

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON  
December 9, 2024**

A business meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York. Board members present were Mayor Parente, Deputy Mayor Gallo, Trustees Iannone & Dunne. Trustee Vaidya was excused.

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, Deputy Mayor Gallo, Trustees Iannone & Dunne. Trustee Vaidya was excused. Also in attendance were Harry Yuen & Mike Guglielmo.

Mayor Parente verified a quorum of the Board, and Mike Guglielmo lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **MOTIONS**

A motion that the minutes from the November 13, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting and the November 25, 2024 Board of Trustees business meeting be approved was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to approve the audited vouchers on the Check by Date reports dated December 9, 2024 was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to approve the budget amendment to reflect fire department expenses that are fully reimbursable by grants in this fiscal year was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

### **REPORTS**

#### **MAYOR BONNIE PARENTE**

Mayor Parente reported that the Tzu Chi holiday concert was outstanding and thanks Harry Yuen for providing the community with a beautiful evening of talented performers. She also reported that the tree lighting was very well attended despite the cold weather and that the dancers from Love to Dance in Mineola led by Miss Nicole and Miss Emma were a terrific addition to the event. She thanked DPW, the fire department, for making the event run smoothly.

#### **DEPUTY MAYOR GALLO**

Deputy Mayor Gallo reported that the East Williston Fire Department will be again hosting Operation Santa and unwrapped toys for the children in local hospitals can be dropped off at the fire house on Thursdays in December from 8-10pm.

He also reported that the East Williston Fire Department responded to 6 calls in November: 5 general & 1 medical call.

He also reported that the East Williston Little League is quiet for the winter months, but they are in need of volunteers to coach, especially in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade levels. Last year they had to hire an outside company to assist with those grade levels. Additionally, the Little League has approached the Village to replace the again outfield fence, preferably before the start of the spring season and the Village Clerk is in the process of getting estimates.

### **TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE**

Trustee Dunne reported that the Turkey Trot was a success despite the cold and rainy weather, raising over \$1,400.00 for the East Williston Fire Department. She thanked Jim Hanel for all his hard work. She also outlined the calendar of events the Centennial Committee is working on for 2026. 1/14/2026 non-denominational service at the Community Church of East Williston, in March there will be a Living with History breakfast featuring the stories from long time East Williston residents. On the actual anniversary date, April 5, 2026, there will be a service on Village Green where we will bury a time capsule that will be marked for retrieval the same day as the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary time capsule. On April 23, 2026, there will be a Gala at the Westbury Manor and the events throughout the summer (concerts on the green series, Memorial Day race, car show and tent party) will all be branded for the Centennial celebration. The committee is also working with a graphic artist to create a Centennial logo that will feature the newly reacquired East Williston Riding Cart.

### **TRUSTEE IANNONE**

Trustee Iannone reported that the East Williston Senior hosted their Thanksgiving luncheon on Nov 21, 204 and POP Officers from the Nassau County Third Precinct gave a very informative presentation regarding recent scams targeting seniors. He also reported that their holiday party is scheduled for Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm with lunch and entertainment to be provided. He also reported that the Village Justice Court received 35 parking violations and 1 village ordinance violation in the month of November. The Court processed 32 parking, 4 moving violations, and 5 village ordinances and collected a total of \$2,020.00 for November.

Mayor Parente also reminded everyone that the Village was hosting a Stop the Bleed training on Wednesday December 10, 2024, at 7pm given by members of the Nassau County EMS. It is very important training, and she encouraged all to attend.

She also mentioned that a football tutorial event is being organized for Sunday January 5, 2025 and more details will follow once the game times are announced.

### **VILLAGE COUNSEL**

Jeff Blinkoff, Village Council, provided the Board with an update on the ongoing lawsuit between residents and the East Williston School District regarding the erection of a fence at North Side School.

### **VILLAGE CLERK JOANNA PALUMBO**

Village Clerk Palumbo presented the Nassau County Police Department crime report for East Williston for the month of November 2024, which included 5 aided cases and 3 larceny's. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday January 13, 2025 at 7:30pm which will be preceded by the business meeting of the Board of Trustees at 6:00pm. There is no business meeting of the Board in December.

Mayor Parente opened the floor to public comment.

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

Minutes prepared by:  
Joanna E. Palumbo, Village Clerk on December 10, 2024

Approved by the BOT on: \_\_\_\_\_