BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF SANDS POINT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025

Present:	Peter A. Forman	Mayor
	Elena Karabatos	Deputy Mayor
	Sloane Ackerman	Trustee
	David Schamis	Trustee
	Daniel Scheyer	Advisor to the Mayor
	Liz Gaynor	Village Clerk
	Denise de Reyna	Treasurer
	Michael Sahn, Esq.	Village Attorney
	Joshua D. Brookstein, Esq.	Village Attorney
Absent:	Jeffrey Moslow	Trustee

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Karabatos and seconded by Trustee Schamis the Public Hearing was opened at 8:00 p.m. to **consider Renewal of the Cable Franchise Agreement between the Incorporated Village of Sands Point and Verizon New York, Inc.**

The receipt of the affidavit of publication of the public hearing was published in the *Port Washington News* and the affidavit of posting of the public hearing was posted at the office of the Village Clerk.

Mayor Forman called to **continue the public hearing on cable franchise renewal** to the January 27, 2026 Board meeting. Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Karabatos and seconded by Trustee Schamis and carried unanimously the Board agreed to **continue the hearing to the January 27, 2026 Board meeting**.

The Board upon motion by Deputy Mayor Karabatos and seconded by Trustee Schamis and carried unanimously agreed to continue public hearings on the following proposed local laws:

1) Local Law to Amend Chapter 105, "Lighting" of the Code of the Village of Sands Point
2) Local Law to Amend Chapter 141, "Streets and Sidewalks" of the Code of the Village of Sands Point
3) Local Law to Amend Chapter 132, "Site Plan Review" of the Code of the Village of Sands Point
4) Local Law to Amend Chapter 100, "Historic Preservation" of the Code of the Village of Sands Point
5) Local Law to Amend Chapter 168 of the Village Code, "Water" relating to water rates, of the Code of the Village of Sands Point

6) Local Law to Amend Chapter 12, "Ethics, Code of." of the Code of the Village of Sands Point
7) Local Law to Amend Chapter 49, "Boating," of the Code of the Village of Sands Point
8) Local Law to Amend Chapter 176, "Zoning" to Create an Amnesty Period Relating to Building Permits of the Code of the Village of Sands Point
9) Local Law to Amend Chapter 74, "Drainage" of the Code of the Village of Sands Point
10) Local Law to Amend Chapter 40, "Alarm Systems" of the Code of the Village of Sands Point
11) Local Law to Amend Chapter 82, "Fees & Deposits" of the Code of the Village of Sands Point
12) Local Law to Amend Chapter 1, "General Provisions" of the Code of the Village of Sands Point
13) Local Law to Amend Chapter 172, Section 2, "Wells," "Penalties for offenses," of the Code of the Village of Sands Point
14) Local Law to Amend Chapter 85, "Filming" of the Code of the Village of Sands Point
15) Local Law to Amend Chapter 98, "Helicopters" of the Code of the Village of Sands Point

Mayor Forman opened the Organizational portion of the meeting.

Mayor Forman placed on the table for consideration a **Resolution Appointing Michael F. McNerney as Senior Superintendent of Building Department until June 30, 2026.**

Whereupon, Deputy Mayor Karabatos proposed the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 12222025-01
APPOINTING MICHAEL F. MCNERNEY
AS AN SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT
FOR THE VILLAGE OF SANDS POINT,
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

WHEREAS**,** pursuant to Section 4-400 of the Village Law, the Mayor shall appoint all department and non-elected officers and employees of the Village, subject to the approval of the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, Michael F. McNerney is currently serving as the Superintendent of the Building Department for the Incorporated Village of Sands Point; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, desires to appoint Mr. McNerney to serve as Senior Superintendent of Building Department, effective immediately, until June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has conferred with the Village Board concerning Mr. McNerney's appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board supports the appointment of Mr. McNerney as Senior Superintendent of Building Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. Mayor Forman appoints Michael F. McNerney to serve as Senior Superintendent of Building Department, effective immediately, through June 30, 2026, terminable at will by the Village.

2. The Village Board supports and ratifies Mr. McNerney's appointment.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Schamis. On roll call:

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting	-	aye
Deputy Mayor Elena Karabatos voting	-	aye
Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye
Trustee David Schamis voting	-	aye

Resolution 12222025-01 was duly adopted.

