

**MINUTES OF SEA CLIFF VILLAGE BOARD
ORGANIZATION MEETING
APRIL 1, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

The annual organizational meeting of the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff was held on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Present: Elena Villafane, Mayor
Nicholas Pinto, Village Trustee
Tannaz Nasirzadeh-Balooch, Village Trustee
James W. Versocki, Village Trustee
Mark Sobel, Village Trustee
George O. Williams, Village Trustee Elect
Sarah Beaudin, Village Clerk
Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator
Brian Stolar, Village Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance by Girls Scout Troop 162.

Rabbi Irwin Huberman offered the Opening Prayer.

Mayor Villafane welcomed everyone to the 2024-2025 Organizational Meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 – Budget Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Monday, April 8, 2024 – Budget Public Hearing 7 p.m.

Monday, May 6, 2024 – Board Meeting at 6 p.m.

Monday May 13, 2024 – Public Meeting at 7 p.m.

SWEARING-IN

Mayor Villafane congratulated re-elected Nicholas Pinto and newly elected George Williams as Village Trustees each for a term of two years.

Mayor Villafane administered the Local version of the Oath of Office to Trustee Pinto and Trustee Williams.

Mayor Villafane appointed Trustee Pinto to serve as Deputy Mayor for a term of one year.

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Mayor's State of the Village Address

Thank you all for attending this evening. It is always so heartening to look out onto the audience and see so many friendly faces. This evening is generally the only time so many of our Volunteers are assembled in one place. It is a visual reminder that we truly are the Volunteer Village and I thank each of you for taking time from your families to serve our Village.

In a similar vein, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge with deep gratitude the service of Trustee Balooch who hit the ground running two short years ago and never stopped. She embraced her liaison responsibilities and brought a fresh new perspective to each task and problem she encountered. Among her many accomplishments, Tannaz revitalized the Youth Activities Board and was an ardent advocate for the Library Board and Beautification. She was generous with her time, insightful in her analysis and ever hard working. Tannaz's presence on the Board will be sorely missed but I am sure that this is not the last time we will see Trustee Balooch on this dais. I would like extend a warm welcome to our new Trustee George Williams who I believe will be a real value add.

This has been a busy year with a tremendous amount to be grateful for. The following are some of highlights of the 2023- 2024 Village Year:

In September, the Long-Range Plan was finalized and adopted by the Board. The value of that process and the benefits it would produce became readily apparent at the end of December when the Village received notification of Grant awards from a variety of state and local programs.

On December 6, we received notification that the "New York State Department of State Environmental Protection Fund Smart Growth Planning and Zoning Program" awarded the Village a grant of up to \$135,000 for 90% of the cost related to hiring a zoning consultant to assist the village in reviewing and updating the zoning code as called for by the long-range plan.

On December 13, the Village received notification of a grant for up to \$120,000 from the US Department of Transportation under the Safe Streets for All program to assist the Village in assessing municipal roadways and constructing an action plan.

In our continuing pursuit of bronze certification under the Climate Smart Community program, the Village also received a grant in December from NYSERDA to retain the services of interns whose activities will focus on developing bronze level status so as to enable the village to access additional environmental funding resources.

These funding sources were all made possible by the completion of the Long-range Plan and its recommendations and directions for action to secure the future of our Village.

The Village is also in the process of implementing prior grants received from FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program for the replacement of the Fire Department Generator and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program for the Shoreline Stabilization Study.

The renovation of Clifton Park with completed in July with a grant received from Nassau County through the efforts of Legislator Delia DeRiggi Whitton.

After the fire that destroyed the street sweeper, through efforts of Village Administrator

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Bruce Kennedy, we were able to put a new street sweeper in service at a cost of \$292,000 without utilizing Village taxpayer funds.

The Building Department continues to keep up the pace. This past year, the building department issued an impressive 328 permits, averaging 1.3 per workday. Considering the thorough process involving plan reviews, resident consultations, and external referrals, it's clear they're incredibly busy ensuring responsible development in our town.

My Administration continues to invest in our infrastructure. In 2023, we completed 1.5 miles of comprehensive road restoration, exceeding simple repaving by milling existing surfaces and laying down entirely new asphalt. This translates to over 3.78 million pounds of fresh asphalt! Our commitment to infrastructure continues with similar roadwork planned for the coming year, alongside enhanced curb and sidewalk restorations.

Also completed during the summer of 2023 was the LED Street light replacement program. As with anything new, 99% of residents were happy or uncomplaining and accepting of the new lights. A small percentage of lights had to be adjusted to ensure that they did not disturb residents. The program was completed by the fall of 2023, and all individual complaints were addressed. We are already seeing a decline in our electric bills which offsets the cost of the program.

Sea Cliff Avenue has become a hub of female entrepreneurship. While revitalizing our business districts is a constant focus, it's the tireless efforts of our business owners that truly make a difference. A recent Newsday feature recognized Graciela Bustos (Salon Solis), Kathleen DiResta (K. DiResta Collective), and Dana Baron (Baron Floral Designs) as outstanding female entrepreneurs – a well-deserved tribute!

Sea Cliff Avenue boasts a unique charm, and these remarkable women exemplify how perseverance and passion can flourish anywhere. In fact, the avenue is home to nearly 20 female-owned businesses! All these inspiring leaders, men and women, contribute not only through their businesses but also by embodying the spirit of our community through their generosity and dedication.

We celebrated Village life together at Museum Exhibits, Friday night Music at the Beach and at Sunset Serenades in Clifton Park. We attended art shows and learned how to watercolor at the Sea Cliff Arts Council, we attended storytime and book clubs the Children's Library and welcomed a new Senior outreach worker, Tracy Arnold-Warzer who is already doing amazing things for our Seniors. We are implementing two new computer programs so that we can finally pay our taxes and building permit fees by credit card and online. This Thursday evening we will have a new fire chief and on Saturday we will have the Baseball parade and Opening Day for Sea Cliff Baseball. And life goes blissfully on.

I wish it were all that easy but as everyone here can attest, inflation is still creating significant economic pressures on everyone's family budget. The Village is no different. Supply chain issues and the attendant cost increases also continue. Inflation as of March 14 is reported at 3.2% which is a substantial improvement from this time last year when inflation was reported at 8.5%. The Village has received notification that our unallocated Insurance costs are increasing 25% and health insurance premiums have increased by 10%. All these increased costs are not factored into the arbitrary New York State tax cap of 2%. The Board has already spent many hours

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individually and with Village Staff to examine each revenue source and expense category to construct a realistic Budget that provides for essential services, manages capital projects, and anticipates expected expenses. We are mindful of the slowing of housing sales which negatively impacts the receipt of mortgage tax revenue. We are also keeping an eye on Franchise fees which appear to be decreasing as most of us cut the cord and discontinue cable contracts and switch to streaming. I point this out to illustrate the yeoman's work done by the Board and Staff in its efforts to construct a budget that does not pierce the 2% property tax cap. We are in the final days of budget preparation and the Board remains committed to constructing a budget that remains within the 2% tax cap. We are not there yet but we are committed to getting there.

So, as we look ahead, the Village Board will work diligently to continue to deliver the highest level of services to our residents at the most economical price point. The Village is incredibly fortunate to have gifted, hardworking Board members and incredibly dedicated public servants.

My deep gratitude to members of my Board and to the entire Village Hall Staff. We are only as successful as our joint efforts permit.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Villafane appointed the following persons to the positions for a one year term:

Bruce Kennedy	Village Administrator, Director of Public Works, Village Assessor
Judith Phelps	Collector of Taxes
Shane Dommin	Building Inspector
Marian Sereno	Deputy Clerk/Deputy Court Clerk
Kathy Mackney	Court Clerk
Jennifer Gerrity	Secretary to the Zoning Board
Amanda Martin	Building Dept. Coordinator/Secretary to the Planning Board
Carl Rumatowski	Fire Prevention Officer, Plumbing Inspector and Dog Control Officer
Erinn McDonnell	Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Grant & Contracts Coordinator and Community Development

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Tracy Arnold Warzer	Senior Citizen Program Development Specialist
Tillman Brown	Parking Violations Officer, Dog Control Officer
Courtney Chambers	Museum Director
Charles Parisi	Associate Village Justice (1year)
Mamie Stathatos-Fulgieri	Deputy Prosecutor (1 year)
John DellaRatta, Jr.	Deputy Prosecutor (1 year)
Charles McQuair	Deputy Prosecutor (1 year)

Brian S. Stolar, as Village Attorney and Harris Beach PLLC for non-retainer legal work on behalf of the Village, at the rates set forth in the retainer agreement with Brian S. Stolar and Harris Beach PLLC for one year.

Deputy Mayor Pinto moved that the appointments made by the Mayor be approved, seconded by Trustee Versocki and unanimously approved by those present.

Mayor Villafane administered the local version of the Oath of Office to those appointed.

Mayor Villafane appointed the following persons to the position and term indicated:

Architectural Review Board

Raynor Rogers	Chair – 1 year
Henry Beaudin	3 Years
Rebecca Goodman	3 Years
Mark Hagan	3 Years

Planning Board

Cormac Brady	5 years and as Chair for 1 year
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Zoning Board

Tim O'Donnell	Chair – 1 year
Beth Rechner	4 Years
Paul Anderson	5 Years
Peter Goodman - Alternate	2 Years
Richard Dearing - Alternate	1 Years

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Environmental Conservation Commission

Dina Epstein	2 Years and Chair for 1 year
Fred Eisenstein	2 Years
Shalini Desai	2 Years

Examining Board of Plumbers

Richard Scott	3 years
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Landmark Preservation Commission

Daniel Flanzig	3 Years and as Chair for 1 Year
Cormac Brady	3 Years
Margaret Watt Esernio	3 Years

Library Board

Christina Spoljaric Konig	5 Years
Christina Price	4 Years
Miranda Best	2 Years
Sara Hosey	1 Year

Museum Board

Kathleen DiResta	Chair for 1 year
Bruce Treiber	3 Years
Kristine Janusas	3 Years
Mark Hagan	3 Years

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Mayor Villafane appointed the following persons to the positions for a One Year Term:

One Year Appointments:

Board of Assessment Review

Damian Ross (Chair), Jessica Fox, Barbara Sinenberg, Raquel Knoell, Phil Como

Community Development Advisory Board

Annabel Delfin
Peggie Como

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HHPC Delegate

Thomas Powell

Memorial Committee

Barbara Sinenberg, Gwynne Lennon, Patricia Guy, Elizabeth Mitchell Anderson, Maureen Angliss

Sea Cliff Newsletter

Robert Lafferty

Senior Action Committee

Tina Marchese (Chair), Barbara Manogue, Alison Camardella, Jean-Marie Staltzer, Claudia Moyne, Debbie Pierce, Laura Russo, Jordan Brewer, Leslie Steinman, Sarima Anderson, Jennifer Duffy, Rasa Mokhoff, Jack Pierce, Phil Como, Gretchen Williams

Service Award Commission

Ernest Longobucco, Timothy O'Donnell, Peter Hayes

Sea Cliff Beach Event Coordinator Committee

Henriette Rohl as Chair, Sam Antico, Kaitlin Driskill, Abby Cannon, Roger Friedman, Lesley Pryde Haley

Tree Commission

Ken Krumenacker (Chair), Sue Giordano, Pam Tobol, John Duvall

Village Historian

Margaret Watt Esernio

Veterans Committee

Phil Como, Ted Kopczynski, Scott Whitting

Village Bulletin

Amy Tempesta, Maureen Angliss, Elizabeth Winchester, Suzanne Cohen

Youth Activities Board

Amie Sanborn (Chair), Jordan Loftus, Missy Koo, Monika Leach, Laura Ryniker, Caitlin Swinburne, Marisa McCarthy

Youth Members: Ginger Sanborn, Stella Cashman, McKenzie Loftus

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Mayor Villafane thanked all the outgoing board and committee members:

Robert Kenney, Architectural Review Board
Noel Griffin, Zoning Board of Appeals
Peggie Friedman, Community Development Advisory Board
Deirdre Hayes, George William, and Maureen Murphy, Library Board
Hal Cashman, Landmark Preservation
Lisa Cashman, Beach Events Coordinating Committee
Elaine Neice, Historia and Landmarks Preservation Commission
Maria Conforti, Village Bulletin Committee

Mayor Villafane moved Resolutions #8 through 25 for the year 2024 (attached) for adoption, which were previously circulated to the Board. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Pinto and unanimously approved by those present.

