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2 Prospect Street  
East Williston, New York  
April 7, 2025  
7:30 P.M.

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

1 A P P E A R A N C E S :

2 BONNIE L.S. PARENTE, Mayor

3 ANTHONY GALLO, Deputy Mayor

4 JAMES L. IANNONE, Trustee

5 RUSHI VAIDYA, Trustee

6 RAFFAELA DUNNE, Trustee

7 SCOTT CUNNINGHAM, Village Treasurer

8 THOMAS MULLANEY, Village Attorney

9 JOANNA E. PALUMBO, Village Clerk

10 ELISSA JANSEN, Deputy Village Clerk

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2 MAYOR PARENTE: If everyone would  
3 please rise.

4 Mr. Sinclair, would you lead us in  
5 the Pledge?

6 (WHEREUPON, the Pledge of  
7 Allegiance was recited.)

8 MAYOR PARENTE: Good evening,  
9 everyone.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good evening.

11 MAYOR PARENTE: As I'm sure many or  
12 all of you know, tonight is officially our  
13 organizational night set by state law to be the  
14 first Monday in April for the incorporated  
15 villages who have their elections in March. We  
16 did not have an election this year but we still  
17 are bound by state law, and so thank you all  
18 for coming to this event. We will also be  
19 incorporated our regular Monday night meeting.

20 So I will start with our public  
21 hearing portion. We are -- this is a  
22 requirement, and I'll make a motion that the  
23 Board of Trustees approve a local law adding  
24 Chapter 161, entitled Tax Cap Override.

25 TRUSTEE VAIDYA: Second.

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2 MAYOR PARENTE: And that's just  
3 adding that law. I see a second by Trustee  
4 Vaidya.

5 CLERK PALUMBO: I dont have my vote  
6 card.

7 MAYOR PARENTE: So we'll all say  
8 aye.

9 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,  
10 affirmative vote of the Trustees present.)

11 CLERK PALUMBO: Okay.

12 MAYOR PARENTE: Trustee -- Deputy  
13 Mayor Gallo is on his way, he had a work  
14 commitment, he should be getting off the train  
15 shortly, and then I will make the motion that  
16 the Board of Trustees approve the override of  
17 the tax cap for the '25-'26 fiscal year budget  
18 as contemplated in our prior budget hearings.

19 I will make that motion.

20 Do I have a second?

21 TRUSTEE IANNONE: I'll second it.

22 MAYOR PARENTE: Seconded by Trustee  
23 Iannone.

24 MAYOR PARENTE: All in favor?

25 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,

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2 affirmative vote of the Trustees present.)

3 MAYOR PARENTE: Any opposed?

4 (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

5 CLERK PALUMBO: No, okay.

6 Thank you.

7 MAYOR PARENTE: And now I will make  
8 the motion that the Trustees approve the  
9 2025-'26 fiscal year budget as presented.

10 I just want to read some added  
11 since the original presentation.

12 There's Deputy Mayor Gallo.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR GALLO: Sorry.

14 MAYOR PARENTE: Now we can start.  
15 You didn't miss anything.

16 The budget, and I think there are  
17 copies in the back, it's on the website, it's  
18 been handed out and e-mailed and mailed to  
19 every household.

20 The taxable assessed valuation  
21 decreased by 24,993 since the time of our  
22 initial presentation due to SCAR decisions.

23 The tax levy did not change from  
24 the initial proposed budget.

25 The tax rate increases from 95

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2 dollars 60.19 cents from 94 dollars and 63.24  
3 cents. As a result, the year-to-year change in  
4 the tax rate is now 8.078. It was 6.982 in the  
5 initial proposed budget.

6                   Anybody have any questions about  
7 that?

8                   (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

9                   MAYOR PARENTE: No, okay.

10                  I will make a motion to pass the  
11 budget.

12                  TRUSTEE DUNNE: I'll Second.

13                  MAYOR PARENTE: Seconded by Trustee  
14 Dunne.

15                  All in favor?

16                  (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,  
17 affirmative vote of the Trustees present.)

18                  MAYOR PARENTE: Any opposed?

19                  (WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

20                  (WHEREUPON, the public hearing  
21 portion of the meeting was concluded.)

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COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, DEBBIE BABINO, a certified Shorthand Reporter  
in the State of New York, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing is a true and accurate  
transcript of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand  
on this 11th day of April, 2025.

*Debbie Babino*

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Debbie Babino, Certified Reporter

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