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Village of Bellport

General Meeting
Monday, October 27, 2025 at 7:00PM
This meeting will be held in the Community Center

A G E N D A

This meeting is open to the public in the Community Center downstairs, located at 4 Bell Street. It is an in-person meeting and will be streamed on Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call. Mayor Maureen Veitch, Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohmeier, Trustee Lorraine Kuehn, Trustee Michael Young, and Village Attorney Larry Davis.. Trustee Steve Mackin was absent.

On a motion by Trustee Lorraine Kuehn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohmeier, and unanimously carried the Board opened the General Meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Opening remarks by Mayor Maureen Veitch

Mayor Updates Capital Projects, Grants

a. HUD 2024 Grant- Howells Creek

This grant was written in 2023 and i for the flood mitigation on Howell Creek, and flood mitigation on three road endings, South Howells, Thornhedge, and Otis. We will be dredging the mouth of the creek in November or early December. Hopefully that will have a significant impact on the water level on Howells Creek. The dredging is being piggybacked off of a county contract with a firm H & L. There's a special piece of equipment that we need.

When you have a HUD Grant, you need to have an environmental review completed and approved before the work is started to be reimbursed. In this case, the environmental review has been submitted but because of the government shutdown, we don't know when it will be reviewed. If the dredging is not done there is a possibility of losing 3 holes on the course.

We had a meeting with Parkland, who takes care of the physical plant at the golf course. They are scheduled to do some plantings to hold down the area once the dredging is complete. The material will be put inside and underneath the shoreline with natural and indigenous plants.

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- b. Boards Training – October 18th Update
The ZBA, ARB, Historic, and Planning Boards were trained by Village Attorney Larry Davis and Village Attorney Deirdre Cicciaro on October 18th. One of the attendees stated that it was a terrific conversation not only because they were educated about what they can and cannot do, but also there was great dialogue between the members.
- c. Public Meeting – Country Club/Golf Course
We held a public meeting regarding the Country Club on September 25th. The meeting was well attended with over 200 people. The people participated at the various stations and filled out a short survey to complement the information at the stations. If residents weren't able to attend, we offered an opportunity to fill out a lengthier survey which was open for 2 weeks. We will be getting the results of that on or about November 6th.
- d. Review Code- Start Time for Construction/Landscapers
The Board will be discussing start time for construction and landscaping in the Village at the November 10th Work Session. At this time, the start time is 8:00 a.m. but quite often they are on the job at 7:00 a.m.
- e. Fireworks
There were fireworks this weekend at a resident's home, we believe, in Bellport. I would like to remind everybody that there is a specific code in the Village about fireworks and you need a permit to have fireworks on your property.
- f. General Code
We have been notified that we have received the first draft of our Code Book from Geneal Code. The company brought everything up to federal, state, and local standards. The next step is training on how to use and change some items within the Code Book. We will take each section and come up with a strategy for updating it in context of Bellport and make suggestions to the Board.

Trustee Updates

- a. Trustee Steve Mackin – DPW, Bellport Fire Department, South Country Ambulance, Suffolk County Police Department – Road Safety
 - Suffolk County Police Department
 - Emergency Preparedness Plan Progress – Presentation by Eugene LaFurno on November 10th
Mr. LaFurno has rewritten the Emergency Preparedness Plan which hasn't been updated in a long time. He has prepared us for every scenario, whether it's fire, floods, and hurricanes with a chain of command and phone numbers. I want to personally thank Eugene for the work he put into the project.

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b. Trustee Nathan Rohrmeier – Code Enforcement, Waterfront Management Board, Golf Commission, Tennis Commission, and Vouchers

- Recap of HUD 2022
We are just at the stage of receiving a proposal from VHB to design the wave fence. They have sent us a preliminary number but will have a definite number in the near future.
- Code Enforcement Interviews
Our first round of interviews with Code Enforcement candidates is coming up. I encourage anyone who is interested to come into Village Hall and apply.

c. Trustee Lorraine Kuehn – Communication/Website, Business District, Senior Program, Vouchers, Kids Camp, and Building Department

- Employee Handbook
The Employee Handbook has been sent to Council for review. The Employee Handbook is 17 years old and many federal and state labor laws were very outdated. Once Council returns it, I will do the formatting and redlining that is changed by Council. It will have an electronic table of contents and I believe it's going to be fully electronic. Last step for the Employee Handbook is to present it to the Board and employees.
- Town of Brookhaven Senior Programs
The Village has been lucky in our 2025 – 2026 Community Development Grant from the Town of Brookhaven. We have added monies to the program because of the overrun. The exercise programs should return to the Community Center right after the holidays.

d. Trustee Michael Young – Zoning Board of Appeals, Architectural Review Board, Planning Board, Historical Preservation, Yacht Club/Sailing Foundation

Mayor Maureen Veitch last update was on the process of the Community Center being given a facelift. A grant of \$187,000 was finally realized by the Village after 6 years. The work is being done by a contractor off of the county contract that we piggybacked off of. We received a proposal today for the stage curtain and windows. So I'm expecting by Santa's breakfast to be done with the renovations.