Rev. Lebus offered a closing prayer.

Mayor Villafane congratulated the newly elected officials and committee members and thanked everybody for joining.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Pinto to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Versocki and unanimously approved by those present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Sarah Beaudin
Village Clerk

RESOLUTION NO.

8. Official Newspaper
9. Official bank
10. Investment Policy
11. Procurement Policy
12. Sexual Harassment
13. Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Policy
14. Workplace Violence Prevention Policy
15. Meeting Authority
16. Payment of Claims
17. IT policy
18. Social Media Site Policy
19. Authorize Village Clerk to publish notices
20. Public officers insurance policy
21. Bond Counsel
22. Appoint contacts to NYS Retirement System Online
23. Appoint Safety Committee
24. Annual Beach Permit
25. Meeting Dates

RESOLUTION NO. 8, YEAR 2024

RESOLVED, that the Sea Cliff/Glen Head Herald Gazette be and the same is hereby designated as the OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER of the Village of Sea Cliff.

RESOLUTION NO. 9, YEAR 2024

RESOLVED, that the following be and the same hereby are designated as the official depositories for the deposits of Village money:

- Bank of America
- First National Bank of Long Island
- TD Bank N.A.
- J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.

RESOLUTION NO. 10, YEAR 2024

RESOLVED, that the Board adopts the following investment policy:

I. SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all moneys and other financial resources available for investment by the Village or any other entity on behalf of the Village.

II. OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the Village's investment activities are to:

- A. Conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements;
- B. Adequately safeguard principal;
- C. Provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements; and
- D. Obtain a reasonable rate of return.

III. Delegation of authority.

The responsibility of the Board of Trustees for administration of the Village's investment program is delegated to the Village Treasurer, who shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with these program guidelines. Such procedures shall include an adequate internal control structure to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based on a data base or records incorporating description and amounts of investments, transaction dates, and other relevant information and regulate the activities of subordinate employees.

IV. Diversification.

It is the policy of the Village to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument, and by maturity scheduling.

V. Internal controls.

A. It is the policy of the Village for all moneys collected by any officer or employee of the Village to transfer those funds to the Village Treasurer within three days of deposit, or within the time period specified by law, whichever is shorter.

B. The Village Treasurer is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that deposits and investments are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly, and are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

VI. Designation of depositories.

The banks and trust companies authorized for the deposit of moneys up to the maximum amounts are to be determined by resolution from time to time, each to the maximum amount for which Federal Deposit Insurance Act insurance is available, or other maximum amount as set forth in an approved collateral agreement between the Village and such institution.

VII. Collateralizing of deposits.

All deposits of the Village, including certificates of deposit and special time deposits, in excess of the amounts insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be secured in accordance with the provisions of General Municipal Law §10.

VIII. Safekeeping and collateralization.

Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits shall be held by a third-party bank or trust company subject to security and custodial arrangements.

A. The security agreement shall provide that eligible securities are being pledged to secure local government deposits together with agreed-upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection of such deposits upon default. It shall also provide the conditions under which the securities may be sold, presented for payment, substituted or released, and the events which will enable the local government to exercise its rights against the pledged securities. If the securities are not registered or inscribed in the name of the Village, such securities shall be delivered in a form suitable for transfer, or with an assignment in blank, to the Village or its custodial bank.

B. The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, or agent of and custodian for, the local government, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement should also describe that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the securities. The agreement shall provide for the frequency of revaluation of eligible securities and for the substitution of securities when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the Village a perfected interest in the securities.

IX. Permitted investments.

A. As authorized by General Municipal Law § 11, the Village authorizes the Village Treasurer to invest moneys not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:

- (1) Special time deposit accounts.
- (2) Certificates of deposit.
- (3) Obligations of the United States of America.
- (4) Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America.
- (5) Obligations of the State of New York.

(6) Obligations issued pursuant to Local Finance Law § 24.00 or 25.00 (with approval of the State Comptroller) by any municipality, school district or district corporation other than the Village.

(7) Obligations of public authorities, public housing authorities, urban renewal agencies and industrial development agencies where the general state statutes governing such entities or whose specific enabling legislation authorizes such investments.

(8) Certificates of participation (COPS) issued pursuant to General Municipal Law § 109-b.

(9) Obligations of the Village, but only with any moneys in a reserve fund established pursuant to General Municipal Law §§ 6-c, 6-d, 6-e, 6-g, 6-h, 6-j, 6-k, 6-l, 6-m or 6-n.

B. All investment obligations shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Village within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the moneys were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable at the option of the Village within two years of the date of purchase.

X. Authorized financial institutions and dealers.

The Village shall maintain a list of financial institutions and dealers approved for investment purposes and establish appropriate limits to the amount of investments which can be made with each financial institution or dealer. All financial institutions with which the Village conducts business must be creditworthy. Banks shall provide their most recent Consolidated Report of Condition (Call Report) at the request of the Village. Security dealers not affiliated with a bank shall be required to be classified as reporting dealers affiliated with the New York Federal Reserve Bank, as primary dealers. The Village Treasurer is responsible for evaluating the financial position and maintaining a listing of proposed depositories, trading partners, and custodians. Such listing shall be evaluated at least annually.

XI. Purchase of investments.

A. The Village Treasurer is authorized to contract for the purchase of investments:

(1) Directly, including through a repurchase agreement, from an authorized trading partner.

(2) By participation in a cooperative investment program with another authorized governmental entity pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law where such program meets all the requirements set forth in the Office of the State Comptroller Opinion No. 88-46, and the specific program has been authorized by the Board of Trustees.

(3) By utilizing an ongoing investment program with an authorized trading partner pursuant to a contract authorized by the Village Board of Trustees.

B. All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the Village, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by any bank or trust company only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be confirmed in writing to the Village by the bank or trust company. Any obligation held in the custody of a bank or trust company shall be held pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law § 10.

C. The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent of and custodian for, the local government, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company, and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement shall describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of the securities. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide the Village a perfected interest in the securities.

XII. Repurchase agreements.

Repurchase agreements are authorized subject to the following restrictions:

A. All repurchase agreements must be entered into subject to a master repurchase agreement.

B. Trading partners are limited to banks or trust companies authorized to do business in New York State and primary reporting dealers.

C. Obligations shall be limited to obligations of the United States of America and obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America.

D. No substitution of securities will be allowed.

E. The custodian shall be a person other than the trading partner.

RESOLUTION NO. 11, YEAR 2024

**PROCUREMENT POLICY
FOR
THE VILLAGE OF SEA CLIFF**

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law (GML) §104-b, as adopted by Chapter 413 of the Laws of 1991, requires the governing body of every municipality to adopt a procurement policy for all goods and services which are not required by law to be publicly bid, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has examined the Village's policies and procedures for such procurement, and has determined appropriate procedures to comply with this new legislation,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the VILLAGE OF SEA CLIFF does hereby adopt the following procurement policy which is intended to apply to all goods and services which are not required by law to be publicly bid.

PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF SEA CLIFF

1. Every purchase to be made must be initially reviewed to determine whether it is a purchase contract or a public works contract and as otherwise provided herein. Once that determination is made, a good-faith effort will be made to determine whether it is known or can reasonably be expected that the aggregate amount to be spent on the item of supply or service is not subject to competitive bidding, taking into account past purchases and the aggregate amount to be spent in a single fiscal year. The following items are not subject to competitive bidding pursuant to GML §103: Purchase Contracts under \$20,000 and Public Works contracts under \$35,000; emergency purchases; goods purchased from agencies for the blind or severely handicapped; goods purchased from correctional institutions; purchases under State, County and Federal contracts and other lawfully authorized entities; contracts for personal services; and surplus and second-hand purchases from another governmental entity.

The decision that a purchase is not subject to competitive bidding will be documented in writing by the individual making the purchase or proposing that the Board of Trustees approve a purchase. This documentation may include written or verbal quotes from vendors, a memo from the purchaser indicating how the decision was arrived at, a copy of the contract indicating the source which makes the item or service exempt, a memo from the purchaser detailing the circumstances which led to an emergency purchase, or any other written documentation that is appropriate.

2. All goods and services will be secured by use of written requests for proposals, written quotations, verbal quotations, or any other method that assures that goods will be purchased at the lowest price and that favoritism will be avoided, where purchases are made or services obtained in compliance with State law requirements for competitive bidding, or where State law provides that such procedures are not required, or for purchases pursuant to subdivision 6 of this policy.

3. The following method of purchase will be used when required by this policy in order to achieve the highest savings:

<u>Estimated Amount of Purchase Contract</u>	<u>Minimum Required Method</u>
\$500 - \$4,999	2 verbal quotations
\$5,000 - \$19,999	3 written/fax quotations or written request for proposals

<u>Estimated Amount of Public Works Contract</u>	<u>Minimum Required Method</u>
\$1,000 - \$4,999	2 verbal quotations
\$5,000 - \$9,999	2 written/fax quotations
\$10,000 - \$34,999	3 written/fax quotations or written request for proposals

A good-faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations. If the purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations, the purchaser will document the attempt made at obtaining the proposals. In no event shall the failure to obtain the proposals be a bar to the procurement.

4. Documentation is required of each action taken in connection with each procurement.

5. Documentation and an explanation are required whenever a contract is awarded to other than the lowest responsible offeror. This documentation will include an explanation of how the award will achieve savings or how the offeror was not responsible, or any other reason why the contract was awarded to other than the lowest responsible offeror. A determination that the offeror is not responsible shall be made by the purchaser and may not be challenged under any circumstances.