Mayor Forman placed on the table for consideration a **Resolution Appointing Joseph Canzoneri, Jr. as Superintendent of Building Department until June 30, 2026.**

Whereupon, Deputy Mayor Karabatos proposed the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 122222025-02
APPOINTING JOSEPH CANZONERI, JR.
AS AN SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT
FOR THE VILLAGE OF SANDS POINT,
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

WHEREAS**,** pursuant to Section 4-400 of the Village Law, the Mayor shall appoint all department and non-elected officers and employees of the Village, subject to the approval of the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Canzoneri, Jr. served as Plan Examiner at the Town of North Hempstead, and therefore has the experience and credentials to serve the Village as Superintendent of Building Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, desires to appoint Mr. Cazoneri, Jr., to serve as Superintendent of Building Department, effective immediately, until June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has conferred with the Village Board concerning Mr. Canzoneri, Jr's appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board supports the appointment of Mr. Cazoneri, Jr. as Superintendent of Building Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

3. Mayor Forman appoints Joseph Cazoneri, Jr., to serve as Superintendent of Building Department, effective immediately, through June 30, 2026, terminable at will by the Village.

4. The Village Board supports and ratifies Mr. Canzoneri, Jr.'s appointment.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Schamis. On roll call:

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting	-	aye
Deputy Mayor Elena Karabatos voting	-	aye
Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye
Trustee David Schamis voting	-	aye

Resolution 12222025-02 was duly adopted.

Placed on the table for consideration a **Resolution to Add ConnectOne Bank ICS as an Additional Depository for the Investment of Village Funds. WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees by Resolutions adopted since January 20, 1994 has established an investment policy for Village Funds, **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board has reviewed the proposal of ConnectOne Bank ICS and approves its designation as a Village Depository, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the guidelines as outlined in Resolution 07222025-02 shall apply to this new depository designate. On motion by Deputy Mayor Karabatos and seconded by Trustee Schamis and carried unanimously the Board designates ConnectOne Bank ICS as an official depository for the Inc. Village of Sands Point

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting	-	aye
Deputy Elena Karabatos voting	-	aye
Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye

Trustee David Schamis voting - aye

Resolution 12222025-03 was duly adopted.

Mayor Forman moved on to the Village Club matters.

Placed on the table for consideration a **Resolution Awarding and Ratifying the Execution of a Contract between the Village of Sands Point and Cow Bay Contracting for the Renovation of the Dining Room and Bar Area of the Grille** at the Village Club of Sands Point.

RESOLUTION 12222025-04
RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID AND RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF SANDS POINT AND COW BAY CONTRACTING FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE DINING ROOM AND BAR AREA OF THE GRILLE AT THE VILLAGE CLUB OF SANDS POINT

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Sands Point (the "Village") is the owner of the Village Club of Sands Point, located at 1 Thayer Lane, in the Village, known and designated as Section 4, Block B, Lot 146 on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map (the "Premises"); and

WHEREAS, the Premises are approximately 210 acres and improved with a golf course, swimming pool tennis courts, pickleball courts, Grille, and dining and event space; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees (the "Village Board") has determined that it is in the public interest to renovate the Grille at the Premises (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2025, the Village published bid documents for the Project; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2025, one bid from Cow Bay Contracting ("Cow Bay") was received for the Project; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the bid is attached to this Resolution and made a part of the minutes; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that Cow Bay is the lowest reputable bidder that responded to the solicitation for bids; and

WHEREAS, due to the time constraints associated with commencing and completing construction prior to the start of the golf season, it was necessary to expedite commencement of the Project; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid delay to the Project, the Mayor executed a contract with Cow Bay, subject to approval and ratification by the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed the bid, the terms of the contract, and the circumstances necessitating execution of the contract, and finds that awarding the bid to Cow Bay and ratifying the Mayor's execution of the contract is in the best interests of the Village.

WHEREAS**,** the Village Board finds the Cow Bay proposal to be reasonable and appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The contract for the Project is awarded to Cow Bay in the amount of $1,071,012; and
2. The Village Board ratifies, confirms, and approves the Mayor's execution of the contract with Cow Bay, dated December 13, 2025.

