

**INC. VILLAGE OF PLANDOME HEIGHTS
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PLANDOME HEIGHTS VILLAGE HALL
FEBRUARY 4, 2019
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Present:	Mayor	Kenneth C. Riscica
	Trustee	Daniel Cataldo
	Trustee	Silva Ferman
	Trustee	Gus Panopoulos
	Trustee	Dianne Sheehan
	Trustee	Alvin Solomon
	Trustee	Norman Taylor
	Clerk-Treasurer	Arlene Drucker
	Village Attorney	Christopher Prior, Esq.

Also Present: Teri West Manhasset Times

At 7:32 p.m. Mayor Riscica called the meeting to order and called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor noted that the first order of business was the approval of the minutes. The Trustees confirmed that they had read the draft minutes of the January 7, 2019 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Panopoulos, seconded by Trustee Sheehan, the following resolution was adopted by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting, held on January 7, 2019, are hereby accepted and approved.

The Mayor discussed his concerns that the Governor is proposing to eliminate “AIM” Funding for 480 out of 531 NYS Villages, including ours. This funding is essentially “state aid” to our Villages and our share is about \$6,100 a year, approximately the amount of our tax cap. The Mayor wrote letters to Senator Anna Kaplan and Assemblyman Anthony D’Urso requesting their support to reinstate “AIM” funding into the budget. The Mayor then noted that as a result the Village may need to consider passing a local law to override the tax cap.

The Mayor then moved the discussion to leasehold improvements. The Mayor noted that we are still working on the LED street lighting project but have nothing new to report. Mayor Riscica noted that at the last board meeting we approved moving forward with the map and projector projects and we are meeting with both vendors to move these projects along.

The Mayor then moved the discussion to the Webster Avenue Bridge. The LIRR has completed the repairs on the bridge and they have installed signs stating that the capacity of the bridge is 3 tons. It has been noted that vehicles over 3 tons are not adhering to the rules. Therefore, the LIRR is contemplating putting up a “clearance structure” to the east and west of the bridge so that larger vehicles will not be able to pass through. This structure will be made of aluminum and with a clearance height of 9 feet.

The Mayor then moved the discussion to the Capital Plan. The Mayor noted that oil prices have increased and to date the winter has been mild. Therefore, the Village may not need to repave the roads in the Bournadales this year.

The Mayor moved the discussion to a potential request to film in the village. Since an application was not submitted, there is no action to take currently.

The Mayor then moved the discussion to complaints from residents about excessive parking on Webster Avenue. The Mayor noted that the Village has the authority to make any parking changes on the Village side of Webster Avenue. The Mayor noted that since this is a public street any rules the Village puts into effect will impact the residents as well. Mayor Riscica stated that if the residents would like to hold a public hearing to discuss changes to the parking restrictions, that could be done.

The Mayor then informed the Trustees that he met with the Village's snow plow contractor, Creative Snow by Cow Bay Inc. to discuss how to treat snow events vs salt events.

Trustee Panopoulos left at 9:46 p.m.

The Mayor stated that the next order of business was the approval of the Abstract of Claims. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Cataldo, seconded by Trustee Sheehan, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, that the February Abstract of Claims Number 10 of the Budget Year 2018 – 2019 for claim numbers 216 – 244 in the amount of \$24,870.57 have been reviewed and approved by the Trustees and is hereby accepted.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Solomon motioned to adjourn the meeting and such motion was seconded by Trustee Panopoulos. All Trustees present were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Drucker, Clerk-Treasurer