6. Pursuant to GML §104-b(2)(f), the Village's Procurement Policy may contain circumstances when, or types of procurements for which, in the sole discretion of the governing body, the solicitation of alternative proposals or quotations will not be in the best interest of the municipality. In the following circumstances it may not be in the best interest of the Village of SEA CLIFF to solicit quotations or document the basis for not accepting the lowest bid:

a. Professional services or services requiring special or technical skill, training or expertise. The individual or company must be chosen based on the accountability, reliability, responsibility, skill, education and training, judgment, integrity, and moral worth. These qualifications are not necessarily found in the individual or company that offers the lowest price and the nature of these services are such that they do not readily lend themselves to competitive procurement procedures. In determining whether a service fits into this category, the Board of Trustees shall take into consideration the following guidelines:

- 1) whether the services are subject to State licensing or testing requirements;
- 2) whether substantial formal education or training is a necessary prerequisite to the performance of the services; and

- 3) whether the services require a personal relationship between the individual and municipal officials. Professional or technical services shall include but not be limited to the following: services of an attorney; services of a physician; technical services of an engineer engaged to prepare plans, maps and estimates; securing insurance coverage to prepare plans, maps and estimates; securing insurance coverage and/or services of an insurance broker; services of a certified public accountant; investment management services; management of municipally owned property; and computer software or programming services for customized programs, or services involved in substantial modification and customizing of pre-packaged software.

b. Emergency purchases pursuant to GML §103(4). Due to the nature of this exception, these goods or services must be purchased immediately and a delay in order to seek alternative proposals may threaten the life, health, safety or welfare of the residents. This section does not preclude seeking alternate proposals if time permits.

c. Purchases of surplus and second-hand goods. In this circumstance, if alternative proposals are required, the Village may be precluded from obtaining best prices in situations where such best prices may be available, including auctions and specific advertised sources. It is also difficult to try to compare prices of used goods and a lower price may indicate an older product.

d. Goods or services under \$500 and Public Works under \$1,000. The time and documentation required to purchase goods or procure services through this policy may be more costly than the item itself and would therefore not be in the best interests of the taxpayer. In addition, it is not likely that such de minimis contracts would be awarded based on favoritism.

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this policy with respect to purchase contracts (including for purchase of service work), and pursuant to the provisions of General Municipal Law §103(1), the Village of Sea Cliff may award such purchase contracts to a responsive and responsible bidder or offeror on the basis of “best value”.

8. When the Village procures property, equipment or services under a federal grant, award or subaward, the Village will comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations, including those contained in sections 200.318 through 200.327, inclusive, of Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (2 CFR 200.318 through 200.327), as well as any applicable state, local and tribal laws and regulations.

And it is further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall go into effect immediately, and will be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION NO. 12, YEAR 2024

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

Introduction

The Village of Sea Cliff is committed to maintaining a workplace free from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is a form of workplace discrimination. The Village of Sea Cliff has a zero-tolerance policy for any form of sexual harassment, and all employees are required to work in a manner that prevents sexual harassment in the workplace. This Policy is one component of the Village of Sea Cliff's commitment to a discrimination-free work environment.

Sexual harassment is against the law. All employees have a legal right to a workplace free from sexual harassment, and employees can enforce this right by filing a complaint internally with the Village Clerk, Mayor, or with a government agency or in court under federal, state or local antidiscrimination laws.

Policy:

1. The Village of Sea Cliff's Policy applies to all employees, applicants for employment, interns, whether paid or unpaid, contractors and persons conducting business with the Village of Sea Cliff.
2. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated. Any employee or individual covered by this policy who engages in sexual harassment or retaliation will be subject to remedial and/or disciplinary action, up to and including termination.
3. Retaliation Prohibition: No person covered by this Policy shall be subject to adverse employment action including being discharged, disciplined, discriminated against, or otherwise subject to adverse employment action because the employee reports an incident of sexual harassment, provides information, or otherwise assists in any investigation of a sexual harassment complaint. The Village of Sea Cliff has a zero-tolerance policy for such retaliation against anyone who, in good faith complains or provides information about suspected sexual harassment. Any employee of the Village of Sea Cliff who retaliated against anyone involved in a sexual harassment investigation will be subjected to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Any employee, paid or unpaid intern, or non-employee working in the workplace who believes they have been subject to such retaliation should inform a supervisor, manager, Village Clerk or Village Mayor. Any employee, paid or unpaid intern or non-employee who believes they have been a victim of such retaliation may also seek compensation in other available forums, as explained below in the section on Legal Protections.
4. Sexual harassment is offensive, is a violation of our policies, is unlawful, and subjects the Village of Sea Cliff to liability for harm to victims of sexual harassment. Harassers may also be individually subject to liability. Employees of every level who engage in sexual harassment, including managers and supervisors who engage in sexual harassment or who knowingly allow such behavior to continue, will be penalized for such misconduct.
5. The Village of Sea Cliff will conduct a prompt, thorough and confidential investigation that ensures due process for all parties, whenever management receives a complaint about sexual harassment, or otherwise knows of possible sexual harassment occurring. Effective corrective action will be taken whenever sexual harassment is found to have occurred. All employees, including managers and supervisors, are required to cooperate with any internal investigation of sexual harassment.

6. All employees are encouraged to report any harassment or behaviors that violate this policy. The Village of Sea Cliff will provide all employees a complaint form for employees to report harassment and file complaints.
7. Managers and supervisors are **required** to report any complaint that they receive, or any harassment that they observe to the Village Clerk or Village Mayor.
8. This policy applies to all employees, paid or unpaid interns, and non-employees and all must follow and uphold this policy. This policy must be posted prominently in all work locations and be provided to employees upon hiring.

What is “Sexual Harassment”?

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination and is unlawful under federal, state, and (where applicable) local law. Sexual harassment includes harassment on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and the status of being transgender.

Sexual harassment includes unwelcome conduct which is either of a sexual nature, or which is directed at an individual because of that individual’s sex when:

- Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonable interfering with an individual’s work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment, even if the complaining individual is not the intended target of the sexual harassment;
- Such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment; or
- Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting an individual’s employment.

A sexually harassing hostile work environment consist of words, signs, jokes, pranks, intimidation or physical violence which are of a sexual nature, or which are directed at an individual because of that individual’s sex. Sexual harassment also consists of any unwanted verbal or physical advances, sexually explicit derogatory statements or sexually discriminatory remarks made by someone which are offensive or objectionable to the recipient, which cause the recipient discomfort or humiliation, which interfere with the recipient’s job performance. Sexual harassment also occurs when a person in authority tries to trade job benefits for sexual favors. This can include hiring, promotion, continued employment or any other terms, conditions or privileges of employment. This is also called “quid pro quo” harassment. Any employee who feels harassed should complain so that any violation of the policy can be corrected promptly. Any harassing conduct, even a single incident, can be addressed under this policy.

Examples of sexual harassment

The following describes some of the types of acts that may be unlawful sexual harassment and that are strictly prohibited:

- Physical assaults of a sexual nature, such as:
 - Touching, pinching, patting, grabbing, brushing against another employee’s body or poking another employees’ body;

- Rape, sexual battery, molestation or attempts to commit these assaults.
- Unwanted sexual advances or propositions, such as:
 - Requests for sexual favors accompanied by implied or over threats concerning the victim's job performance evaluation, a promotion or other job benefits or detriments;
 - Subtle or obvious pressure for unwelcome sexual activities.
- Sexually oriented gestures, noises, remarks, jokes or comments about a person's sexuality or sexual experience, which create a hostile work environment.
- Sexual or discriminatory displays or publications anywhere in the workplace, such as:
 - Displaying pictures, posters, calendars, graffiti, objects, promotional material, reading materials or other materials that are sexually demeaning or pornographic. This includes such sexual displays on workplace computers or cell phones and sharing such displays while in the workplace.
- Hostile actions taken against an individual because of that individual's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and the status of being transgender, such as:
 - Interfering with, destroying or damaging a person's workstation, tools or equipment, or otherwise interfering with the individual's ability to perform the job;
 - Sabotaging an individual's work;
 - Bullying, yelling, name-calling.

Who can be a target of sexual harassment?

Sexual harassment can occur between any individuals, regardless of their sex or gender. New York Law protects employees, paid or unpaid interns, and non-employees, including independent contractors, and those employed by companies contracting to provide services in the workplace. A perpetrator of sexual harassment can be a superior, a subordinate, a coworker or anyone in the workplace including an independent contractor, contract worker, vendor, client, customer or visitor.

Where can sexual harassment occur?

Unlawful sexual harassment is not limited to the physical workplace itself. It can occur while employees are traveling for business or at employer sponsored events or parties. Calls, texts, emails, and social media usage by employees can constitute unlawful workplace harassment, even if they occur away from the workplace premises or not during work hours.

What is "Retaliation"?

Unlawful retaliation can be any action that would keep a worker from coming forward to make or support a sexual harassment claim. Adverse action need not be job-related or occur in the workplace to constitute unlawful retaliation.

Such retaliation is unlawful under federal, state, and (where applicable) local law. The New York State Human Rights Law protects any individual who has engaged in “protected activity”. Protected activity occurs when a person has:

- filed a complaint of sexual harassment, either internally or with any anti-discrimination agency;
- testified or assisted in a proceeding involving sexual harassment under the Human Rights Law or other anti-discrimination law;
- opposed sexual harassment by making a verbal or informal complaint to management, or by simply informing a supervisor or manager of harassment;
- complained that another employee has been sexually harassed; or
- encouraged a fellow employee to report harassment.

Reporting Sexual Harassment

Preventing sexual harassment is everyone’s responsibility. The Village of Sea Cliff cannot prevent or remedy sexual harassment unless it knows about it. Any employee, paid or unpaid intern or non-employee who has been subjected to behavior that may constitute sexual harassment is encouraged to report such behavior to a supervisor, manager, Mayor or Village Clerk. Anyone who witnesses or becomes aware of potential instances of sexual harassment should report such behavior to a supervisor, manager, Mayor or Village Clerk.

Reports of sexual harassment may be made verbally or in writing. A form for submission of a written complaint is attached to this Policy and all employees are encouraged to use this complaint form. Employees who are reporting sexual harassment on behalf of other employees should use the complaint form and note that it is on another employee’s behalf.

Employees, paid or unpaid interns or non-employees who believe they have been a victim of sexual harassment may also seek assistance in other available forums, as explained below in the section on Legal Protections.

Supervisory Responsibilities

All supervisors and managers who receive a complaint or information about suspected sexual harassment, observe what may be sexually harassing behavior or for any reason suspect that sexual harassment is occurring, **are required** to report such suspected sexual harassment to the Village Clerk or Mayor.

In addition to being subject to discipline if they engaged in sexually harassing conduct themselves, supervisors and managers will be subject to discipline for failing to report suspected sexual harassment or otherwise knowingly allowing sexual harassment to continue.

