supplies-Equipment \$350
- From A362049 Safety Misc to A3620210 Safety Furniture \$1,500

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the A5110240 Highway St Maintenance Equipment budget is increased in the amount of \$18,028.01 from unassigned balance to fund the expense of the 2025 John Deere mower (2024-2025 purchase order 17687 United Ag & Turf).

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Tom Mullen and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the May regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is rescheduled to Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 3:00 pm..

Nitrogen Smart Communities Pledge

Upon motion made by Sally Beatty, seconded by Randy Cardo and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the following Nitrogen Smart Communities Pledge was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Village of Quogue believes that nitrogen pollution poses a real and increasing threat to the waters of Long Island; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes that nitrogen is the leading cause of water quality deterioration in surface and groundwater which leads to low oxygen conditions, fish kills, and degraded marine habitats, as well as contaminating the sole source of drinking water on Long Island.

WHEREAS, the Village believes that educating, informing, and encouraging participation from members of the community is an essential step in eliminating, reducing, or preventing nitrogen pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Village recognizes that nitrogen enters the groundwater and surface water of Long Island from wastewater (sewer and septic systems), stormwater runoff and fertilizer; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes that a response through community-specific plans of action to reduce nitrogen pollution has beneficial environmental and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes that each small step taken at the local level to reduce, eliminate or prevent nitrogen pollution has an impact in preserving Long Island's waters; and

WHEREAS, the Village is aware of the Nitrogen Smart Communities (NSC) Program organized and promoted by the Long Island Watershed Program under the auspices of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of Quogue, with the intention of reducing, eliminating, or preventing nitrogen pollution, adopts the Nitrogen Smart Communities Pledge, which comprises the following elements:

- Build a Nitrogen Smart Community
- Inform, educate, and encourage community engagement related to nitrogen reduction
- Inventory priority sources of nitrogen and impacted waterbodies
- Create an implementation plan and schedule activities to reduce nitrogen and protect Long Island's waters
- Engage in an evolving and ongoing process of nitrogen reduction actions

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints the Mayor to act as the NSC Coordinator to serve as the point of contact for the NSC Program and to facilitate project implementation.

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 3:35 PM.

Aimee Buhl, Village Clerk

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 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.