

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
February 9, 2026**

A business meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York, to discuss the 2026/27 fiscal year budget. The Board members present were Mayor Parente, Deputy Mayor Anthony Gallo, Trustees Rushi Vaidya, and James Iannone. Also in attendance were Village Counsel Jeff Blinkoff, Treasurer Scott Cunningham and Village Clerk Joanna Palumbo. Also present were Daniel Simone and Harry Yeun.

The Village Treasurer, Scott Cunningham, presented the Board with the preliminary 26/27 FY budget.

The Business meeting was then followed by the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston at 7:30 pm. The Board members present were Mayor Parente, Deputy Mayor Anthony Gallo, Trustees Rushi Vaidya, and James Iannone. Also in attendance were Village Counsel Jeff Blinkoff, Treasurer Scott Cunningham and Village Clerk Joanna Palumbo. Also present were Mr. & Mrs. Chappo, Rocky Panetta, Michael Guglielmo, Daniel Simone, Harry Yeun and Joseph Cav Scott, a reporter from the Mineola-Williston Times.

Mayor Parente verified a quorum of the Board and Rocky Panetta led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Parente opened the public hearing to consider a Local Law amending Village Code Chapter 121 entitled “Streets and Public Places” Article III entitled “Encroachments, care of sidewalks”.

Mayor Parente explained that this local law is to clarify the code as it relates to the repair and maintenance of sidewalks and transferring liability to the homeowner.

Having no questions from the Board or the audience, Mayor Parente closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve Local Law 1 of 2026 amending Village Code Chapter 121 entitled “Streets and Public Places” Article III entitled “Encroachments, care of sidewalks” was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gallo. The Board further resolved that the within action is a Type 2 action for the purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, having no significant impact on the environment. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Mayor Parente opened the public hearing to consider a Local Law amending Village Code Chapter 11 entitled “Auctions and Sales” so as to repeal Article I entitled “Auction and Sale of Household Goods” and to amend Article II entitled “Garage Sales”.

Mayor Parente explained that this local law repeals Chapter 11, article I entitled “Auction and Sales of Household Goods” and amends Article II entitled “Garage Sales”. It clarifies that garage sales are permitted only when a resident is moving from his or her residence or when the property has changed ownership.

A motion to approve Local Law 2 of 2026 amending Village Code Chapter 11 entitled “Auctions and Sales” to repeal Article I entitled “Auction and Sale of Household Goods” and to amend Article II entitled “Garage Sales” was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone. The Board further resolved that the within action is a Type 2 action for the purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, having no significant impact on the environment.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Parente opened the public hearing to consider a resolution approving a Local Law amending section 160-37(B)(1)(b) of the Village Code so as to allow for fences of six foot fences in height to be installed on residential properties at the lot line of such properties which (1) abut a publicly owned property; (2) abut a commercially owned property; or (3) abut a property owned by an entity that has a conditional use grant within the Village.

Mayor Parente explained that this local law was approved by a prior Board but never filed with the Secretary of State. This action would effectively ratify that prior approval and allow the Village to file with the State.

A motion to approve Local Law 3 of 2026 approving a Local Law – amending section 160-37(B)(1)(b) of the Village Code so as to allow for fences of six foot fences in height to be installed on residential properties at the lot line of such properties which (1) abut a publicly owned property; (2) abut a commercially owned property; or (3) abut a property owned by an entity that has a conditional use grant within the Village.

The motion was passed unanimously.

MOTIONS

A motion that the minutes from the January 12, 2026 Board of Trustee meeting and the January 26, 2026 Board of Trustee business meeting be approved was made by Trustee Vaidya and seconded by Trustee Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve the Check Register by Check Date report dated February 9, 2026 was made by Trustee Iannone and seconded by Deputy mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustee approve Budget Amendment #6 to the 2025-2026 adopted budget as proposed by the Village Treasurer was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR GALLO

Deputy Mayor Gallo reported that the Fire Department responded to 14 calls in January, 6 general calls and 5 medical calls. He also reported that the East Williston Little League will be starting up in March. He also thanked the Department of Public Works for a great job cleaning up after the recent snow storm.

In the absence of Trustee Dunne, Mayor Parente asked that everyone please support the East Williston library by contributing to the Friends of the Library Campaign which helps them continue the amazing programming they offer.

TRUSTEE IANNONE

Trustee Iannone reported that the Village Court disposed of 30 violations in January which included 12 parking and 18 Village ordinances and collected \$2,375.00 in fines. He also invited all to the next senior's luncheon which will be held on Thursday, February 19 at 1:00pm and they are celebrating Chinese Lunar New Year.

TRUSTEE VAIDYA

Trustee Vaidya asked that residents be mindful of keeping the sight lines clear by clearing back vegetation for the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

MAYOR PARENTE

Mayor Parente reported that the Board recently held a budget workshop, which was attended by two residents and proved to be very productive. She thanked the Village Treasurer for the excellent work done in stabilizing and organizing the Village's finances and for preparing a budget that is mindful of unforeseen issues, including the unusually high number of water main breaks.

She also mentioned the upcoming centennial celebrations; the Reminiscing Breakfast on 2/28 and the LIRR historian event on 3/14 and the Gala on 4/23/26.

A motion to close the meeting was made at 7:51pm by Mayor Parente and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Minutes prepared by:

Joanna Palumbo, Village Clerk on February 10, 2026

Approved by the BOT on: March 9, 2026