Supervisors and managers will also be subject to discipline for engaging in any retaliation.

Complaint And Investigation Of Sexual Harassment

All complaints or information about suspected sexual harassment will be investigated, whether that information was reported in verbal or written form. Investigations will be conducted in a timely manner, and will be confidential to the extent possible.

An investigation of any complaint, information or knowledge of suspected sexual harassment will be prompt and thorough, and should be completed within 30 days. The investigation will be confidential to the extent possible. All persons involved, including complainants, witnesses and alleged perpetrators will be accorded due process to protect their rights to a fair and impartial investigation.

Any employee may be required to cooperate as needed in an investigation of suspected sexual harassment. Employees who participate in any investigation will not be retaliated against.

Investigations will be done in accordance with the following steps:

- Upon receipt of complaint, Mayor or Village Clerk will conduct an immediate review of the allegations, and take any interim actions, as appropriate. If complaint is oral, encourage the individual to complete the “Complaint Form” in writing. If he or she refuses, prepare a Complaint Form based on the oral reporting.
- If documents, emails or phone records are relevant to the allegations, take steps to obtain and preserve them.
- Request and review all relevant documents, including all electronic communications.
- Interview all parties involved, including any relevant witnesses;
- Create a written documentation of the investigation (such as a letter, memo or email), which contains the following:
 - A list of all documents reviewed, along with a detailed summary of relevant documents;
 - A list of names of those interviewed, along with a detailed summary of relevant documents;
 - A timeline of events;
 - A summary of prior relevant incidents, reported or unreported; and
 - The final resolution of the complaint, together with any corrective actions action(s).
- Keep the written documentation and associated documents in the employer’s records.

- Promptly notify the individual who complained and the individual(s) who responded of the final determination and implement any corrective actions identified in the written document.
- Inform the individual who complained of their right to file a complaint or charge externally as outlined below.

Legal Protections And External Remedies

Sexual harassment is not only prohibited by the Village of Sea Cliff but is also prohibited by state, federal, and, where applicable, local law.

Aside from the internal process at the Village of Sea Cliff, employees may also choose to pursue legal remedies with the following governmental entities **at any time**.

New York State Division of Human Rights (DHR)

The Human Rights Law (HRL), codified as N.Y. Executive Law, art. 15, § 290 et seq., applies to employers in New York State with regard to sexual harassment, and protects employees, paid or unpaid interns and non-employees regardless of immigration status. A complaint alleging violation of the Human Rights Law may be filed either with DHR or in New York State Supreme Court.

Complaints with DHR may be filed any time **within one year** of the harassment. If an individual did not file at DHR, they can sue directly in state court under the HRL, **within three years** of the alleged discrimination. An individual may not file with DHR if they have already filed a HRL complaint in state court.

Complaining internally to the Village of Sea Cliff does not extend your time to file with DHR, and there is no cost to file with DHR.

DHR will investigate your complaint and determine whether there is probable cause to believe that discrimination has occurred. Probable cause cases are forwarded to a public hearing before an administrative law judge. If discrimination is found after a hearing, DHR has the power to award relief, which varies but may include requiring your employer to take action to stop the harassment, or redress the damage caused, including paying monetary damages, attorney's fees and civil fines.

DHR's main office contact information is: NYS Division of Human Rights. One Fordham Plaza, Fourth Floor, Bronx, New York 10458, (718) 741-8400 or visit www.dhr.ny.gov

Contact DHR at (888) 392-3644 or visit dhr.ny.gov/complaint for more information about filing a complaint. The website has a complaint form that can be downloaded, filled out, notarized and mailed to DHR. The website also contains contact information DHR's regional offices across New York State.

United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

The EEOC enforces federal anti-discrimination laws, including Title VII of the 1964 federal Civil Rights Act (codified as 42 U. S. C. § 200e et seq.). An individual can file a complaint with the EEOC anytime within 300 days from the harassment. There is no cost to file a complaint with the EEOC. The EEOC will investigate the complaint, and determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe that discrimination has occurred, at which point the EEOC will issue a Right to Sue letter permitting the individual to file a complaint in federal court.

The EEOC does not hold hearings or award relief, but may take other action including pursuing cases in federal court on behalf of complaining parties. Federal courts may award remedies if discrimination is found to have occurred.

If an employee believes that he/she has been discriminated against at work, he/she can file a “Charge of Discrimination.” The EEOC has district, area, and field offices where complaints can be filed. Contact the EEOC by calling 1-800-669-4000 (1-800-669-6820 (TTY)), visiting their website at www.eeoc.gov or via email at info@eeoc.gov

If an individual filed an administrative complaint with DHR, DHR will file the complaint with the EEOC to preserve the right to proceed in federal court.

Local Protections

Many localities enforce laws protecting individuals from sexual harassment and discrimination. An individual should contact the county, city or town in which they live to find out if such a law exists. For example, employees who work in New York City may file complaints of sexual harassment with the New York City Commission on Human Rights. Contact their main office at Law Enforcement Bureau of the NYC Commission on Human Rights, 40 Rector Street, 10th Floor, New York, New York; call 311 or (212) 306-7450; or visit www.nyc.gov/html/cchr/html/home/home.shtml

Contact the Local Police Department

If the harassment involves physical touching, coerced physical confinement or coerced sex acts, the conduct may constitute a crime. Contact the local police department.

RESOLUTION NO. 13, YEAR 2024

VILLAGE OF SEA CLIFF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY

The Village is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for minors participating in Village sponsored programs and activities. The Village also remains committed to protecting volunteer and compensated workers from any false accusations by

providing adequate supervision during Village sponsored activities. In furtherance of these objectives, the Village finds it appropriate and responsible to adopt a child sexual abuse prevention policy. The objectives for establishing this child sexual abuse policy include:

- 1) To establish a familiarity with the problem of child sexual abuse as a general problem in society.
- 2) To increase awareness of the symptoms and consequences of child sexual abuse.
- 3) To underscore the Village's vulnerability to child sexual abuse.
- 4) To create an understanding of liability concerns and Village's policy guidelines pertaining to screening, supervision, and reporting.
- 5) To provide instruction on worker selection and worker training in instances where workers are likely to interact with children.
- 6) To encourage worker commitment to follow the Village's policies.

PROCEDURES FOR REDUCING THE RISK OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

I. Worker Selection

A. All Village workers, paid and volunteer, who, due to their position, may work with children, are required to be screened in accordance with the following procedures:

1. Primary Screening Procedures

- a. For all paid and volunteer Village workers who work with minors.
- b. The Screening Procedures include the following items:
 - i. Employment application;
 - ii. Screening form;
 - iii. Personal interview;
 - iv. Reference checks and child abuse background check; and
 - v. Criminal records check authorization form-if necessary.

B. Supervising Village Volunteers and Workers

General Rules

1. The Two Adult Rule

Two adults should be present during any activity involving children. One of the adults should be over 21 years of age.

2. The Six Month Rule

New Volunteers and Workers should be observed closely in the first 6 months and periodically thereafter.

3. Programs involving parents

Children and the children's parents or guardian will be clearly identified.

- a. A Bulletin Board at the location of such program with photographs of all parents and children who are permitted to access the location should be maintained. (Photographs should be taken twice a year).
- b. When a new family joins, pictures of the parent(s) and child/children will be taken and posted.
- c. Village workers will release the child/children only to the adult(s) in the picture unless parental or guardian permission is given in writing ahead of time.
- d. The supervisor for each department where such programs take place should make sure that each worker and volunteer has filled out a child prevention screening form. The forms should be given to the Village Clerk for filing in the Village records.

II. *Recognizing Suspicious Behavior*

Village workers and volunteers should confront any inappropriate conduct or relationships between an adult worker and a child or youth, and the situation should be confronted immediately and investigated.

Village workers and volunteers should be alert to the physical signs of abuse and molestation, as well as to behavioral and verbal signs that a victim may exhibit. Some of the more common signs are summarized below.

Physical signs may include one or more of the following:

- Lacerations and bruises
- Nightmares
- Irritation, pain, or injury to the genital area
- Difficulty with urination
- Discomfort when sitting
- Torn or bloody underclothing
- Venereal disease

Behavioral signs may include:

Anxiety when approaching nursery area, day care, recreation center
Nervous or hostile behavior toward adults
Sexual self-consciousness
"Acting out" or sexual behavior
Withdrawal from activities and friends

Verbal signs may include the following statements:

Don't like [a particular worker or volunteer].
[A worker or volunteer] does things to me when we're alone.
I don't like to be alone with [a worker or volunteer]. [A worker or volunteer] fooled around with me.

Reporting Procedures for Public Entity and Volunteer Worker

A. Reporting Obligations

The Village has a legal and moral obligation to report any questionable or inappropriate behavior.

Under New York Law, with some limited exceptions, "child abuse" means a physical injury which is inflicted by other than accidental means, cruel or unjustifiable punishment, sexual abuse, unlawful corporal punishment, or neglect of child in out-of-home care. Child care custodians must report abuse to a child protective agency when they have knowledge of, or observe, a child whom they know or reasonably suspect has been the victim of child abuse.

B. Line of Reporting

All suspected child abuse situations should be reported to supervisors, directors, board and mayor if appropriate. They will inform appropriate child protective agency or police.

C. Contents of Report

The telephone report must include the name of the person making the report, the child's name, present location, nature and extent of injury to the child, and any other information that led the person making the report to suspect child abuse, or that the agency requests.

IV. Responding to Actual Allegations of Abuse

A. Preparation

1. All allegations must be taken seriously and reported to the worker's department head.
2. Situations must be handled forthrightly with due respect for people's privacy and confidentiality.
3. Immediately contact insurance carrier.
4. Full cooperation to be given to all reasonable and lawful requests from civil authorities.
5. Following verification of allegations, adequate care must be shown for the well-being of the victim(s).
6. The child victim should not be held responsible in anyway.

B. The Response Plan

1. Maintain Adequate Records

Adequate records of workers' application, references, and screening forms. They should be up-to-date and accessible. This will be the responsibility of the Village Clerk's office.

2. Designated Spokesperson

The Mayor will speak for the Village.

The Mayor will present a clear position statement of the Village's position which states the Village's policies and establish safeguards against sexual abuse.

C. Guidelines For an Actual Allegation of Sexual Abuse.

In the case of an actual allegation, the following guidelines will be used:

- 1) Document all efforts at handling the incident.
- 2) Report the incident immediately to the Village's insurance company.