A motion to adopt the above Resolution was made by Deputy Mayor Karabatos, seconded by Trustee Schamis, and adopted upon the following roll call vote:

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting	-	aye
Deputy Mayor Elena Karabatos vote	-	aye
Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye
Trustee David Schamis voting	-	aye

Resolution 12222025-04 was duly adopted.

Mayor Forman placed on the table **a Resolution Approval of Attendance for Club Golf Professionals at the 2026 PGA Show in Orlando Florida from January 20-23, 2026.**

Whereupon, Deputy Mayor Karabatos proposed the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 12222025-05
APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE
FOR GOLF PROFESSIONALS:
ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, WILL BLACKMAN,
DIRECTOR OF GOLF KYLE HIGGINS, AND
GOLF ASSISTANTS, JACOB CHESHIRE AND JAMES LOSEE
ATTENDANCE AT THE PGA SHOW IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA
FROM JANUARY 20, 2026 THROUGH JANUARY 23, 2026

WHEREAS, it is necessary for golf industry personnel to acquire up to date information on club management, products, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Club General Manager Jon Cheshire is requesting attendance for Assistant General Manager, Will Blackman, Director of Golf, Kyle Higgins, and Golf Assistants, Jacob Cheshire and James Losee at the 2026 PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, Florida in order to further their knowledge and expertise; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does hereby authorize the attendance of Jon Cheshire, Jacob Cheshire, and Kyle Higgins to attend the 2026 PGA SHOW in Orlando, Florida from January 20, 2026 to January 23, 2026 at a cost not to exceed ±$5,000.00 for all four participants.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Schamis. On roll call:

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting	-	aye
Deputy Mayor Elena Karabatos voting	-	aye
Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye
Trustee David Schamis voting	-	aye

Resolution 12222025-05 was duly adopted.

Mayor Forman placed on the table for consideration a **Resolution Adopting the Village Club of Sands Point Mission Statement and the Re-naming of the Village Club Committee ("VCC") to the Join Advisory Committee ("JAC")**.

Whereupon, Deputy Mayor Karabatos proposed the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 12222025-06
ADOPTION OF THE VILLAGE CLUB OF SANDS POINT MISSION STATEMENT
AND RE-NAMING OF THE VILLAGE CLUB COMMITTEE TO

THE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ("JAC")

WHEREAS, in 1995, the Village of Sands Point created and established by resolution a Residents' Club Commission to assist, guide and oversee the newly acquired Village Club of Sands Point (the "Village Club"), in ; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, pursuant to Resolution 02262008-07, the Village replaced the Residence Club Commission with the Village Club Commission; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, pursuant to Resolution 01262016-04, the Village replaced the Village Club Commission with seven (7) standing club committees (the "Existing Standing Committees") and an operations committee (the "Operations Committee"); and

WHEREAS, in 2021, pursuant to Resolution 01262021-09, the Board of Trustees restructured the committee's structure to more efficiently utilize available volunteer time, to better advise the Board of Trustees and Village Club management on Village Club operations and issues, and to foster better and more timely communications by and between Village Club volunteer committees, the Board of Trustees, and Village Club management; and

WHEREAS, now for 2026, in order to better reflect the Committee's role and expectations the Committee will now be known as the Joint Advisory Committee ("JAC") which consists of the Chairs from the underlying Standing Advisory Committees ("SACs');

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board be and hereby adopt the following Mission Statement for The Village Club :

1) The JAC is created by the Mayor and Board of Trustees ("BOT") of the Village of Sands Point ("the Village") from the Chairs of the underlying Standing Advisory Committees ("SACs") and some at-large members.
    a) The JAC shall have a Chair or Co-Chairs and may have a Deputy Chair

2) Collectively, the JAC and the SACs are known as the "Club Committees".

3) The SACs shall consist of: Golf and Greens, Tennis, Platform, Pickle, Pool & Waterfront, Food & Beverage, and Social Events, as well as any other committees as established from time-to-time.
    a) Each SAC shall have a Chair and a Vice-Chair
    b) *Please note: Golf has been renamed to Golf and Greens.*

4) <u>High Level Mission Statement Summary</u>: These Club Committees are created with teams of members of the Club to advise management and Village leadership on the Club matters, in many different areas, and to be ambassadors of the Club to other members and the community. It is meant to be a pleasant and satisfying experience to contribute to the success of our Club. There are more details throughout this document.

