

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
March 10, 2025**

A business meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York. Board members present were Mayor Parente, Trustees Iannone & Vaidya. Trustee Dunne & Deputy Mayor Gallo were excused.

No actions were taken.

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. Board members present were Mayor Parente, Trustees Iannone & Vaidya. Trustee Dunne & Deputy Mayor Gallo were excused. Also in attendance was a reporter from the Mineola Williston Times and several East Williston residents.

Mayor Parente verified a quorum of the Board and Agnes Kirshner lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Parente opened the public hearing to consider Local Law 1 of 2025 Amending Village Code Chapter 148 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, at Section 148-10(A)(6), to prohibit parking on both sides of Roslyn Rd. within the village. Mayor Parente explained that this local law was a result of safety concerns received from residents.

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

A motion to approve Local Law 1 of 2025 Amending Village Code Chapter 148 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, at Section 148-10(A)(6), to prohibit parking on both sides of Roslyn Rd. within the village was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.** 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.

Mayor Parente opened the public hearing to consider Local Law 2 of 2025 Amending Village Code Chapter 148 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, at Section 148-12(B)(2), to restrict parking on Wheatley Avenue between Downing St. and East Williston Ave to emergency vehicles only. Mayor Parente explained that this local law was a result of cars blocking residential driveways and at times leaving cars unattended during school drop off and pick up times.

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

A motion to approve Local Law 2 of 2025 Amending Village Code Chapter 148 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, at Section 148-12(B)(2), to restrict parking at 23 Wheatley Ave. to emergency vehicles only was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.** 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.

A verbatim transcript of said hearing is on file with the Village Clerk.

MOTIONS

A motion to set a date of April 7, 2025 for a public hearing to consider a Local Law adding Chapter 161 entitled "Tax Cap Override" was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the minutes from the February 10, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting and the February 25, 2025 Board of Trustees business meeting be approved was made by Trustee Iannone and seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to approve the audited vouchers on the Check by Date reports dated March 10, 2025, was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees award the 2025 Tree Maintenance Bid to 4T's Premier Land Services who were the lowest responsible bidder was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees increase the water rates by 33% beginning March 1, 2025 was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.** 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.

REPORTS

TRUSTEE IANNONE

He reported that East Williston Seniors are meeting Thursday, March 20th at 1pm. Lunch will be corned beef from the Cornerstone in Mineola and there will be a fiddler as entertainment in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

He also reported that the Village Court processed 50 cases and collected a total of \$2,175.00 for February.

TRUSTEE VAIDYA

He reported that the Vegetation Management for Traffic Safety Committee reminds all residents to cut back & maintain their bushes and vegetation to ensure proper sight lines for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

VILLAGE CLERK JOANNA PALUMBO

Village Clerk Palumbo presented the Nassau County Police Department crime report for East Williston for the month of February 2025, which included 5 aided cases. She also advised the Board that 8 building permits and 2 plumbing permits were processed in February.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (re-organizational meeting) is scheduled for Monday April 7, 2025, at 7:30pm.

Mayor Parente opened the floor to public comment.

Many residents asked additional questions and raised concerns about the water rate increase and the federal mandates that require the Williston Park water treatment upgrades. The overall sentiment was frustration that East Williston residents have little to no recourse to fight the increases. Former Trustee Vella provided historical background on the current contract East Williston and the alternatives they researched at the time.

Mayor Parente indicated that she has been in contact with the Williston Park Mayor as well as some of the Trustees. She has repeatedly requested a pause in the rate increases. There is a Newsday article coming out tomorrow (3/12/25) that she hopes will shed more light on the issue. She reiterated that we are in a binding contract and that there is no basis for bringing a lawsuit; she is hoping diplomacy will be successful and that Williston Park and East Williston can work together, amicably and productively, to find alternatives. She thanked Eswar Sivaraman for reviewing the engineering reports and sharing his observations with the Board. She also indicated that others have asked to review the reports and make suggestions.

A motion was made to close the meeting was made at 8:52pm by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Minutes prepared by:

Joanna E. Palumbo, Village Clerk on March 11, 2025

Approved by the BOT on: April 7, 2025