- 3) Contact the proper civil authorities following the guidance of the insurance company and attorney. Do not attempt an in-depth investigation.
- 4) If circumstances warrant it, the victim's parents will be notified.
- 5) Do not confront the accused until the safety of the child or youth member is secured.
- 6) Do not prejudge the situation, take the allegations seriously and reach out to the victim and the victim's family.
- 7) Treat the accused with dignity and support. If the accused is a volunteer, that person should be relieved temporarily of his or her duties until the investigation is finished. If the person is a paid employee, arrangements should be made to either maintain or suspend his or her income until the allegations are cleared or substantiated. Village workers will have no contact with children while allegations are pending

RESOLUTION NO. 14, YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the New York State Workplace Violence Prevention Act requires public sector employers to develop and implement workplace violence protection programs; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board hereby appoints Sarah Beaudin as Safety Coordinator;
now

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby confirms the Plan, as previously adopted and as provide in the Code A144-20 through A144-34 of the Village of Sea Cliff as follows:

ARTICLE V Workplace Violence Prevention Policy and Procedures

§A144-20. Objective

The Village of Sea Cliff, Nassau County, New York is committed to preventing workplace violence and to promoting and maintaining a safe and secure work environment for all employees. The purpose of this Policy is to address the issue of potential workplace violence in the Village, to help prevent workplace violence from occurring to the fullest extent possible, and to set forth procedures to be followed when such violence has occurred. Given the increasing violence in society in general, the Village of Sea Cliff has adopted the following guidelines to deal with intimidation, harassment, or other threats of violence, or actual violence, that may occur on its premises. To ensure a safe workplace and to reduce the risk of violence, all employees should review and understand the provisions of this Policy.

§A144-21. Definition.

Workplace violence is any behavior that is violent, threatens violence, coerces, harasses or intimidates others, interferes with an individual's legal rights of movement or expression, or disrupts the workplace, the work environment, or the Village's ability to provide services to the public.

§A144-22. Scope of Policy.

- A. All full-time and part-time, active employees of the Village of Sea Cliff are covered by this Policy.
- B. All employees of the Village of Sea Cliff are expected to maintain a working environment free from violence, threats of harassment, intimidation, or coercion.
- C. All members of the public, vendors, contractors, consultants, and others who do business with the Village of Sea Cliff, whether at a Village facility or at an off-site location where Village business is conducted, are covered by this Policy.
- D. This Policy also applies to other persons not affiliated with the Village, such as former employees, and visitors.

§A144-23. Zero tolerance.

The Village of Sea Cliff has a Policy of zero tolerance for violence. Employees who engage in any violence in the workplace, or threaten violence in the workplace, may be removed from Village property and are subject to disciplinary action up to and including the immediate termination of employment for cause. No talk of violence or joking about violence will be tolerated.

§A144-24. Prohibited conduct.

- A. The Village of Sea Cliff does not tolerate any type of workplace violence committed by or against employees. Violence, threats of violence, intimidation, harassment, coercion, or other threatening behavior towards people or property will not be tolerated. Employees are prohibited from making threats or engaging in violent activities.
- B. The following list of behaviors, while not inclusive, provides examples of conduct that are prohibited:
 - (1) Intentional physical contact for the purpose of causing harm such as slapping, stabbing, punching, striking, shoving, pushing, or other physical attack.
 - (2) Causing physical injury to another person;

- (3) Making oral or written statements specifically intended to frighten, coerce, or threaten another person where a reasonable person would interrupt such behavior as constituting evidence of intent to cause harm to individuals or property.
- (4) Menacing, threatening, or other disruptive behavior intended to disturb, interfere with or prevent normal work activities such as harassment, intimidation, yelling, using profanity, verbally abusing another person, waving arms and fists, throwing objects, pounding on a desk or door, damaging property, or stalking.
- (5) Aggressive or hostile behavior that creates a reasonable fear of injury to another person or subjects another individual to emotional distress;
- (6) Intentionally damaging Village property or property of another employee;
- (7) Unauthorized possession of a weapon while on Village property or while on Village business;
- (8) Committing acts motivated by, or related to, sexual harassment or domestic violence.

§A144-25. Reporting procedures.

- A. Any person experiencing or witnessing imminent danger or actual violence involving weapons or personal injury should call 911 immediately.
- B. All threats of violence, or actual violence, both direct and indirect, should be reported as soon as possible to the employee's immediate supervisor or department head. This includes threats by employees, as well as threats by vendors, solicitors, or other members of the public. When reporting a threat of violence, the employee should be as specific and detailed as possible.
- C. Employees are encouraged to report behavior that they reasonably believe poses a potential for workplace violence. All suspicious individuals or activities should also be reported as soon as possible to a supervisor. Employees should not place themselves in peril. If an employee sees or hears a commotion or disturbance near his or her workstation, the employee should not try to intercede or see what is happening.
- D. It is everyone's business to prevent violence in the workplace. Employees can help by reporting what they see in the workplace that could indicate that a co-worker is in trouble. Employees are in a better position than management to know what is happening with those they work with.
- E. Complaints involving workplace violence will not be ignored and will be given the serious attention they deserve. The Village will promptly and thoroughly investigate all reports of threats of violence, or actual violence, and of suspicious individuals or activities. The identity of the Village employee making a report will be protected as much as is practical.

In order to maintain workplace safety and the integrity of its investigation, the Village may suspend employees, either with or without pay, pending investigation.

- F. When employees have complaints about other employees, they should contact their supervisor immediately. The Village encourages employees to bring their disputes or differences with other employees to the attention of their supervisors before the situation escalates into potential violence. The Village is eager to assist in the resolution of employee disputes, and will not discipline employees for raising such concerns.
- G. Employees of the Village who make false and malicious complaints of workplace violence, as opposed to complaints which, even if erroneous, are made in good faith, will be subject to disciplinary action and/or referral to civil authorities as appropriate.

§A144-26. Identifying possible threats.

- A. Individual situations. While the Village does not expect employees to be skilled at identifying potentially dangerous persons, employees are expected to exercise good judgment and to inform their supervisor if any employee exhibits behavior which could be a sign of a potentially dangerous situation. Examples of such behavior include:
 - (1) Discussing weapons or bringing them to the workplace;
 - (2) Displaying overt signs of extreme stress, resentment, hostility or anger;
 - (3) Making threatening remarks;
 - (4) Sudden or significant deterioration of performance;
 - (5) Displaying irrational or inappropriate behavior.
- B. Employees at risk.
 - (1) The Human Resource Department or Safety Coordinator will identify and maintain a list of employees who have been determined to be at risk for becoming victims of violence because of the nature of their job or because they are subject to harassment, violence, or threats from a non-employee. The Village will design a plan with at-risk employees to prepare for any possible emergency situations.
 - (2) The Village, at the request of an employee, or at its own discretion, may prohibit members of the public, including family members, from seeing an employee on Village property unless necessary to transact Village-related business. This Policy particularly applies in cases where the employee suspects that an act of violence will result from an encounter with said individual(s).

- (3) Employees who have obtained Orders of Protection should notify their supervisors and the Safety Coordinator of any orders that list Village locations as protected areas.
- (4) Victims of domestic violence who believe the violence may extend into the workplace, or employees who believe that domestic or other personal matters may result in their being subject to violence extending into the workplace, are encouraged to notify their supervisor, or the Safety Coordinator. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

§A144-27. Enforcement.

Threats, threatening conduct, or any other acts of aggression or violence in the workplace will not be tolerated. Any employee determined to have committed such acts will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Non-employees engaged in violent acts on Village premises will be reported to the proper authorities and fully prosecuted.

§A144-28. Responsibilities.

- A. Mayor. The Mayor shall be responsible for the implementation of this Policy. The responsibility includes dissemination of this Policy to all Village employees, ensuring appropriate investigation and follow-up of all alleged incidents of workplace violence, and ensuring that all administrators and supervisors are aware of their responsibilities under this Policy through internal communications and training.
- B. Safety Coordinator. The Safety Coordinator is responsible for the following actions and procedures:
 - (1) Respond to, intervene in, and document all incidents of violence in the workplace;
 - (2) Maintain an internal tracking system of all threats and incidents of violence;
 - (3) Assist the Law Enforcement Agency and supervisors in responding to workplace violence;
 - (4) Facilitate appropriate responses to reported incidents of workplace violence;
 - (5) Notify the Law Enforcement Agency of workplace violence incidents reported to that office;
 - (6) Consult with, as necessary, counseling services to secure professional intervention;
 - (7) Provide new employees with a copy of the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy and Procedures;

- (8) Insure that employees receive appropriate training;
 - (9) Disseminate this Policy annually to all employees.
- C. Supervisor/Department Head. Each Department Head or other person with supervisory responsibility, (hereinafter "supervisor") shall have the following responsibilities within his or her area of jurisdiction for the implementation of this Policy:
- (1) Report any complaint of workplace violence made to him or her and any other incidents of workplace violence of which he or she becomes aware or reasonably believes to exist to the Safety Coordinator;
 - (2) Inform their immediate supervisor promptly about any complaints, acts, or threats of violence even if the situation has been addressed and resolved;
 - (3) After having reported such complaint or incident to the Safety Coordinator and immediate supervisor, keep it confidential and not disclose it further, except as necessary during the investigation process and/or subsequent proceedings;
 - (4) Contact the Law Enforcement Agency immediately in the event of imminent or actual violence involving weapons or potential physical injuries.

§A144-29. Training Program and notification.

- A. As part of its commitment to preventing workplace violence, the Village has established training programs for all employees. Training will be included as part of the orientation for all employees. Thereafter, employees will be scheduled for annual refresher training. This training is mandatory and attendance will be taken.
- B. Upon hiring, and annually thereafter, employees will receive copies of this Policy. Additionally, the Policy will be posted in the Village Hall and placed on the Village's website, as appropriate.

§A144-30. Employee assistance program.

- A. The Village provides an employee assistance program (EAP) for all full-time and part-time employees. This EAP offers services to these employees and their eligible dependents. While the Village receives periodic reports on the number and types of visits or calls made to the EAP, the Village does not receive information about individual contacts with the EAP.
- B. All employees are encouraged to use the EAP whenever they feel the need for guidance in coping with life's difficulties. If an employee has difficulty handling drugs or alcohol, the

EAP can provide information on treatment. The EAP is a confidential service to be used when an employee needs help.

§A144-31. Violence prevention team.

- A. The Village has created a violence prevention team to create and implement the Workplace Violence Prevention Program. The team will also handle the consequences of any incidents of violence that occur, providing assistance to employees and information to the media. The team will take the steps necessary to continue or resume business. The Village believes that a multi-disciplinary approach is best suited to handle workplace violence problems.
- B. If an employee has suggestions for ways to improve the safety and security at work, he or she should pass them along to their supervisor or leave a suggestion in any one of their mail boxes.

§A144-32. Incident management.

- A. In the event of a major workplace incident that effects, or has the potential to affect, the mental health of the Village workplace, the Village will provide initial counseling and support services to all Village employees and their immediate family members who request such counseling and support services.
- B. As the crisis passes and support systems are put into place for individuals affected by the incident, the Village will make every effort to return to normal business operations. A reasonable effort will be made to notify employees and others who need to know of the status of business operations directly whenever possible. In cases where direct contact is not possible or practical, an effort will be made to communicate through the Village website, news media and other available resources.

§A144-33. Confidentiality.