5) *Note: The Club is wholly owned by the Village and since the Village BOT are Fiduciaries, under law they have the legal responsibility to put the interests of taxpayers ahead of all else in the running of the Club.*
    a) *Nevertheless, it should be noted, the Village Mayor and BOT believe that a well-run Club with a great Club member experience is in the best interests of taxpayers and Club members alike.*
    b) *The major investments made in recent years are among some of the evidence thereto.*

6) The members and Chairs of the Club Committees shall serve 1-year appointments, at the discretion of the Mayor and/or the Village BOT (who shall make these appointments in consultation with Management and JAC Chairs and shall approve them in writing).
    a) The goal is, wherever possible, for the Club Committees to be composed of a spectrum of membership demographics and membership categories and contain a variety of talents, skills, experiences, interests, and social backgrounds.

7) While the Club Committee members are not fiduciaries of the Village or of the Club, in their capacities as Chairs or members, they play an incredibly important role as advisors to Management and to the Mayor and as liaisons with the other Club members and the community-at-large
8) All Club Committee members shall:
    a) Be ambassadors and boosters of the Club to the other members and the community;
    b) Provide feedback to Management and Village leadership;
    c) Promote Club membership;
    d) Advice on competitive information that would be of value;
    e) Attend Club events and activities and encourage your peers to support the Club as well;
    f) Advise on programming, facilities matters, member issues, and anything else that you believe is of value to share.
    g) Advise of staffing concerns, of any nature;
    h) Maintain the confidence of discussions
    i) Provide brief, written updates to the BOT.

9) The Chairs of the SACs shall co-Chair SAC meetings with the respective department head and shall collaborate on:
    a) Managing the SAC meeting with the Dept Head
    b) Preparing SAC meeting agendas
    c) Scheduling 4 to 8 SAC meetings
    d) Recommend appointees thereto
    e) Recommend a reasonable number of SAC members
    f) Develop future leadership for the SACs and recommend Deputy Chairs
    g) Try to bring other staff, below the department head, relevant to the specific SAC meeting.
    h) Attend and offer reports at the JAC meetings
    i) Note: Management shall endeavor to bring one Dept Head to each JAC meeting
    j) Note: Management and SAC Chairs shall collaborate on SAC meeting dates
    k) Note: Management shall assist SAC Chair, as requested, in scheduling SAC meetings

10) The Chair/s of the JAC shall
    a) Collaborate with Management and Mayor on JAC agendas
    b) Attend JAC meetings
    c) Scheduling about 10 JAC meetings annually.
    d) Attend a variety of SAC meetings (*as shall GM*)
    e) With support from Management:
        i) support and oversee SAC Chairs
        ii) advise on issues with any SACs (regularity of meetings, agendas, disruptive members, etc…)
    f) *Note: The General Manager shall arrange to provide the BOT with minutes and other commentary from each JAC meeting.*
    g) Note: Management, JAC Chairs, and Mayor shall collaborate on JAC meeting dates with the goal of publishing, tentatively, all the meeting dates for the calendar year in advance. (WHO are we publishing these to? these are not likely public meetings to the members)
    h) Note: Management and JAC Chairs shall collaborate on SAC meeting dates
    i) Note: Management and SAC Chairs shall use calendar invites for SAC and JAC meetings
    j) Note: The Village BOT and Mayor shall have standing invites, ex officio, to all JAC and SAC meetings

The motion was seconded by Trustee Schamis. On roll call:

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting - aye
Deputy Mayor Elena Karabatos voting - aye

Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye
Trustee David Schamis voting	-	aye

Resolution 12222025-06 is duly adopted.

Mayor Adler placed on the table a **request from the Operations Committee to approve bonuses for Club employees**, a copy of which is appended hereto and made part of the minutes.

Whereupon, Deputy Mayor Karabatos proposed the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 12222025-07
APPROVAL OF BONUSES FOR CLUB EMPLOYEES
THE VILLAGE CLUB OF SANDS POINT

WHEREAS, the Operations Committee would like to distribute bonuses to Club employees as budgeted in the 2025 Club Budget; and

WHEREAS, the amount for the bonuses will not exceed the amount budgeted; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the request and finds that the bonuses are essential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Club Operations Committee be and hereby be allowed to distribute bonuses to Club employees.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Schamis. On roll call:

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting	-	aye
Deputy Mayor Elena Karabatos voting	-	aye
Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye
Trustee David Schamis voting	-	aye

Resolution 12222025-07 was duly adopted.

