

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON  
August 11, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York. The Board members present were Mayor Parente, Deputy Mayor Gallo, Trustees Dunne & Vaidya. Also in attendance were Treasurer Scott Cunningham, Deputy Clerk Elissa Jansen, Building Inspector Jared Mandel & Village Counsel Jeff Blinkoff.

Mayor Parente verified a quorum of the Board and Eli Cohen led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Parente and the Board then welcomed Eli Cohen and his family to the meeting and presented Eli with a medal for finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the boys 7-9 age group at the Village's Memorial Day 5K. There were two runners in this age group that tied first place and Eli did not get his medal at that time.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Parente adjourned the public hearing to consider a Local Law amending Article II entitled "Work within Village Rights-of-Way" to September 8, 2025, so that the Board had would have the draft in final form for the statutorily required amount of time and to allow any interested person to review the draft in final form.

Mayor Parente then opened the public hearing for 26 Orchard Meadow Road. Village Counsel Jeff Blinkoff made a presentation regarding concerns raised as to the property. The Board confirmed that notification of the hearing had been provided to the homeowner as required. The Board then reviewed a detailed report of the Building Inspector which was made a part of the record and heard from any interested persons regarding concerns. These concerns included the blighted appearance of the property and that vermin had been observed. At the close of the hearing the Board resolved to: (1) have arrangements immediately made to remove vermin from the site based upon safety concerns; (2) to have Village Counsel seek an administrative warrant for an interior inspection of the property; (3) to have arrangements immediately made to make such repairs as would be needed to the exterior of the structures at the property to render them safe, and (4) to return the matter to the Board's agenda meeting on August 25, 2025 for a further update.

**MOTIONS**

A motion that the minutes from the July 14, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting be approved was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to approve the audited vouchers on the Check by Date reports dated August 11, 2025, was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve the NYSLRS Standard Workday & Reporting Resolution for Elected Officials dated 8/11/2025 for Justice Samuels, Mayor Parente, and Trustees Dunne, Vaidya, Iannone & Gallo, was made by Deputy Mayor Gallo and seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve the expenditure of \$950.00 for the purchase of a sign for the fire department exempt museum which is 100% reimbursable through a NCCRP grant was made by Trustee Dunne and seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees authorize Skinnon & Faber CPA's to perform the annual audit of the East Williston Village Justice Court for the examination period from June 2025- through May 2026 in the amount \$950.00 was made by Trustee Vaidya and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve a budget transfer request which adds a budget line for IT-related services. (no impact to the overall budget) was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Dunne. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees authorize the East Williston Village Court Clerk to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-2026 cycle up to \$30,000.00 was made by Trustee Dunne and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees ratify the approval for a block party request for Donald Street & Feather Lane for October 5, 2025 submitted by Christina Rizzotti was made by Trustee Vaidya and seconded by Trustee Dunne. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

## **REPORTS**

### **MAYOR PARENTE**

Mayor Parente reported that she and members of the village staff as well as the Village Engineer James Antonelli met with a Nassau County Traffic official and a representative from Legislator Strauss' office to discuss the possibility of adding a crosswalk to East Williston Avenue near the village green and the proposed sidewalk installation on East Williston Avenue from Roslyn Road to Wheatley Avenue. As more information becomes available from Nassau County she will share it with the community.

She also addressed the license plate reader (LPR) that was recently installed on East Williston Avenue. She indicated that when the device was noticed, we did some sleuthing and learned that the Village of Old Westbury placed the device without our permission, or even our knowledge. I spoke to the Mayor and Police Chief of Old Westbury, as well as our Nassau County Legislator. After some discussions, it was discovered that Old Westbury sought permission from the County to place the device in that area, believing that it was "Nassau County property" and that no other permissions need be sought. Constructive conversations followed and while we could possibly challenge the right or the need for the placement, sometimes it is better to let things go for the betterment of the community. The device benefits us. These LPRs are used predominantly by communities who have their own police departments, and the use of the devices is exceptional in reducing crime. For several years, I have heard about these devices from a good friend Robert Kennedy (not the one you're thinking of). Bobby is the Mayor of Freeport and has hundreds of LPRs. They have been used to catch criminals in Freeport and from other areas who have tried to escape through Freeport. Mayor Kennedy touts the fact that the NYPD has called his offices for LPR data for investigations of NYC crimes. The data has been used successfully. The single device in our Village will be one of many throughout Nassau County that is monitored in real time and is part of a larger network connected to all municipalities with LPRs in the County as well as NYC, Westchester County and New Jersey. The data is accessible by the Third Precinct and can only benefit us. I see no reason to object at this time. If you feel otherwise, please contact me as I welcome other opinions on the matter.

### DEPUTY MAYOR GALLO

Deputy Mayor Gallo reported that the East Williston Fire Department responded to 9 calls in July 2025: 8 general alarms & 1 medical calls.

### TRUSTEE DUNNE

Trustee Dunne reported that the 2024 Library status report has been published and encouraged all to review it on the library's website. She also reported that due to the summer concert series popularity, we have added a third concert on August 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Bang! Zoom! will perform hits from the 60s and 70s. She also noted that the Tent Party was moved to Sept 27<sup>th</sup> with a college night theme and that the Centennial committee is meeting again at the end of August and they will publish a list of events shortly.

### TRUSTEE VAIDYA

Trustee Vaidya reported that the beautification committee will be gearing up to decorate the village for the fall – volunteers are always needed and welcomed. He also reported that as of the beginning of the month, all residents that received letters regarding overgrown bushes impacting the sight lines have been addressed.

### VILLAGE CLERK JOANNA PALUMBO

Village Clerk Palumbo presented the Nassau County Police Department crime report for East Williston for the month of July 2025, which included 1 auto accident. She also announced that the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be September 8, 2025 at 7:30pm.

A motion was made to close the meeting was made at 8:19pm by Trustee Dunne, seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

The Business meeting was then followed by the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston at 8:30 pm. The Board members present were Mayor Parente, Deputy Mayor Gallo, Trustees Dunne & Vaidya.

A motion that the Board of Trustees set the fee at \$375.00 for a replacement cellular endpoint for smart water meters was made by Trustee Vaidya and seconded by Mayor Parente. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Minutes prepared by:

Joanna E. Palumbo, Village Clerk on August 12, 2025

Approved by the BOT on: September 8, 2025