

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
August 14, 2023**

A work session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York. Followed by the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:30pm.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston began on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7:34 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

Present:	Bonnie Parente	Mayor
	James Iannone	Deputy Mayor
	James Lark	Trustee
	Raffaella Dunne	Trustee
Also Present:	Joanna Palumbo	Village Clerk
	Elissa Jansen	Deputy Village Clerk
	Jeffrey Blinkoff, Esq.	Village Counsel
Residents including:		
	Mike Guglielmo	Resident
	Mitchell Pitnick	Resident
	Henry Yuen	Resident representing Tzu Chi
	George Carlin	Resident & Fire Commissioner
	Donna Carlin	Resident
	Dolores Sedacca	Resident
	Matt Sedacca	Resident
	Brian Goldman	Resident

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Parente opened the public hearing to consider Local Law 5 of 2023 Amending Article XV of the Village Code to require the licensing of commercial entities that trim, remove and otherwise alter trees within the Village. There was no public comment. A verbatim transcript of said hearing is on file with the Village Clerk.

Mayor Parente closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve Local Law 5 of 2023 Amending Article XV of the Village Code to require the licensing of commercial entities that trim, remove and otherwise alter trees within the Village was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to approve the SEQRA Type II Negative Declaration for Local Law 5 of 2023 was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 regular Board of Trustees meeting was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Lark. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2023 Board of Trustees agenda meeting was made by Mayor Iannone, seconded by Trustee Dunne. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

MOTIONS

A motion to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers dated August 14, 2023 was made by Trustee Dunne and seconded by Deputy Mayor Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees authorize the Village Clerk to seek bids in accordance with General Municipal Law 103 for exterior painting and repair of the Village Hall was made by Trustee Lark and seconded by Trustee Dunne. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve a contract with Amport Painting to paint the interior of Village Hall in the amount of \$17,435.00 was made by Trustee Dunne and seconded by Trustee Lark. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve a contract with Amport Design & Construction to do an emergency repair of blacktop & pavers in front of 67 Bengeyfield Road in the amount of \$2,400.00 was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Deputy Mayor Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve a contract with Amport Design & Construction to repair or replace approximately 110 flags of sidewalk in various locations throughout the village in the amount of \$21,666.00 was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Dunne. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of Daniel Melore as a part-time cleaner at the rate of \$15.25/hour was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Dunne. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

REPORTS

MAYOR BONNIE PARENTE

Mayor Parente reminded residents of a few upcoming events and encouraged all to attend: Gold Tree Lighting for Pediatric Cancer is being held on the Village Green on September 6, 2023, at 7:00pm. Also, a Candlelight Ceremony on September 11th at 7:30pm on the Village Green in remembrance of the lives lost on 9-11-2001. East Williston firefighter and Retired NYPD Sergeant, Kevin Mulrooney, is the invited speaker. Immediately following the ceremony, a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will follow at 8:30pm in Village Hall.

She also stated Nassau County Department of Public Works has poured the concrete base for the flashing school sign at the crosswalk on East Williston Avenue at Northside school. The sign should be replaced in time for the start of the new school year.

The Mayor also mentioned that the Laternfly is now here on Long Island and that detailed information on these destructive insects can be found on the Village website.

The Mayor then addressed the issue of increased speeding on the roads of Long Island and specifically in East Williston. Pointing directly to multiple recent accidents directly linked to excessive speed. She also advised the residents that a speeding ticket was recently issued by Nassau County Police on Roslyn Road for a vehicle traveling southbound clocked at 95mph in a 30mph speed zone. She reminded residents to be cautious and safe when driving.

DEPUTY MAYOR JAMES IANNONE

Deputy Mayor Iannone reported that the East Williston Senior Group will resume their monthly meetings on September 21st at 1pm; food and entertainment is provided, and he encouraged all seniors to attend or to invite friends and family to participate. He also presented the Village Justice Court report for July; he reported a total of disposed cases of 27 parking violations and 1 moving violation received in July 2023. Total monies collected was \$2,125.00.

TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE

Trustee Dunne reported that the library's summer events for all ages are ongoing and that the September book clubs will soon begin. More information can be found in the monthly flyer and on the Village & Library websites. The village-wide tag sale is scheduled for Saturday October 14th. She also indicated that a volunteer has come forward to organize the Holiday photos with the East Williston Fire Department antique truck. This wonderful and popular event will return this year sometime in late November/ early December. More information to follow.

TRUSTEE JAMES LARK

Trustee Lark reported that East Williston Little League registration for the fall season is about to close. The beautification committee is always looking for volunteers, so please reach out to village hall if you are interested. He also reported that the East Williston Department of Public Works has been busy beautifying the village hall property. They recently painted the balusters; power washed and removed the rust stains from the concrete walkways and re-stripped the village parking lot.

VILLAGE CLERK JOANNA E. PALUMBO

Village Clerk Palumbo presented to the Board the Nassau County Police Department report for July which included 2 auto accidents (East Williston Ave at Orchard Meadow Rd as well as E Williston Ave at Wheatley Ave), 8 aided cases, & 2 parking violations. She provided the Board with the building department report which included 4 building permits issued in July. She reported that the village office will be closed on Monday September 4th in observance of Labor Day and that the September agenda meeting date has been moved to September 26th due to Yom Kippur. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for September 11, 2023, at 8:30pm immediately following the September 11th Candlelight Ceremony on the Village Green.

The Mayor opened the meeting to public comment.

Dolores Sedacca requested to submit her Statement in Opposition to Town of North Hempstead Resolution No. 271 – 2023 of May 2, 2023 to the record. The Board granted the request, and it was submitted to the record.

Several residents voiced their opposition, and one resident indicated his support for the proposed Dog Park in the Town Park on Lee Avenue. The Mayor and Trustee Lark indicated that through conversations with the scout and her family, the scout is considering other options for her Gold Award project.

Several residents asked for a listing of the locations where the Village is replacing sidewalk flags. The Mayor asked the clerk to post the list to the village website.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:07pm by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne and the motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by
Joanna E. Palumbo, Village Clerk
August 15, 2023

Approved by the BOT on: 9/11/2023