At 8:10 Mayor Forman opened the Regular meeting of the Board.

The **Minutes** of the meeting held on December 1, 2025 were reviewed. On motion by Deputy Mayor Karabatos, seconded by Trustee Schamis and carried unanimously, the minutes of December 1, 2025 were approved.

The Board received the **Water Commissioner's Report,** which is appended hereto and made a part of the minutes. The Report noted that water pumpage during November of 2025 was 12,782,131 gallons pumped vs. 23,110,273 gallons pumped during November of 2024.

The **Treasurer's Report** showing cash balances as of November 30, 2025 was reviewed (copy attached). On motion by Deputy Mayor Karabatos and seconded by Trustee Schamis and carried unanimously, the Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed.

Claims as presented for payment in December were reviewed. On motion of Deputy Mayor Karabatos, seconded by Trustee Schamis and carried unanimously, the claims were approved for payment. Abstract of Claims is appended hereto and made a part of the minutes.

The Board received **Recommendations of the Building Commissioner** as to Granting of Building Permit Extensions that are appended hereto and made a part of the minutes. On motion of Deputy Mayor Karabatos, seconded by Trustee Schamis and carried unanimously, the Building Commissioner's recommendations were adopted.

The Board received the **Building Department Report of Activity** for the month of November 2025, which showed:

Building Permits issued – 10
Building Permit Applications filed – 10
Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 0
Certificates of Completion Issued – 14
Temporary Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 0
54 Trees to be Removed/Replaced

The Board received the **Justice Court Report** for the month of November 2025 which showed:

Arraignments – 25
Trials - 0
Total VTL Amount Collected- $1,434.00
Total Village Code Fines Collected: $3,900.00
Total VTL & Village Code Fines Collected: $5,332.00

Mayor Forman placed on the table for **consideration a Resolution Authorizing Purchase of a New Truck for the Sands Point Water Department**.

Whereupon, Deputy Mayor Karabatos proposed the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 12222025-08
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A 2026 FORD F150 STX PICKUP TRUCK
MINI-BID RESULTS - NEW YORK STATE CONTRACT NO. PC88939
SANDS POINT WATER DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Sands Point Water is utilizing a vehicle replacement program which provides a timetable for the efficient replacement of department vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Water Superintendent Christian DiMartino is looking to replace the 2013 Ford F-150 STX Pickup Truck (VIN# ending in F06195)

WHEREAS, AR Clerk Paul Zuppello made application through the NYS Mini-Bid process, working within the Village's requirements, which has resulted in five bids, a copy of which, are appended hereto and made a part of the minutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed the recommendation and finds it to be acceptable,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that one 2026 Ford F150 STX Pickup Truck be **purchased under New York State Contract #PC88939, from Hempstead Lincoln Mercury Motors Corp., 301 N. Franklin St, Hempstead, New York 11550 for $49,947.52 ±; and**

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that all is subject to further review and approval by the Mayor; if a different vehicle at a better price can be had.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Schamis. On roll call:

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting	-	aye
Deputy Mayor Elena Karabatos voting	-	aye
Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye
Trustee David Schamis voting	-	aye

Resolution 12222025-08 was duly adopted.

Mayor Forman placed on the table for consideration a request from **Treasurer Denise de Reyna to Attend the NYSGFOA Conference** in April 2026.

Whereupon, Deputy Mayor Karabatos proposed the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 12222025-09
APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE AT
NYS GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS' ASSOCATION, INC.
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
APRIL 15, 2026 THROUGH APRIL 17, 2026
FOR
TREASURER DENISE de REYNA

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Treasurers to acquire up to date information and educational credits to maintain certifications; and

WHEREAS, Treasurer de Reyna is required to attend various educational seminars each year to maintain her certification; and

WHEREAS, the NYSGFOA is holding the annual conference on April 15, 2026 through April 17, 2026 (Wednesday – Friday) in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed Treasurer Denise de Reyna's request and found the meeting to be essential in order to maintain the highest level of service for the Village government.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Treasurer Denise de Reyna be and hereby is authorized to attend the NYS Government Finance Officers' Association Annual Conference in Albany, NY on April 15-17, 2026 at a cost not to exceed $1,500.00.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Schamis. On roll call:

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting	-	aye
Deputy Mayor Elena Karabatos voting	-	aye
Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye
Trustee David Schamis voting	-	aye

Resolution 12222025-09 was duly adopted.

