

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PLANDOME HEIGHTS VILLAGE HALL
JANUARY 5, 2025; 7:00 PM
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**[these are the minutes of our regular monthly BOT meeting which, in that meeting,
includes a Public Hearing]**

Present:	Mayor	Kenneth C. Riscica
	Trustee	Daniel Cataldo
	Trustee	Mary Hauck
	Trustee	Norman Taylor
	Trustee	Eric Carlson
	Trustee	Kristina Lobosco
	Clerk	Marie Brodsky
	Village Attorney	Christopher Prior, Esq.

Attended (via Zoom)	Trustee	Jerry Love (non-voting)
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Also Present:	Rosemary Mascali	Resident, President Plandome Heights Civic Association
	Paul Mascali	Resident
	Michael Campbell	L.I. Press

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Riscica called the meeting to order and called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor then proceeded to approval of the minutes of the Board of Trustees' December 1, 2025 Regular Meeting. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Hauck, seconded by Trustee Carlson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the December 1, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting in the form presented with changes by the Village Clerk-Treasurer are hereby accepted and approved, as amended, and the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby instructed to file the minutes, as same may be amended for non-material changes, in the minutes book of the Village.

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Riscica opened the Public Hearing for the proposed local law authorizing the Village of Plandome Heights to authorize, but not require, a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in New York State General Municipal Law § 3-c, for its fiscal year commencing June 1, 2026.

Mayor Riscica observed that the hearing was not to address the substance of the upcoming 2026-2027 budget, which has not been developed at this point, but rather to address whether the Village should take the necessary steps to authorize a budget in excess of the property tax levy limit in the event that, once the budgeting process is undertaken, the Board determines that doing so is in the best interests of the Village. The Mayor discussed points made in his March 6, 2025 letter to Village residents addressing that year's

budget, including NY State Comptroller-published data that shows municipal costs growing nearly 20% from 2022 – 2025. The aggregate of Village tax levies for those years only covered about 10% of those increases. Much of the difference was “covered” by non-recurring income (specifically interest income) which continues but is declining significantly. The Board partially addressed these continuing municipal cost increases with an additional tax levy increase (4.5%) in the 2025 -26 budget, and at the time of the budget hearing (and in continuing communications thereafter) advised residents that the Village would likely have to do something similar in 2026 -27 budget.

Following the Mayor’s introduction, each of the Trustees expressed their view and support for Bill #2 of 2025.

The Mayor then opened the discussion to the Residents. Resident comments were received.

There being no other questions regarding Bill #2 of 2025, on motion by Trustee Cataldo, seconded by Trustee Hauck, the Board unanimously

RESOLVED, that Bill #2 of 2025 authorizing the Village of Plandome Heights to authorize, but not require, a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in New York State General Municipal Law § 3-c, for its fiscal year commencing June 1, 2026, is hereby adopted as Local Law #1 of 2026, solely in order to authorize the Board to exercise such a property tax levy, but only if, through the budgeting process for the 2026/27 tax year, the Board determines that it is prudent and in the best interests of the Village to do so.

On motion by Trustee Lobosco, seconded by Trustee Taylor, the Board unanimously RESOLVED to close the Public Hearing at 7:29 pm. A verbatim transcript of the Public Hearing was made by a stenographer; a copy of said transcript is deemed incorporated into these minutes at this point.

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Riscica opened the Public Hearing for Bill #3 of 2025, a proposed local law to amend § 82-1, “Written notice required,” of Chapter 82, “Notification of Defects,” of the Village Code of the Village of Plandome Heights to include express provisions addressing the manner in which prior written notice of defects must be delivered to the Village in order to allow a cause of action to be commenced against the Village for personal injury or property damage alleged to result from the defective, out-of-repair, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed condition of a Village highway, street, crosswalk, bridge, culvert, street marking, sign or device or any other property owned, operated or maintained by the Village.

Following the Mayor’s introduction, each of the Trustees expressed their view and support for Bill #3 of 2025.

The Mayor then opened the discussion to the Residents. Comments were received.

There being no other questions regarding the Bill #3 of 2025, upon motion made by Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Lobosco, and approved unanimously by the 6 Trustees present, the Board

RESOLVED that Bill #3 of 2025, a proposed local law to amend § 82-1, “Written notice required,” of Chapter 82, “Notification of Defects,” of the Village Code of the Village of Plandome Heights to include express provisions addressing the manner in which prior written notice of defects must be delivered to the Village in order to allow a cause of action to be commenced against the Village for personal injury or property damage alleged to result from

the defective, out-of-repair, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed condition of a Village highway, street, crosswalk, bridge, culvert, street marking, sign or device or any other property owned, operated or maintained by the Village, is hereby adopted as Local Law #2 of 2026.

On motion by Trustee Cataldo, seconded by Trustee Carlson, the Board unanimously RESOLVED to close the Public Hearing at 7:50pm. A verbatim transcript of the Public Hearing was made by a stenographer; a copy of said transcript is deemed incorporated into these minutes at this point.

The Mayor then provided an update on Village operations.

- , The Mayor reported that he has learned from the Building Department that under Nassau County Health Department regulations, a certificate of rodent inspection is required in order to obtain a demolition permit, and [I don't understand what is being said here about "use of water"].
- The Mayor then told the Board that the matter of a leaning tree at 132 Bournedale Road North has not yet been resolved by PSEG and follow up is necessary.
- The Mayor stated the Village's next 10-year contract with Creative Snow by Cow Bay for snow removal has been signed.
- The Mayor stated that the [village contractor?] has filled the pothole in front of 9 Bayview Circle. However, the Village is waiting for the residents of 9 Bayview Circle to fix the retaining wall so that the Village may provide a more permanent solution to the pothole.
- The Clerk reported that only one resident remains delinquent with respect to Village property taxes for 2025/26. The Clerk reports that penalties continue to be assessed.
- The Mayor announced that the Fall street sweep was completed and the storm drain cleaning is yet to be scheduled.
- The Mayor continues to monitor the Flower Hill - Proposed Local Law K – Regulate Plantings in the Village Right of Way.

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 Lobosco, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, that the January 2026 Abstract of Claims Number 8 of the Budget Year 2025 – 2026 for claim numbers 207- 240 in the amount of \$28,685.64 has been reviewed and approved by the Trustees, and is hereby accepted.

At 8:00 p.m. Trustee Cataldo moved to enter into Executive Session to address personnel. This motion was seconded by Trustee Hauck. All Trustees present were in favor.

The Mayor announced that executive session ended at 8:30 p.m. with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Brodsky
Clerk-Treasurer