

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BUSINESS MEETING
VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
Monday, January 26, 2026

A business meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Village Hall, at 2 Prospect Street, on Monday, January 26, 2026. Mayor Parente, Deputy Mayor Gallo and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, & Vaidya, Jeff Blinkoff (Village Attorney) and Joanna Palumbo (Village Clerk) were present. Scott Cunningham (Village Treasurer) & Elissa Jansen (Deputy Village Clerk) were present virtually.

Call to order at 7:00pm

A motion to go into Executive Session at 7:35pm was made by Bonnie Parente and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

There was a discussion pertaining to a water bill for a resident that is in dispute. **No action taken.**

A motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:47pm was made by Trustee Iannone and seconded by Trustee Dunne. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve the Check Register by Check Date report dated January 27, 2026, was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve the proposal for a new all-weather glass garage door for the auxiliary fire department museum by Becker Garage Door Co. Inc. in the amount of \$6,500.00. (to be reimbursed by the 2024 NC CRP grant). **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve the proposal submitted by D&B Engineers and Architects for preparing the 2025 Annual Water Quality Report in the amount of \$2,400.00. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

General matters discussed:

Mayor Parente advised the Board that due to a rigorous new work schedule which also requires a lot of travel, Trustee Dunne has decided to step down from the Board of Trustees and that she has been in discussion with several residents to gauge their interest in being appointed to the Board to fill the remainder of Trustee Dunne's term.

The Mayor also gave a brief storm wrap up. She indicated that other than a few calls related to isolated and minor plowing issues, the village DPW did a great job salting and plowing. In the middle of the storm two of the trucks needed to be serviced but they were up and running again in short order. As early as the Thursday before the storm, the village office began communicating to the residents through social media, email and texts that there would be no on street parking beginning Saturday evening after 11:00pm. Subsequently, four tickets were issued.

The Village Treasurer advised the Board that the auditors are almost finished with the 2023 external audit.

The Board discussed modifying the existing code related to clearing snow from sidewalks and fire hydrants, reducing the timeframe for compliance from 48 hours after the end of the weather event, down to 18 hours. They asked the Village Attorney to draft legislation for their consideration.

The Village Clerk advised the Board that two separate requests related to the commuter parking lot had been received (1) to designate a few spots lot for residents requiring daily use permits and (2) to designate a few spots for the employees of the commercial properties on Sagamore Avenue. The Board suggested that the spots should be located across from the DPW garage.

A motion to go into Executive Session at 8:11pm was made by Trustee Iannone and seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

There was a discussion pertaining to pending legislation. **No action taken.**

A motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:12pm was made by Trustee Iannone and seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to close the meeting was made at 8:18pm by Trustee Vaidya, seconded by Trustee Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Minutes by: Joanna E. Palumbo, Village Clerk

Dated: January 27, 2026

Approved by the BOT on: 2/9/2026