The Village of Sea Cliff shall maintain the confidentiality of investigations of workplace violence to the extent possible. The Village will act on the basis of anonymous complaints where it has a reasonable basis to believe that there has been a violation of this Policy and that the safety and well being of employees of the Village would be served by such action.

§A144-34. Retaliation.

Retaliation against anyone acting in good faith who has made a complaint of workplace violence, who has reported witnessing workplace violence, or who has been involved in reporting, investigating, or responding to workplace violence is a violation of this Policy. Those found responsible for retaliatory action will be subject to discipline up to and including termination.

RESOLUTION NO. 15, YEAR 2024

RESOLVED, that the Mayor has authority to call a special meeting, and that if such meeting is called, the Village Clerk shall give notice of the meeting by electronic mail to the Trustees; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that any meetings held by the Board of Trustees may be held in a manner as determined by the Mayor, subject to compliance with then applicable laws and/or Executive Orders.

RESOLUTION NO. 16, YEAR 2024

Whereas, pursuant to Village Law §5-524 and subject to certain exceptions as authorized by that statute, the Board of Trustees is required to audit all claims against the Village prior to payment; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees wishes to establish in documented form the policy of the Village with respect to payment of claims, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that except as otherwise provided in this resolution, no claim against the Village shall be paid and no instrument of payment of a claim shall be issued by the Village unless and until the claim is (a) in writing, (b) certified or verified under oath of the claimant or the claimant's duly authorized agent, (c) itemized to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees, (d) approved by the officer or employee whose action gave rise or origin to the claim, and (d) audited and approved by the Board of Trustees, and it is further

RESOLVED, that notwithstanding the foregoing, and pursuant to Village Law §5-524(5), the following claims may be paid without prior audit and approval by the Board of Trustees:

- (a) fixed salaries;
- (b) debt service;
- (c) amounts becoming due upon lawful contracts for periods exceeding one year;
- (d) compensation for services of employees or officers regularly engaged by the Village at agreed wages by the hour, day, week, month or year; provided, however, that with respect to items (a) and (d) in this paragraph, no such payment shall be made unless the payroll or other claim for compensation for personal services rendered to the Village by any person other than an elective Village officer shall be certified by the Village officer or employee having direct supervision of the claimant to the effect that such services were actually performed by the person or persons mentioned therein; and it is further

RESOLVED, that notwithstanding the foregoing and pursuant to Village Law §5-524(6), the following claims may be paid in advance of audit and approval of the Board of Trustees, provided such claims are presented for audit and approval at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- (a) public utility services;
- (b) postage;
- (c) freight and express charges;
- (d) charges for expenses incurred with the approval of the Board of Trustees where there is a discount for timely payment and audit of such claims is not feasible prior to the date for such discounted payment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the policy established by this resolution shall be reviewed at each ensuing organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees, and shall remain in effect until amended by resolution of the Board of Trustees at any duly convened meeting of the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION NO. 17, YEAR 2024

RESOLVED, that the Board adopts the following Policy for Information and Technology Management:.

VILLAGE OF SEA CLIFF Policies for Information & Technology Management

The Village of Sea Cliff (“Village”), , has created and employs two policies to guide the management and usage of the Village’s Information Technology resources, which include any and all equipment (including computers, networks, communication devices), information (including data bases, files, spreadsheets), software products and services, and communication services (including e-mail, messaging, social media sites, Internet access, and Internet linkages).

1. Village of Sea Cliff Information Technology (“IT”) Management Policy – presents the framework within which Village’s information and technology functions are to be managed in order to enhance Village business efficiency and efficacy within a secure, compliant business structure. This document will include:
 - i. Management roles and responsibilities
 - ii. Acceptable Usage Policy (Detailed in a separate policy statement)
 - iii. Problem resolution procedures
 - iv. Password protection policy
 - v. Breach Procedures
 - vi. Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery; Secure storage of critical data
 - vii. Policy on storing and destroying information
 - viii. Software (Change management)
 - ix. Firewall protection of installation; virus protection
 - x. Enforcement Approach
2. Village of Sea Cliff Acceptable Usage Policy – presents the policies that will guide the behavior of all users of Village information and technology resources, specifically officials,

employees (full and part time), volunteers, and contractors¹. In addition, the policy defines the rights and processes associated with the Village administering this policy. This document includes:

- a. General Guidelines for Use of Village IT
 - i. General Prohibitions
 - ii. Authorization/De-authorization Process
 - iii. Handling of Public vs Private information

- b. Detailed list of permitted and not permitted uses for Employees for each IT function. [Note: Any differences for other user groups (volunteers, temps, vendors, public) will be noted].
 - i. Village Information (Public vs Private)
 - ii. Internet
 - iii. Links to sites of Related Village entities
 - iv. Email/Messaging
 - v. Phones (Land lines and mobile)
 - vi. Social Media
 - vii. Hardware, Software

- c. Acceptable Usage Acknowledgement Process & Form

¹ The Village will offer public access to selected information and equipment as part of complying with New York State laws, including the New York State Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) . This access will be highly restricted and segregated from other Village information and technology resources. The Business Administrator will investigate the need for a separate policy to guide public access.

Village of Sea Cliff

Information Technology Management Policy

The Village of Sea Cliff's Information Technology Management Policy presents the framework within which Village's information and technology functions are to be managed in order to enhance Village business efficiency and efficacy within a secure, compliant business structure.

This policy, as the name indicates, is provided to make clear 1) the management roles and responsibilities of the Village IT management team and 2) the acceptable usage standards for each user. In addition the Policy provides guidelines for the following management functions:

- Problem resolution
- Password protection
- Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery
- Policy on retaining and destroying information
- Change management
- Enforcement Approach

Management roles and responsibilities

Mayor – has overall management responsibility for all Village functions including the management of Village IT resources. The Mayor therefore has final authority on all IT activity and policy. As defined in the procedures outlined below, the Mayor must be kept informed on all relevant IT-related activity, especially in times of business service interruption.

Board of Trustees – working with the Mayor, the Board of Trustees (“BOT”) has the responsibility to establish and maintain the Village's IT policies. In the event of the unavailability of the Mayor during a service interruption, the BOT as a group (and in a crisis, any Trustee) may temporarily act on behalf of the Mayor in reviewing Technical and/or Business Administrator's recommendation.

Business System Administrator – a Village officer (usually the Village Clerk/Treasurer) should be designated as the Business System Administrator responsible as the name implies for all business-related management functions associated with the IT operation, including

- Authorizing/De-authorizing usage of the IT resources to individuals
- Enforcing the IT Management Policy
- Overseeing the Acceptable Usage Policy
- Overseeing all changes to the business functions provided on the IT resources
- Resolving business problems associated with the IT system

Technology System Administrator – an individual (could be a Village employee or an independent contractor) should be designated as the Technology Systems Administrator responsible as the name implies for all technology-related management functions associated with the IT operations, including

- Designing, implementing, and overseeing the operation of the Village's IT infrastructure
- Support the Mayor and Business System Administrator in executing the IT Management Policy and the Acceptable Usage Policy
- Ensuring that the IT infrastructure remains current and viable. As part of this, oversee all technology changes to IT infrastructure, consistent with the Change Management policy
- Resolving technology problems associated with the IT system
- Ensures virus protection software has been installed, and is working, on all Village computers
- Ensures that firewall protection software has been installed, and is working, on all Village computers and the Village IT network.

Acceptable Usage Policy

The Village's Acceptable Usage Policy delineates acceptable use of the Internet and Village of Sea Cliff Information technology resources by

- Village officials and authorized full and part-time employees of the Village of Sea Cliff.
- Volunteers who are authorized to use the Village of Sea Cliff resources to access the Internet.
- Contractors who are authorized to use Village of Sea Cliff owned or leased equipment or facilities as part of their contracted responsibilities.

For purposes of this document, all three of these user types² will be treated the same under this Acceptable Usage Policy unless otherwise noted.

The Village Acceptable Usage Policy ensures that uses of the Village's IT resources are solely in support of Village of Sea Cliff business goals and objectives. The use of the Internet or any other such resources provided by the Village may not be used in violation of any local, state, federal, or international laws, regulations, or other government requirements. This includes, but is not limited to: theft or infringement of copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, or other types of intellectual property; fraud; forgery; theft or misappropriation of funds, credit cards, or personal information; and threats of physical harm; harassment. Non-business communications and access to information for non-business related activity is not authorized. Any employee or user who shall knowingly and intentionally violate any provisions of the Acceptable Usage policy shall be subject to disciplinary actions as provided by law.

The Business Systems Administrator, working in conjunction with the Mayor and Technology Systems Administrator, is responsible for maintaining and enforcing the Acceptable Usage Policy as part of his/her management responsibilities.

² The Village will offer public access to selected information and equipment as part of complying with New York state laws.. This access will be highly restricted and segregated from other Village information and technology resources. The Business Administrator will investigate the need for a separate policy to guide public access.

Problem resolution

In the event that normal business operations are disrupted for any reason including but not limited to operational problems, system malfunction, unauthorized breach of security protections, and business interruption, the Business Administrator will serve as the primary management control point, with the System Administrator the back-up in case of the unavailability of the Business Administrator. The Business Administrator will oversee the problem resolution process and maintain a record of all actions made during the process. If the decision is made to bring the system down, the Business Administrator must contact the Mayor (and in the event of unavailability a Trustee) for approval, except in cases where any delay presents further risk to the Village.

Problems will be categorized as Severe (causing total service interruption), Modest Impact (causing the interruption of some services, but not all), and Minor Impact (services continue while problem is addressed). Severe and Modest Impact problems should be escalated to the Mayor as quickly as possible, and a post-mortem analysis performed to understand the root causes and assess the effectiveness of the resolution process.

Password protection policy

The VOSC Acceptable Usage Policy describes the responsibilities of each user regarding their passwords. From a management perspective, the following policies are included in the Acceptable Usage Policy:

- Passwords must be unique and meet the complexity standard established by the Systems Administrator to ensure a reasonable protection level.
- Passwords must be changed at least once every 90 days. Passwords will expire automatically every 90 days.
- Passwords must be managed by the user compliant with the Acceptable Usage Policy requirements.
- The Systems Administrator shall implement a lock out policy to prevent user access after a set number of failed log-in attempts. All users are required to have their own distinct password and shall not share passwords with any other user.
- After 20 minutes on non-use, computer systems will turn off automatically, and access will require the input of a password.
- All users must log off upon leaving their terminal/work station.

Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery

Recognizing that the information produced and used as part of Village business is a critical asset of the Village, a Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery policy is hereby established and includes:

- The requirement that all information on the system be moved to, and stored in, a secure off-site location each business day as part of a service contract by an independent contractor.
- The service contract should also provide for the contractor's ability to restore any information requested by the Village within a 24 hour period.
- The requirement that the System Administrator establish a secure operating environment by implementing and operating the requisite firewalls, virus protections,

intruder detection and other capabilities to ensure secure, continued operation of the Village's IT resources.

