

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

A business meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York. All Board members were present.

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. All Board members were present. Also in attendance were Harry Yuen, Mitch Pitnick, Dolores Sedacca, Mike Guglielmo, Anthony Turfano, Kevin Parente Jr., three of Troop 8 scouts, Robbie Donno (Gift of Life), Ginny Basset (Manhasset Rotary), Brilliant & Bridget Kwagala, Salim & his dad Nazin (from Azerbaijan) & Barbara Donno (Mayor, Plandome Manor)

At 7:30pm Mayor Parente verified a quorum of the Board, and Mayor Donno from the Village of Plandome Manor lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Parente opened the public hearing to consider Local Law 5 of 2024 Amending Section 160-32 of the Village Code entitled “Placement of Accessory Uses and Buildings” sub-section (D) entitled “Driveways”. Ms. Palumbo, Village Clerk, explained that this local law was passed by the Board at the July meeting, but to ensure the legislation had been fully reviewed by the members of the Board as governed by village law, it was necessary to ratify their previous vote.

Having no questions from the Board or the audience, Mayor Parente closed the public hearing.

A motion to approve Local Law 5 of 2024 Amending Section 160-32 of the Village Code entitled “Placement of Accessory Uses and Buildings” sub-section (D) entitled “Driveways” was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A verbatim transcript of said hearing is on file with the Village Clerk.

**MOTIONS**

A motion that the minutes from the August 12, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting and the August 26, 2024 Board of Trustees business meeting be approved was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Deputy Mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to approve the audited vouchers on the Check by Date report dated September 9, 2024 was made by Mayor Parente and seconded by Trustee Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to approve a resolution providing training stipends for certain volunteer firefighters pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 200-AA was made by Deputy Mayor Gallo and seconded by Trustee Dunne. This resolution provides a stipend to volunteer firefighters for certification and recertification as Emergency Medical Technicians and Certified First

Responders in accord with conditions as set forth in the resolution on file in the Village. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to approve contracting with Jim Antonelli P.E. for Engineering services on an as-needed basis was made by Deputy Mayor Gallo and seconded by Trustee Vaidya. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

## **REPORTS**

### **MAYOR BONNIE PARENTE**

Mayor Parente reported that she and Trustee Vaidya attended the Gold Tree Lighting in honor of Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month and the event was well attended. The group then walked over to Devlin Park to the new location of the Anthony Leva Jr. Memorial Rock Garden has been completed by Bree Janicek who created the garden in memory of Anthony Leva Jr. who was working towards his Eagle Scout award before his untimely passing.

She also encouraged all residents to join us on September 11<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the terrorist attacks of 2001. The guest speaker this year is resident Joe Masters.

She also reported that the Village Court Experience has been growing since it's inception late last year and that 13 students, ranging from 7<sup>th</sup> grade to law school, attended the September village court.

The Mayor also announced that the Village wide Tag Sale has met their minimum number of household to hold the event which will take place on Saturday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> and anyone who still wants to register, should do so before Sept 17<sup>th</sup> to be included on the map.

She also announced that the Kiwanis Club of Mineola has graciously donated a pediatric trauma kit to the Village and will present it to the Board on Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at Village Hall.

### **DEPUTY MAYOR GALLO**

Deputy Mayor Gallo reported that the East Williston Fire Department responded to 11 calls in August 2024: 2 fire, 8 general, and 1 medical call.

He advised the Board that the East Williston Little League fall baseball, softball and travels leagues have started.

He also reported that a collapsing storm drain has been replaced on Bengyfield Drive, another collapsing storm drain on the opposite side of Bengyfield Drive will be replaced shortly and that a catch basin on Donald Street that has been collecting water without drainage has been connected to the sewer system and performing well after the recent heavy rainfalls.

### **TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE**

Trustee Dunne reported fall festivities are in full swing including a past favorite, the Ragamuffin Parade scheduled on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, Turkey Trot, tree lighting and photos with Santa. She also reported that the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee is continuing their planning and the date for the Gala event at the Westbury Manor has been set so save the date; April 23, 2026. Keep an eye out for more details in the coming months.

### **TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE**

Deputy Mayor Iannone reported that the East Williston Senior Group is resuming their monthly lunch meetings on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm with an Italian pizza theme and great musical entertainment by John Kouri.

He also presented the Village Justice reports for both August. The August court calendar included 41 parking, 2 moving and 4 village ordinance violations resulting in \$4,625.00 in fines collected.

**TRUSTEE RUSHI VAIDYA**

Trustee Vaidya thanked the beautification committee for their hard work keeping up with the summer maintenance tasks and gearing up for the fall. They have ordered mums and cornstalks that will be installed the last week of September.

**VILLAGE CLERK JOANNA PALUMBO**

Village Clerk Palumbo presented the Nassau County Police Department crime report for East Williston for the months of August 2024, which included 1 auto accident She also presented the Board with the building department report for August – 15 building permits issued.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday October 15, 2024 at 7:30pm; which is a change in the regular Schule due to the Columbus Day holiday.

Mayor Parente opened the floor to public comment.

Mitch Pitnick thanks the Board for the installation of the beautiful new entrance signs in the southeast section of the Village bordering Mineola.

A motion was made to close the meeting was made at 8:30pm by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Minutes prepared by:

Joanna E. Palumbo, Village Clerk on September 10, 2024

Approved by the BOT on: October 15, 2024