Open to the Public – No one Responded

Open Discussion:

- 1) Deer Fence – This will be placed on the November 10th Work Session for discussion.

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Motion: Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier Second: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn with Trustee Michael Young voting nay, the resolution was passed. Resolution: 233

After the motion and second Trustee Michael voiced his concern about the Rental Registry.

He stated that he will not disappoint Mayor Veitch by staying silent. I've been speaking against this for months and months. I've circulated drafts of the memorandum to the Board, and I'll make it available before the vote. I continue to be opposed to this law for all of the reasons that I have discussed ad nauseam.

2) Rental Registry – Approve setting a Public Hearing for November 24, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to Section 20 (5) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing will be held by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Bellport on the 24th day of November 2025 to consider enacting the following proposed Introductory Local Law:

Introductory Local Law #5 of 2025 Rental Registry for the Village of Bellport.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier Second: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn, and unanimously carried passed with changes. Resolution: 234

3) Approved the draft of General Board Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2025 with changes as presented.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier Second: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn, and unanimously carried passed with changes. Resolution: 235

4) Approved the draft of the Work Session Minutes of October 14, 2025 with changes as presented.

Motion: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn Second: Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier and unanimously carried. Resolution: 236

5) Approved from New York State and Local Retirement System for Standard Work Day and Reporting for Elected and Appointed officials as follows as presented.

Kerri Lechtrecker Justice 6862 R11159608 Term 7/8/2024 – 6/30/2028
Standard Work Day 6.5 hours Pay frequency monthly.

Steven Mackin Trustee 4107 R12720194 Term 7/8/2024 – 6/30/2026
Standard Work Day 6 hours
Pay frequency monthly

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Motion: Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier Second: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn and unanimously carried. Resolution: 237

- 6) Approved the proposal for Aerial Video and Photographic Documentation Services submitted by Northeast Aerial Photography in the amount of \$2,500.00. as presented.

Mayor Veitch explained that this goes hand-in-hand with the Emergency Preparedness Plan. The Village will be photographed and in the event of damage, we have a photographic record of what it was.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier Second: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn and unanimously carried. Resolution: 238

- 7) Approved Mary Immaculate Church to hold a Blood Drive at the Community Center on February 8, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. as presented.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier Second: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn with Trustee Michael Young voting nay, the resolution was passed. Resolution: 239

- 8) Approved the proposal from VHB in the amount of \$3,000 to finish complying the survey for the Workshop Country Club Space held on September 25, 2025 as presented.

Trustee Michael Young wondered if this is the best approach. The main thing that occurred to him is to ask them to do this is going to involve some more delay in moving things forward no fault of VHB. VHB isn't really that knowledgeable about this project. It's Purple Horse that has done the work up to date. I would expect whoever we put in place to assume the management role for the transition and ultimately making the thing work.

I would want to see the raw data. I would expect that we want to see what there is so I'm not really confident that there's a lot of gain. I for one am anxious to sort of move on because I hate to have more delay when I'm not really sure I see a benefit.

There is a lot of very important information that we're going to get not only in understanding the opinions of residents, non-residents, golfers, tennis players, residents in general, but we're going to get a feel for what the usage might be.

I would rather have it be the people who are actually going to be responsible for the recommendations and the implementation rather than VHB, which really is not involved.

Motion: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn Second: Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier and unanimously carried. Resolution: 240

- 9) Approved the General Fund Checking Abstract Report #1 dated October 27, 2025 consisting of 83 vendors totaling \$233,404.57 as presented.

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Motion: Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier Second: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn and unanimously carried. Resolution: 241

10)Approved the Enterprise Fund Check Abstract Report #1 dated October 27, 2025 consisting of 25 vendors totaling \$129,637.93 as presented.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier Second: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn and unanimously carried. Resolution: 242

11)Approved the Capital General Check Abstract Report #1 dated October 27, 2025 consisting of 2 vendors totaling \$3,775.00 as presented.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier Second: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn and unanimously carried. Resolution: 243

12)Approved the Fire Inspection Summary as presented.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier Second: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn and unanimously carried. Resolution: 244

13)Approved the Building Department Activities as presented.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier Second: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn and unanimously carried. Resolution: 245

14)Approved the Open Permit Amnesty Project as presented.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier Second: Trustee Lorraine Kuehn and unanimously carried. Resolution: 246

15)Approved the Notice of Violations, Incidents Report, and Summons as presented.

Executive Session (If needed)

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Nathan Rohrmeier, seconded by Trustee Michael Young and unanimously carried, the Board closed the meeting at 7:30 p.m.