Policy on destroying information

The law provides for retention for certain records for particular periods of time. The Village, and all users of the Village systems, are required to abide by these record retention laws. No information, including e-mails, shall be destroyed or deleted unless specifically authorized by the Village Records Access Officer.

E-mail messages sent or received in conjunction with Village business may:

- Be releasable to the public under the Freedom of Information Law.
- require special measures to comply with the Personal Privacy Law.
- Be retained in accordance with record retention laws.
- Be subject to discovery proceedings in legal actions.

Change management

It is the responsibility of the System and Business Administrators to oversee the maintenance and enhancement of the Village's IT operating environment, including equipment, software, and operating procedures. As such, they are responsible to ensure that the IT resources remain current and supportable, which will require periodic updates to the IT resources. All such changes must be made within a controlled Change Management process, approved by the Mayor, and communicated to the impacted parties by the Business Administrator.

Enforcement, Privacy and Access

The Village of Sea Cliff retains the right to monitor employees' use of Computer Resources (including computers, the Internet and e-mail) to assure compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations, as well as the Acceptable Usage Policy. This includes, but is not limited to, accessing stored information, reviewing logs of incoming and outgoing information and messages, as well as the content of that information. There can thus be no expectation of privacy with respect to an employee's use of the Internet and Village equipment. The Village of Sea Cliff, through the Business System Administrator, reserves the right to record the location of all Internet sites accessed by users and the right to block access to or from any Internet resources.

In support of their oversight and enforcement responsibilities, the Business and Technology System Administrators, when authorized by the Mayor and Board of Trustees, may arrange for an annual independent audit of the Village's IT operation, to be performed by a qualified independent third party. The results of this audit will be presented to the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Business System Administrator, and Technology System administrator on an annual basis.

E-mail messages are not personal and private. E-mail system administrators will not routinely monitor individual staff member's e-mail and will take all reasonable precautions

to protect the privacy of e-mail. However, technical staff may access an employee's e-mail:

- For a legitimate business purpose (i.e., the need to access information when an employee is absent for an extended period of time).
- To diagnose and resolve technical problems involving system hardware, software, or communications.
- To investigate possible misuse of e-mail when a reasonable suspicion of abuse exists or in conjunction with an approved investigation.

A staff member is prohibited from accessing another user's e-mail without his or her permission.

Village of Sea Cliff Acceptable Usage Policy

The Village's Acceptable Usage Policy delineates acceptable use of the Internet and Village Information Technology resources by

- Village officials and authorized full and part-time employees of the Village of Sea Cliff.
- Volunteers who are authorized to use the Village of Sea Cliff resources to access the Internet.
- Contractors who are authorized to use Village of Sea Cliff owned or leased equipment or facilities as part of their contracted responsibilities.

For purposes of this document, all three of these user types will be treated the same under this Acceptable Usage Policy unless otherwise noted³.

The use of the Village's IT resources must be in support of Village of Sea Cliff business goals and objectives. The use of the Internet or any other such resources provided by the VOSC may not be used in violation of any local, state, federal, or international laws, regulations, or other government requirements. This includes, but is not limited to: theft or infringement of copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, or other types of intellectual property; fraud; forgery; theft or misappropriation of funds, credit cards, or personal information; and threats of physical harm; harassment. Non-business communications and access to information for non-business related activities is not authorized.

Computer hardware and software is intended for the sole benefit of the management and operational effectiveness of the Village of Sea Cliff. Computers and related information technology (IT) equipment and related resources shall be used for Village work only. Unapproved or non-business use may terminate your privilege to use such technology and could lead to appropriate disciplinary actions.

³ The VOSC will offer access to selected information and equipment as part of complying with New York State laws. This access will be highly restricted and segregated from other Village information and technology resources. The Business Administrator will investigate the need for a separate policy to guide public access.

The Village has the right and the option to install software and systems that monitor and record all Internet and computer use. These systems may record each Internet site visit and each e-mail into and out of the Village's internal networks, and the Village reserves the right to do so at any time.

The usage of any Information Technology resources provided by the Village of Sea Cliff to a user will be subject to search or inspection, random or specific, at any time by the Village of Sea Cliff to investigate and enforce Village Acceptable Usage Policy. Accordingly, users should have no expectations of privacy and their activity may be monitored.

Authorization/De-authorization Process

The Village Systems Administrator and Village Business Administrator will be responsible to respectively identify the technical and business users permitted to use the Village IT environment and to specify exactly what functions they are permitted to perform. These Administrators, working in concert with village management, are also responsible to maintain and revise the Village Policy as needed.

There will be a formal authorization process for each user, which includes the signing of the Acceptable Usage Acknowledgement form and the signoff of either of the 2 administrators before a user may be activated for usage.

Any employee who shall knowingly and intentionally violate any provisions of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary actions by either of the administrators which may include immediate withdrawal of usage authorization (de-authorization) without any notice or hearing as well as possible suspension or termination from employment in the manner provided by law.

Public versus Private information

The Village's Acceptable Usage Policy will comply with all local, state, and federal regulations regarding availability of public information, working within the existing FOIL request process. The Business Administrator must review and approve all such requests and has the right to withhold information that is exempt from disclosure under FOIL .

Below is a list of additional general prohibitions for all users of Village IT resources:

- Creating, storing, viewing or transmitting information which is fraudulent, harassing, embarrassing, sexually explicit, obscene, or defamatory.
- Participating in any activity which constitutes harassment under the Village of Sea Cliff Harassment Policy or under state or federal law or regulations.
- Reading, deleting, copying or modifying e-mail messages sent to others without their permission.
- Promoting political or religious positions.
- Operating a personal business, or any use for personal gain.
- Using or installing any software or peripheral equipment not approved in advance by the System Administrator.
- Engaging in any activity which would compromise the security of the Village of Sea Cliff network and computer resources such as any attempt to harm or destroy data through the

upload or creation of computer viruses, hacking, monitoring or using systems without authorization

Officials, employees, volunteers, citizens, and contractors who are not authorized to access the Internet as part of their official duties or authorizations may not access the Internet using Village of Sea Cliff facilities under any circumstances. It is expected that users who are authorized access will do so to enhance their ability to execute their job responsibilities; improve their job knowledge; to access scientific, technical, and other information on topics which have relevance to their assignments; to communicate with their peers in other Government agencies, academia, and industry; or to access information they have legal rights to.

Users should be aware that when access is accomplished using Internet addresses and domain names registered to the Village of Sea Cliff, they might be perceived by others to represent the Village of Sea Cliff. Users are advised not to use the Internet for any purpose that would reflect negatively on the Village of Sea Cliff or its employees.

The Village of Sea Cliff retains the right to monitor employees' use of Computer Resources (including computers, the Internet and e-mail) to assure compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations, as well as the Acceptable Use Policy. This includes, but is not limited to, accessing stored information, reviewing logs of incoming and outgoing information and messages, as well as the content of that information. There can thus be no expectation of privacy with respect to an employee's use of the Internet. The Village of Sea Cliff, through the Business System Administrator, reserves the right to record the location of all Internet sites accessed by users and the right to block access to or from any Internet resources.

The Village of Sea Cliff will not be responsible for any damages resulting from the public's use of authorized data. This includes but is not limited to losses resulting from delays, non-deliveries, viruses or service interruptions. Use of any information obtained is at the user's risk.

Village Information & Resources

The use of the Village of Sea Cliff's Information Technology resources, including e-mail and Internet access, is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of those privileges and may be cause for disciplinary action up to and including discharge. The Village of Sea Cliff Board or the (named official) may request the System Administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user access privileges, when use that violates these policies has been determined.

Users must not attempt to access restricted files or portions of operating systems, security systems, or administrative systems to which they have not been given authorization: electronic mail, data or programs or information protected under state and federal laws.

Users must not release another person's restricted information.

Passwords

Users are responsible for their own passwords and passwords must not be shared. Users must not use other user's passwords, user id's, or accounts or attempt to capture or guess other user's passwords. Users are also restricted from using business equipment for personal use. Users must not hide their identity for malicious purposes or assume the identity of another user.

- Security is a high priority and the following must be adhered to:
- Do not use another individual's account.
- Do not give your password to any other individual.
- Passwords must be complex.
- Passwords must be changed once every 90 days.
- Passwords will be locked out, if not changed, every 90 days.
- All users are required to have their own distinct password and shall not share passwords with any other user.
- After 20 minutes on non-use, computer systems will turn off automatically, and access will require the input of a password.
- All users must log off upon leaving their terminal/work station.
- Attempts to log into the network as any other user will result in cancellation of user privileges.
- Any user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the Village of Sea Cliff Information Technology resources.

Internet

The following uses of the Internet shall be strictly prohibited for any employee utilizing any Village resources, including Internet connections, accessed through the Village of Sea Cliff: 'Surfing the web' opens the potential for viruses to invade the Village system when visiting unknown sites. Therefore, surfing for entertainment or shopping purposes is strictly prohibited.

Visiting non-business related websites

Sending restricted or confidential data over the internet or off the locally managed network

Using of the Internet for downloading or uploading Internet games or any other type of software, unless specifically approved for Village work. Only licensed versions of application software and/or operating system software are permitted. Software not approved by the System administrator not permitted on Village-owned computers.

Viewing or posting of messages, replies, or any type of announcements to the Internet via message boards, forums, chat rooms, on-line classifieds, news groups, or any other type of public website, unless directly related to an employees' scope of work and not conflicting with any other communications policy set by the Village of Sea Cliff.

If as part of authorized usage a user links to another Internet set from the VOSC network, this access is intended only to support authorized activity and in no way should be interpreted as permission to pursue non-business activity on this site.

Email/Messaging/Social Media

E-mail and other communication services, which include the electronic transmission of mail, documents, files, data and other information, like other means of communication, are to be used to support Village business. The following policy shall apply to all users of official Village of Sea Cliff E-mail addresses:

E-mail addresses shall be administered by the Village Clerk's office. Requests for new e-mail accounts should be submitted to the Village Clerk's office in writing, with a brief explanation of need.

An official Village of Sea Cliff e-mail Address is intended only for Village of Sea Cliff business and all mail becomes the property of the Village of Sea Cliff. E-mail users are personally accountable for all access through their account and must take all reasonable precautions to prevent access by unauthorized individuals. Accounts are to be logged out when not in active use.

E-mail messages must be drafted in a professional, business manner and shall use appropriate language. E-mail messages sent to all, or a group of, Village of Sea Cliff employees must be approved by the sender's supervisor prior to delivery.

E-mail users are expected to check their Village e-mail accounts frequently and make provisions to have mail forwarded if they expect to be away for an extended period of time.

E-mail, created or received by the Village of Sea Cliff employees in connection with official business, is a record that is subject to access, privacy and records management and retention laws and regulations. Information communicated through email systems must be identified and managed as any other document. It is the responsibility of the user of the e-mail system to manage e-mail messages and to retain messages for the approved retention period in accordance with records retention schedules as established by New York State Archives Records Administration.

Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all officials, employees and officers of the Village of Sea Cliff. This policy applies to all Village of Sea Cliff information, computer systems and data that is used for official Village of Sea Cliff business, regardless of its location.

Users should recognize that computing resources are limited and user activities may have an impact on the entire network. Users must not misuse e-mail; spread e-mail widely and without good purpose or flood an individual, group or system with numerous or large e-mail messages.

Authorized users shall not use Village e-mail accounts for illegal, disruptive, unethical or unprofessional activities, for personal use or economic gain or for any purpose that would jeopardize the legitimate interests of the Village of Sea Cliff.

Users are not permitted to send chain letters, viruses, and obscene or otherwise offensive material through official Village of Sea Cliff e-mail.

Engaging in e-mail practices that involve ongoing message receipt and transmission, referred to as "instant messaging" is prohibited.

Users should not open e-mail from unknown senders or e-mail that seems suspicious.

Users are not permitted to access Social Media sites, except as provided in the Village's Social Media Policy.

Users shall report any suspicious activity or e-mails to the Business System Administrator.

Users shall report any computer problems to the Technology System Administrator.

Users shall not install or connect any personal software or hardware to the Village IT network without written permission from the Business System Administrator.

Social Networking

- The use of Village logos, names, pictures or accounts of activities is strictly prohibited without prior approval from the Business Administrator.
- Personal blogs or other postings should have clear disclaimers that the views expressed by the author are the author's alone and do not represent the views of the Village.
- Social media activities must not interfere with work related commitments or activities.
- Your online presence reflects the Village. Be aware that your actions captured via images, posts, or comments can reflect that of the Village.
- Do not reference or cite Village employees or vendors without their express written consent.

Phones (Land lines and mobile)

Phones and other communication devices provided by the VOSC to an employee as part of performing their authorized activity are granted for the sole purpose of performing their responsibilities and should not be used for personal purposes, except in times of emergency.

Can't do personal stuff even if on own phone. In emergency they can use personal phone for business?

Hardware, Software

Users must take reasonable efforts to protect the physical and electronic integrity of equipment, networks, software and accounts on any equipment that is used for the Village of Sea Cliff. As part of this, users should not

- knowingly introduce worms or viruses or other malicious code into the system, nor disable protective measures such as antivirus, spyware firewalls
- install unauthorized software or remove authorized software
- attempt to access restricted files or portions of operating systems, security systems or administrative systems to which they have not been given authorization.
- connect unauthorized equipment or media, which includes but is not limited to: laptops, thumb drives, removable drives, wireless access points, ipads and mp3 players.

Acceptable Usage Acknowledgement Form

The Internet offers many resources to Village of Sea Cliff employees and other users for the efficient exchange of information and the timely completion of assigned responsibilities. The use of Internet facilities and e-mail by any official, employee, volunteer, citizen, or contractor must be consistent with this Acceptable Use Policy. Each affected user must therefore carefully read, and agree to abide by, the following Village of Sea Cliff Acceptable Usage Policy before being granted permission to access any VOSC IT resource.

Conformance to this Policy should be considered to be a term and condition of affected employee's employment or non-employee's access grant. Any other non-conformance to this Policy may be cause for disciplinary action up to and including discharge.

RESOLUTION NO. 18, YEAR 2024

RESOLVED, that the Board adopts the following Policy for Social Media Site Policy:

VILLAGE OF SEA CLIFF SOCIAL MEDIA SITE POLICY

I. PURPOSE

The Village of Sea Cliff seeks to facilitate the effective and thorough communication of information relating to the Village and the surrounding area to its residents through the use of social media websites and other available applications ("Village Social Media Sites"). This policy sets forth guidance to enable the Village to provide for forums intended for use as a tool to post and share Village news, information, events, agendas, announcements, activities, projects and online services. Followers and fans of Village Social Media Sites can access current events, news and information that may affect the Village of Sea Cliff and surrounding areas.

In accordance with this policy, Village Social media Sites are designated as non-public forums intended solely for the dissemination of public information to Village residents and others interested in matters impacting the Village.

The Village also has a separate Information and Technology Management policy, which does not govern the use of Village Social media Sites. This policy governs the use and administration of Village Social Media Sites only.

II. ADMINISTRATION

All Village Social Media Sites shall be administered by an appointed Social Media Administrator or an appointed Village employee or official. The establishment and use of Village Social Media Sites by any Village employee or department is subject to the approval of the Mayor and Board of Trustees.

The Social Media Administrator shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, for a term of one official year, or the balance of an official, as applicable.

III. ACCESSIBILITY

All Village Social Media Sites must include a hyperlink to this social media policy. To the extent possible, Village Social Media Sites should link back to the official Village of Sea Cliff website for calendars, agendas, resolutions, forms, documents, online services and other information necessary to conduct business with the Village.

The Village website (www.seacliff-ny.gov) will continue to remain as the Village's primary internet presence and all accompanying Village Social Media Sites and profiles will always maintain links to the Village website.

IV. SOCIAL MEDIA USE POLICY AND GUIDELINES

- A. Village Social Media Sites are for informational purposes, intended to convey and communicate important Village matters. The primary purpose is to enhance communication with residents by providing for additional avenues for the distribution and dissemination of information.
- B. No public comment is permitted. Questions or comments may be addressed directly to a Village email address used for the receipt of questions or comments.
- C. Village Media Sites are non-public forums intended as a communication tool to post and share Village news, information, events, meeting information, agendas, announcements, activities, projects, and online services, in accordance with this policy.
- D. All Village Social Media sites shall adhere to applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and policies.
- E. Only the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Social Media Administrator and a Board of Trustee appointed Village employee or official are authorized to create or publish on behalf of the Village.
- F. Each Village Social Media Site shall include a statement that clearly specifies the purpose and information scope of the site. At a minimum, the statement shall provide (a) the Village has established the social media site for use by the Village of Sea Cliff to distribute information to the community in a timely fashion, (b) the site is not a public forum, (c) postings to the site are not public records, and (d) questions regarding a posting, or any comments relating to a posting, can be addressed to a Village email address used for the receipt of such questions or comments.
- G. Village use of social media shall be documented or maintained in an easily accessible format that tracks account information and preserves items that may be considered a record subject to disclosure under applicable laws.
- H. The Mayor, Board of Trustees, Social Media Administrator and appointed official or employee with authority to create or publish content shall annually, at the beginning of the official year or upon appointment as provided in this policy, review and confirm in writing their understanding of this policy, including their responsibilities to review content submitted for posting to ensure compliance with this policy.
- I. The Social Media Administrator or appointed Village official or employee will monitor all activity and content on all Village Social Media Sites to ensure adherence to this policy.

- J. All new Village Social Media Sites proposed for Village use will first be approved by the Social Media Administrator.
- K. The Social Media Administrator or appointed Village official or employee may consult with the Village Administrator or Village Attorney to develop specific disclaimers to comply with any applicable laws, regulations or policies. The Social Media Administrator or appointed Village official or employee may consult with the Village Attorney to determine whether to remove or modify content that violates this policy.
- L. The Social Media Administrator shall assure that social media content is primarily informational and that no information or comments are posted by persons without authorization to post such information or comments.
- M. Village computers, laptops and mobile devices used to access Village Social Media Sites for the posting of content shall have up-to-date software to protect against destructive technical incidents including cyber, virus and spyware/ransomware/adware attacks.
- N. Perceived or known compromises to the Village's internal network or Village Social Media Sites shall be reported promptly to the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Village Administrator and Village Attorney.
- O. The Village does not guarantee that the Village Social Media Sites will be uninterrupted, permanent or error-free. The Village does not make any assurances that the details provided in a particular Village Social Media Site is accurate, and reference should be made by the end user to the Village website for information and details. The Village may determine to discontinue on a temporary or permanent basis the use of particular Village Social Media Sites, at any time.
- P. Only authorized Village personnel may post content to the Village Social Media Sites, in accordance with this policy.
- Q. The Village does not endorse any social media site, and the use of such sites is intended solely as a means of disseminating information.
- R. Village Social Media Sites are temporary platforms, for displaying information and posting copies of existing records. In and of itself, the platform information is not a public record. The information provided on each site is also available on the Village website, and thus merely serves as a copy of records on the Village website.

RESOLUTION NO. 19, YEAR 2024

RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Village Clerk to notify the official newspaper of the notice of dates for the year, post such notice, and place such notice on the Village website.

RESOLUTION NO. 20, YEAR 2024

RESOLVED, that the public officer and employee insurance policy, which contains a blanket undertaking covering officers and employees of the Village and Village Court, shall remain in effect through and including the last day of the policy year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall procure a similar policy containing the same protections for not less than the balance of the Village official year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such blanket undertaking within such policy contains an indemnity against losses caused by such failure of the Village officers or employees to faithfully perform their duties or by their fraudulent or dishonest acts.

RESOLUTION NO. 21, YEAR 2024

RESOLVED, that Norton Rose Fulbright, 666 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY be designated as the Village's Bond Counsel for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

RESOLUTION NO. 22, YEAR 2024

RESOLVED, that Sarah Beaudin Village Clerk be appointed Alternate Contact Administrator, Judith Phelps, Village Treasurer, Contact Administrator and Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator be appointed Security Administrator for the NYS Retirement Online System.

RESOLUTION NO. 23, YEAR 2024

RESOLVED, that Gary Ketcham, Public Works Supervisor be appointed Safety Coordinator, and that Thomas Santos, Gary Ketcham, Bruce Kennedy and Shane Dommin be appointed to the Safety Committee, whose responsibilities include maintaining compliance with OSHA/PESH regulations.

RESOLUTION NO. 24, YEAR 2024

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk and Beach Manager are hereby authorized to take such action as is necessary to make application to the County for the annual beach permit.

RESOLUTION NO. 25, YEAR 2024

Village Board Meeting Dates
Location: Sea Cliff Village Hall

Monday May 6, 2024 Conference Meeting

Monday	May 13, 2024	Public Meeting
Monday	June 3, 2024	Conference Meeting
Monday	June 10, 2024	Public Meeting
Monday	July 1, 2024	Conference Meeting
Monday	July 8, 2024	Public Meeting
Monday	August 5, 2024	Conference Meeting
Tuesday	September 3, 2024	Conference Meeting
Monday	September 9, 2024	Public Meeting
Monday	October 7, 2024	Conference Meeting
Tuesday	October 15, 2024	Public Meeting
Monday	November 4, 2024	Conference Meeting
Tuesday	November 12, 2023	Public Meeting
Monday	December 2, 2024	Conference Meeting
Monday	December 9, 2024	Public Meeting
Monday	January 6, 2025	Conference Meeting
Monday	January 13, 2025	Public Meeting
Monday	February 3, 2025	Conference Meeting
Monday	February 10, 2025	Public Meeting
Monday	March 3, 2025	Conference
Monday	March 10, 2025	Board Meeting
Monday	April 7, 2025	Organizational Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Note: Conference meetings are scheduled for 6:00 pm
Board Meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm