

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON  
March 11, 2024**

A business meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York. All Board members were present.

At 7:30pm the mayor opened the Budget Workshop. Several members of the public were present including Taylor Herzlich (Blank Slate Media), Henry Yeun (Tzu Chi), Mitch Pitnick, Mike Guglielmo, Rushi Vaidya, Jack Solemani. The Village Treasurer, Mike Delury, summarized the budget and opened it up to questions.

At the conclusion of the Budget Workshop, the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees commenced at approximately 8:04pm. All Board members were present.

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

**MOTIONS**

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Deputy Mayor Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2024 business meeting of Board of Trustees was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to approve the Vouchers/Check by Date report dated March 11, 2024, was made by Deputy Mayor Iannone and seconded by Trustee Lark. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees appoint Thomas Blennau as Village Associate Justice was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Dunne. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustee authorize amendments to the defined benefit fire service award program for the East Williston fire department and calling for a referendum on March 19, 2024, and directing publication of notices in connection therewith was made by Trustee Gallo and seconded by Trustee Lark. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees determine that the action taken was a Type II action for the purposes of SEQRA having no significant impact on the environment was made by Trustee Gallo and seconded by Trustee Lark. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

## REPORTS

### MAYOR BONNIE PARENTE

Mayor Parente announced that the Village Election will be held March 19, 2024 for two Trustees and the Village Justice. She also announced that the Village is hosting a Building Department Forum with the Building Inspector, Jared Mandel on Wednesday March 20 at 7:30pm. The purpose of this forum is to learn about the operations of the building department, and to have the building inspector answer any questions residents might have pertaining to projects they are looking to start or inquiries about closing open permits. The mayor also announced that the launch of the Village Court Experience program was a great success. Six students attended the first session on March 7<sup>th</sup> and the guest speaker, Thomas Blennau, was informational and interesting. The next session is April 4<sup>th</sup>, and anyone interested should apply to the Village office. The program is open to high school juniors and seniors and any college or law students. The program is designed to allow students pursuing a career in law to see how the court system works at the community level and will include interesting and relevant guest speakers. (Applications can be found on the Village website. Court which is held the first Thursday of every month.)

### DEPUTY MAYOR JAMES IANNONE

Deputy Mayor Iannone reported that the East Williston Senior Group will meet on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> and he encouraged all seniors to attend or to invite friends and family to participate.

### TRUSTEE JAMES LARK

Trustee Lark reported that the East Williston Little League practices are starting this month. He also reported that the Department of Public Works responded to a few minor incidents of branches down during the recent wind events. He also reported that with the spring weather brings spring beautification and volunteers are needed to assist planting and decorating, if anyone is interested, please call the Village Office.

### TRUSTEE ANTHONY GALLO

Trustee Gallo reported that the East Williston Fire Department responded to a total of 8 calls in March, which included 1 fire, 3 medical calls and 4 general alarms.

### VILLAGE CLERK JOANNA E. PALUMBO

Village Clerk Palumbo presented the Nassau County Police Department crime report for East Williston for the month of February 2023, which included nine (9) aided cases. She also reported that there were 7 new applications received, 8 permits were issued, and 66 building permits were closed by the Village Building Department in February 2023. She also reported that the Village was awarded almost \$6,000.00 from the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grant which was approved for furniture and supplies. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for April 1, 2024, and will be the annual reorganizational meeting. She noted the day change of the April meeting, which is a state mandated date.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:17pm by Trustee Dunne, seconded by Trustee Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Minutes prepared by:

Joanna E. Palumbo, Village Clerk on March 12, 2024

Approved by the BOT on: 4/1/2024