

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
May 12, 2025**

A business meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York. The Board members present were Mayor Parente, Deputy Mayor Gallo, Trustees Dunne, Iannone & Vaidya. Also in attendance were Scott Cunningham, Elissa Jansen, Jeff Blinkoff and East Williston Fire Commissioners, Pat Theodore, Steven Jones and John Signorelli.

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. All Board members were present.

Mayor Parente verified a quorum of the Board and resident Robert Viola lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Parente then acknowledged that many people in the audience were present to discuss the matter of the new fire department digital recruitment sign that was installed last Friday at the corner of Sagamore Avenue & East Williston Avenue near the clock tower. She indicated that the project was not yet complete; that the landscaping had not been planted nor had the fieldstone been added to the columns and circulated a rendering of the finished sign. She indicated that there had been several discussions over many months as to the best placement of the sign. The intent of the sign was to promote and encourage much needed volunteer fire fighter recruitment and retention. She reported that over the past weekend, the Board received 13 emails in opposition to the sign at that location. Additionally, the Board had seen social media comments opposing not only the location of the sign but the sign itself.

Several residents then addressed the Board related to this matter. The consensus was that the sign should be eliminated or relocated.

The Board indicated that after hearing the residents' feedback, reviewing the letters and speaking with the fire commissioners they would remove the sign and look for an alternative location, possibly across from the fire house adjacent to the Long Island Railroad. Both LIRR & PSEG needed to be consulted to determine if that location was suitable.

MOTIONS

A motion that the minutes from the April 7, 2025 Board of Trustees reorganization meeting and the April 16, 2025 Board of Trustees special meeting be approved was made by Trustee Dunne and seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve an additional \$2,500.00 for the upgrade of the wire gauge for the new East Williston Little League outfield fence was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to approve the audited vouchers on the Check by Date reports dated May 12, 2025, was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees authorize Mayor Parente to enter into an agreement with the Public Employer Risk Management Association, Inc. (PERMA) for the village's workman's compensation insurance, was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Dunne. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees set the date of May 19, 2025 for a public hearing to amend Village Code Section 89-11 entitled "Construction of buildings and projects" was made by Deputy Mayor Gallo and seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees set the date of May 19, 2025 for a public hearing to amend Village Code Article X entitled "Board of Appeals" section 160-42 entitled "Applications and public hearing procedure" at subparagraph (H)" was made by Deputy Mayor Gallo and seconded by Trustee Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees set the date of May 19, 2025 for a public hearing to amend Village Code Chapter A162 entitled "Schedule of Fees" was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees set the date of May 19, 2025 for a public hearing to amend Village Code Article II entitled "Work within the Village Rights-of-Way" was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees set the date of May 19, 2025 for a public hearing to add Chapter 150 to the Village Code entitled "Private Wells" was made by Deputy Mayor Gallo and seconded by Trustee Dunne. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Mayor Parente noted that although the above public hearings were set for May 19th, that meeting is a business meeting of the Board and that they would not be heard on May 19th but instead be adjourned to the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on June 9th.

REPORTS

MAYOR PARENTE

Mayor Parente said that she and other Nassau County mayors met today with Congressman Tom Suozzi. Water was one of the main items discussed. She and Mayor Ehrbar asked for his help to re-secure the \$10million grant that had been paused with the recent pause on federal grants. She also asked Mayor Ehrbar to reconsider a pause in the upgrades to the proposed Williston Park water facility upgrades while they see what happens with the new administration; he declined again. East Williston Village Attorney Jeff Blinkoff will schedule a meeting with Williston Park officials to discuss the matter further. She also spoke to the Congressman about legislation on ways to prevent contaminants from entering the water system rather than having to filter them out once they are present. They also discussed legislation requiring utilities to remove the old poles once the new poles and wires transfers have been completed. As of now there is no legislation requiring the removal of old poles.

Mayor Parente also mentioned the upcoming car show and Field of Honor that will be taking place in the next few days.

DEPUTY MAYOR GALLO

Deputy Mayor Gallo reported that the East Williston Fire Department responded to 11 calls in March: 5 general alarms, 3 fires & 3 medical calls.

He also reported that the East Williston Little League will hold their annual sendoff game on May 23, 2025.

TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE

Trustee Dunne reported that the Car Show is taking place this Saturday – that this event has grown over the last three years. She reminded everyone that the Memorial Day 5K registration is open and the Tent party is a 90s theme this year and it is taking place on Saturday May 31st – residents can register online through the RecDesk icon on the village website. She also reported that the Centennial committee is currently looking for pictures and artwork for the coffee table book. The Ecumenical service at the Community Church of East Williston for January 14, 2026, and the Gala is scheduled for April 23, 2026 at Westbury Manor.

TRUSTEE IANNONE

Trustee Iannone reported that East Williston Seniors are meeting next Thursday, May 15th at 1pm. He also reported that the Village Court processed 12 cases and collected a total of \$1,400.00 for April.

TRUSTEE VAIDYA

Trustee Vaidya reminded all residents to cut back & maintain their bushes and vegetation on their property to clear the sidewalks and on the corners to ensure proper sight lines for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. He also reported that at the Nassau County Village Officials Association meeting last month the attorney representing the Town of North Hempstead against the FAA spoke about air traffic noise. He mentioned that the FAA has been nonresponsive. The Town's attorneys have been researching flight patterns at specific runways at JFK airport to direct more planes over the water and address the noise levels for the residents of Nassau County.

VILLAGE CLERK JOANNA PALUMBO

Village Clerk Palumbo presented the Nassau County Police Department crime report for East Williston for the month of April 2025, which included 3 auto accidents and 10 aided cases. She also advised the Board that 10 building permits and 5 plumbing permits were processed in March/April. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday June 9, 2025, at 7:30pm.

During public comment several residents voiced their concerns about rusty water in their homes (specifically in the northwest quadrant of the village. With one resident showing the Board the rust-colored water in his whole house water filter cartridges. The Board suggested he look at flushing his hot water heater which may be the cause of his specific issue. They also asked the village clerk to send the DPW superintendent look at his system.

Resident Mr. Quinn asked if there was a way to eliminate the fire siren near his house. The Board indicated that the sirens are a backup system to the pager and app systems that the members of the fire department use. Trustee Vaidya and Trustee Gallo would research the answer to his question and get back to him.

A motion was made to close the meeting was made at 8:44pm by Trustee Dunne, seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Minutes prepared by:
Joanna E. Palumbo, Village Clerk on May 13, 2025

Approved by the BOT on: 6/9/2025