Mayor Forman placed on the table for consideration **a recommendation from Water Superintendent Christian DiMartino for adjustments to the December 2025 water bills for the following residents:**

1) **Fagen Residence at 21 Elm Court – due to leak – a one-time bill reduction of $1,000.**
2) **Siegel Residence at 36 Sousa Drive – due to leak – a one-time bill reduction of $605.83**
3) **Hazan Residence at 30 Plum Beach Point Road – a one-time bill reduction of $1,000.**

A copy of the Superintendent's recommendations is appended hereto and made a part of the minutes. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Karabatos and seconded by Trustee Schamis and carried unanimously, the Board resolved to approve the recommended adjustments. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting	-	aye
Deputy Mayor Elena Karabatos voting	-	aye
Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye
Trustee David Schamis voting	-	aye

Resolution 12222025-10 was duly adopted.

Mayor Forman announced that **Ratification to Extend the 12-Hour Shift Agreement for One Year to the Sands Point Collective Bargaining Agreement will be TABLED** to the January 2026 meeting.

Mayor Forman placed on the table for consideration a **Resolution Ratifying and Affirming Additional Landscaping & Hardscape Work at the GAC Site at Wells 2A & 5A located on Tibbits Lane.**

Whereupon, Deputy Mayor Karabatos proposed the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 12222025-11
RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING
ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPING
AT THE WELLS 2A & 5A GAC SITE
LOCATED ON TIBBITS LANE
BONAVITACOLA LANDSCAPING CONTRACTORS

WHEREAS, per Resolution 09252025-17 Bonavitacola Landscaping Contractors were engaged for the supply, purchase, and installation of planting materials, soil, mulch,

and berm installation at the Wells 2A & 5A GAC Site located on Tibbits Lane a cost of $80,625.00; and

WHEREAS, additional work was necessary beyond the original scope proposed per Resolution 09252025-17 and also beyond the work done per Resolution 120120225-11, a copy of the additional work performed is appended hereto and made a part of the minutes,

WHEREAS, additional Spring plantings will also be needed at a cost not to exceed $15,000.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby ratify and affirms the decision authorizing Bonavitacola Landscaping Contractors to perform the additional work currently and in the Spring; and

FURTHER RESOLVED the Board authorizes the additional payment to Bonavitacola Landscaping Contractors, 100 Haven Avenue, Port Washington, New York 11050.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Schamis. On roll call:

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting	-	aye
Deputy Mayor Elena Karabatos voting	-	aye
Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye
Trustee David Schamis voting	-	aye

Resolution 12222025-11 was duly adopted.

Mayor Forman placed on the table for consideration a **Resolution Authorizing the Retention of a Dram Shop Attorney to Provide Professional Services for the Village Club of Sands Point's Liquor Licenses**.

Whereupon, Deputy Mayor Karabatos proposed the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 12222025-12
AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF A DRAM SHOP ATTORNEY
TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN REGARD TO
THE VILLAGE CLUB OF SANDS POINT'S LIQUOR LICENSES

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Village Board") of the Incorporated Village of Sands Point (the "Village"), has determined that it is in the public interest to secure professional services of a Dram Shop attorney in connection with the liquor licenses held by the Village for The Village Club of Sands Point; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to obtain professional consulting services to undertake an independent review of the liquor operations at the Village Club, to consider any potential liability and for the overall public safety to Club members and residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board authorizes the Village to retain a Dram Shop Attorney subject to further review by Mayor.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Schamis. On roll call:

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting	-	aye
Deputy Mayor Elena Karabatos vote	-	aye
Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye
Trustee David Schamis voting	-	aye

Resolution 12222025-12 was duly adopted.

Mayor Forman placed on the table for consideration a **Transfer of Village Funds from the 2025/26 Fiscal Year Budget to the 401(A) Qualified Defined Contribution Program Account for Terminal Pay of Chief Thomas Ruehle.**

Whereupon, Deputy Mayor Karabatos proposed the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 122222025-13
TRANSFER OF VILLAGE FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENT ACCOUNT TO 401(A) QUALIFIED DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM ACCOUNT FOR THE TERMINAL PAY OF CHIEF THOMAS RUEHLE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 401(a) Plan Agreement by and between the Village of Sands Point and the Sands Point Police Benevolent Association, dated September 10, 2015 (the "Plan Agreement"), the Village authorized implementation and administration of a 401(a) Qualified Defined Contribution Program to be used to deposit accumulated sick and/or vacation leave, terminal retirement pay, or other incentive payments on behalf of the officers of the Village of Sands Point Police Department; and

WHEREAS, under the Plan Agreement, the Village is authorized to fund a retiring officer's 401(a) account with the maximum annual contribution permitted by law for up to three (3) years prior to retirement; and

WHEREAS, the maximum annual contribution to a 401(a) Plan account currently permitted under the law is $70,000.00; and

WHEREAS, as a condition precedent to the funding of the 401(a) account, the retiring officer is required to submit to the Village a Notification of Intention to Retire and a Promissory Note for the amount to be pre-funded on the forms approved by the Village; and

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2025, Chief Thomas Ruehle. of the Sands Point Police Department submitted a Notification to Retire to the Village, setting forth his intention to retire effective June 12, 2026, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Chief Thomas Ruehle has provided the Village with promissory notes in the aggregate amount of $70,000; and

WHEREAS, the Village's Fund Balance Policy states that where expenditures are incurred for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, the expenditure is to be spent from restricted fund balance first, then unrestricted; and

WHEREAS, the current balance in the Restricted Fund-Reserve for Employee Benefits Accrued Liability is only $94,170; and

WHEREAS, the Village does not wish to deplete the reserve at this time; and

WHEREAS, the funds for terminal pay are in the 2025/26 Fiscal Year Budget - Contingent Account; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a contribution in the amount of $70,000.00, constituting a portion of Chief Thomas Ruehle. terminal pay, is authorized to be drawn from the 2025/26 fiscal year budget and deposited in the 401(A) Qualified Defined Contribution Program Account for Chief Thomas Ruehle; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the following budgetary transfer be authorized for this payment:

From: A1990.0400 Contingent Account $70,000.00

To: A3120.0482 Police/Retirement 401A $70,000.00

The motion was seconded by Trustee Schamis. On roll call:

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting	-	aye
Deputy Mayor Elena Karabatos voting	-	aye
Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye
Trustee David Schamis voting	-	aye

Resolution 12222025-13 was duly adopted.

Placed on the table for consideration a **Resolution Approving the Retirement of Sands Point Police Chief Thomas Ruehle.**

Whereupon, Deputy Mayor Karabatos proposed the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 12222025-14
APPROVING THE RETIREMENT OF
POLICE CHIEF THOMAS RUEHLE (EMPLOYEE #0414)
FROM THE SANDS POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the retirement of Thomas Ruehle Employee #0414 effective January 21, 2026, pursuant to the New York State Comptroller's Office.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Schamis. On roll call:

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting	-	aye
Deputy Mayor Elena Karabatos vote	-	aye
Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye
Trustee David Schamis voting	-	aye

Resolution 12222025-14 was duly adopted.

Placed on the table for consideration a **Resolution Approving the Appointment Casey Wall as Provisional Chief of Police.**

Whereupon, Deputy Mayor Karabatos proposed the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION 12222025-15
APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF
CASEY WALL AS PROVISIONAL CHIEF OF POLICE
OF THE
SANDS POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the appointment of Casey Wall as Provisional Chief of Police, effective January 21, 2026, subject to Civil Service Requirements, and subject further to the establishment by the Board of his terms and conditions of employment as Provisional Chief.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Schamis. On roll call:

Mayor Peter A. Forman voting	-	aye
Deputy Mayor Elena Karabatos vote	-	aye
Trustee Jeffrey Moslow voting	-	absent
Trustee Sloane Ackerman voting	-	aye
Trustee David Schamis voting	-	aye

Resolution 12222025-15 was duly adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Deputy Mayor Karabatos, seconded by Trustee Schamis and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Liz Gaynor

Liz Gaynor,
Village Clerk