

**INC. VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 4, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. – WORK SESSION AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Popeleski called meeting to order at 6:10pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Christine Zahn

ATTENDANCE: Mayor John Popeleski, Deputy Mayor Harry Farina, Trustee Khristine Shahipour; Trustee Monica Ildefonso; Trustee Jeffrey Stone; Village Attorney Christopher Neumann; Village Clerk John Hommel; Village Accountant Robert Kordic

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO PUBLIC COMMENT DURING WORK SESSIONS. PUBLIC COMMENT IS HEARD AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS.

Resolution #12 – 2026:

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Manorhaven hereby accepts and approves payment in the amount of \$96,170.43 to Maura Site Services for work related to the DASNY Reconstruction of Manorhaven Preserve Pathway grant. These funds will be reimbursed to the Village under grant funding from New York State.

VOTE:

Trustee Stone - AYE; Trustee Ildefonso AYE; Trustee Shahipour AYE; Deputy Mayor Farina - AYE; Mayor Popeleski - AYE

AYE – 5/ NAY – 0

Resolution #13 – 2026:

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Manorhaven hereby accepts and approves an amendment to Resolution #11-2026 to correct the date of the remainder of the Village Justice term as stated from July 31, 2029 to July 1, 2029.

VOTE: Trustee Stone - AYE; Trustee Ildefonso AYE; Trustee Shahipour AYE; Deputy Mayor Farina - AYE; Mayor Popeleski - AYE

AYE – 5/ NAY – 0

WORK SESSION TOPICS:

- Cell Tower
 - Village considering audit

- DISH Networks no longer in business
- DISH taken over by T-Mobile but tower operator stating decrease in revenue
- Village feels revenue should remain since same amount of use
- Robert Kordic – Accountant – Budget
 - Trustee Ildefonso questioned line item – item is contract with Village rental registration consultant
 - Trustee Ildefonso asked about overtime hours projection – budgeted amount for upcoming fiscal year is actually less than last few previous years
 - The Village will incur substantial overtime expense this year due to the recent snow storms
 - Deputy Mayor Farina asked what the increase is in the budget from last fiscal year – roughly \$400,000
 - Increases due mainly to contractual expenses such as sewer, health insurance, retirement benefits, etc.
 - Trustee Stone mentioned that it was nice to see recent assistance from Congressman Suozzi
 - Accountant Kordic stated that the budget will be presented at March 25, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting for approval
 - Mayor Popeleski mentioned the possibility of bonding for several projects within the Village
- Mayor Popeleski
 - Congressman Suozzi has secured \$1mm+ for the Village for the channel crossing sewer pipe project
 - An additional \$4mm is still needed
 - Village officials had a meeting with NY State representatives, but State is offering loans not grants
- Trustee Stone – Marina fire safety
 - There was a recent issue with illicit discharge at a shopping center in Roslyn
 - The Village should consider measures for fire protection at local marinas
 - Last year fire destroyed two boats
 - Fire boat could not respond to last years fire
 - Block Island has a system in place for fire safety measures at marinas
 - Mayor Popeleski stated that there are systems that would seem to be easy to install that can be coordinated with local fire department
 - System needed that can address beginning stages of a fire and contain until apparatus arrives
 - There is a law in Bayshore regulating marinas fire safety standards
 - Attorney will look into local laws related to marina fire safety
 - Trustee Stone will observe Bayshore marina
- Comprehensive Plan
 - The deadline for RFP submission was March 2, 2026
 - Village received one RFP proposal
 - Only firm to respond was BFJ Planning
 - BFJ has an extensive track record with comprehensive planning
 - Currently working with Sea Cliff and several other municipalities
 - Village will have a Public Hearing on March 18, 2026, where BFJ will present aspects of plan

- Deputy Mayor Farina
 - Mentioned using drones for building department inspections
 - Attorney stated that there are certain search and seizure aspects to the use of drones
 - Although other municipalities have used these, it needs to be further reviewed for legality
- Mayor Popeleski
 - The Village will have a street festival on May 30, 2026
 - Growing Love Garden will have opening on April 26, 2026, and will have an event planned for May 30 street festival

ADJOURNMENT:

Deputy Mayor Farina made a motion to close and adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Ildefonso; carried 5-0 at 7:06 p.m.

Manorhaven, NY
John Hommel
Village Clerk-Treasurer
March 4, 2026