

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON  
April 3, 2023  
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:32 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

Present:	Bonnie Parente	Mayor
	James Lark	Trustee
	James Iannone	Trustee
	Anthony Gallo	Trustee
Excused:	Raffaella Dunne	Deputy Mayor
Also Present:	Joanna Palumbo	Village Clerk
	Thomas J. Mullaney	Village Attorney
	Bonnie Kreisman	Secretary to the Board of Trustees
	Jared Mandel	Building Inspector
	Michael Delury	Village Treasurer

A motion to approved the minuets of the March 13, 2023 regular meeting and the minutes of the March 27, 2023 budget hearing & agenda meeting was made by Trustee Gallo, seconded by Trustee Lark and the **motion was passed unanimously**.

A motion to approved the abstract of audited vouches dated March 28, 2023 was made by Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Lark and the **motion was passed unanimously**.

## **REPORTS**

### **TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE**

Trustee Ianonne reported that the East Williston Senior Group will be meeting on April 20, 2023 at 1:00pm; please bring a friend and spread the word.

### **TRUSTEE JAMES LARK**

Trustee Lark stated that the East Williston Little League season begun. Due to inclement weather opening day has been postponed; no rescheduled date has been set.

### **TRUSTEE ANTHONY GALLO**

Trustee Gallo stated that the East Williston Fire Department answered a total of 3 calls during the month of March 2023; 1 general calls, 1 medical assists and 1 mutual aids. The East Williston Fire elections are Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **VILLAGE CLERK JOANNA E. PALUMBO**

The building department issued 1 building permit in March 2023.

A motion that the Board of Trustees authorize the Village Clerk to sign the sales agreement authorizing Five Star Mechanical Inc to install a single zone ductless mini split A/C unit in the computer room was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Gallo and the **motion was passed unanimously**.

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve the mayoral appointments (Exhibit A) was made by Trustee Gallo, seconded by Trustee Lark and the **motion was passed unanimously**.

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve the Organizational resolutions (Exhibit B) was made by Trustee Gallo, seconded by Trustee Lark and the **motion was passed unanimously**.

Supervisor Jen DeSena then swore in Mayor Parente.

Mayor Parente then swore in Deputy Mayor Iannone, Building Inspector Jared Mandel, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Village Clerk Joanna Palumbo and other appointees that were in attendance.

### **Mayor Parent Remarks**

*Four years ago, in April of 2019, I took an oath to serve as Mayor, surrounded by my children Emma and Kevin, who are now adults, my husband Kevin, and with my hand on our family bible, held in place by my Godson Dylan McCauley, and in the presence of my parents and siblings. The Board at that time consisted of Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Siciliano and Casella. As our Board embarked on a journey to bring East Williston into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we sought to do so without losing the charm of a village incorporated in 1926. As our Board changed and grew, we swapped in Trustees Gallo and Lark for Siciliano and Cassella. All of these elected officials have left incredible marks on our little village.*

*Together, we replaced outdated inefficient streetlights with LED fixtures. We upgraded our technology so that our Code can be read online. We implemented a process for electronic permit filling, and replaced antiquated water meters with upgraded cellular capable readers and an app to detect water leaks. We forged a strong relationship with the Third Precinct. We and our residents took a strong position about bail reform and aggressive attempts by a new Governor to increase housing density in our village. We are small but powerful. These are just the highlights.*

*Also in the past four years, we upgraded an obsolete radio room in our firehouse and replaced 814, a fire engine (not a fire truck), with a gently used fire engine from a neighboring village, utilizing grants obtained by a small but powerful team of grant writers. We used smart economics, cautious borrowing, and municipal grants so that all of this could be done while maintaining the tax levy and keeping us below the tax cap for over 13 years.*

*Most incredibly, we did this despite a global pandemic, the untimely and sudden death of our DPW Superintendent James Bailey, and the retirement of our Village clerk of nearly two decades. During this time, our small village was burdened with large projects by every utility imaginable, NYPA, National Grid, PSEG, even the LIRR. Projects that tore up our streets and went straight through our one traffic light town.*

*For a small village, we are a power-house. We have, hands down, the best library with toddler programming that rivals private pre-schools, a coveted senior program, an incredible DPW, an extraordinary Little League, and a fire department I'm exceptionally proud of.*

*Over the years, people ask me why I do a thankless job. It's not thankless at all. Our residents are gracious and appreciative. People also ask me what I'm doing next. Is it crazy to say I like what I'm doing now. I love being your Mayor. What's next for our village? It's hard to say. But we have the right team to move us forward and we look forward to celebrating our 100 years in 2026. I have no idea what the future holds, but for now, I am proud and honored to serve you. I will continue to do so to the best of my ability, so help me God.*

The Mayor opened the meeting to public comment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:02pm by Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Gallo and the motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by  
Joanna E. Palumbo, Village Clerk  
April 4, 2023

***Approved by BOT: 5/1/2023***