

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PLANDOME HEIGHTS VILLAGE HALL  
FEBRUARY 2, 2026; 7:00 PM  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

<b>Present:</b>	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)

**Also Present:** 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 began with a moment of silence for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year anniversary of the passing of Trustee Gus Panopoulos. After a brief discussion and a concern of snow impeding access to the Village flag, upon motion by Trustee Cataldo, seconded by Trustee Taylor, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

**RESOLVED**, that the flag of the Village of Plandome Heights be lowered to half-staff in respect of the passing of Trustee Gus Panopoulos and that such flag shall remain in that state for approximately two days; snow and weather permitting.

The Mayor then turned the discussion to the approval of the minutes of the Board of Trustees' January 5, 2026 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting. The Trustees confirmed that they read the draft minutes. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Hauck, seconded by Trustee Taylor, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the January 5, 2026 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting in the forms presented by the Village Clerk-Treasurer are hereby accepted and approved, and the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby instructed to file the minutes in the minutes book of the Village.

The Mayor then discussed the Justice Court Audit Report prepared by the Village's independent auditor for the period October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. The Mayor noted the recommendations contained in the audit report and a discussion of those recommendations ensued, including a discussion of corrective actions that have been taken. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Cataldo, seconded by Trustee Carlson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

**RESOLVED**, that the Justice Court Audit Report for the Village for the period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 submitted by Skinnon & Faber is hereby accepted.

Mayor Riscica then noted that Village Justice Court operations require an annual audit, and that the Village has received a proposal from Skinnon & Faber, CPA's, to perform such audit at a cost of \$950, which is in line with the Village's budget and prior years. A discussion ensued. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Cataldo, seconded by Trustee Carlson, the following resolution was adopted by all Trustees present:

**RESOLVED**, that the Village retain Skinnon and Faber to perform the audit of the Justice Court operations as outlined in their engagement letter for a fee of \$950 and the Mayor is authorized to execute and deliver such agreement on behalf of the Village.

Mayor Riscica then addressed the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee (MBPC) and its request for payment of the annual dues of \$1,800. Mayor Riscica observed that MBPC assigns that same amount to all village members, regardless of geographic size, population, amount of frontage on Manhasset Bay, assessed value of properties, resources and impact, which vary greatly among the 13 participating Villages. The Mayor observed that a more equitable approach would determine dues amounts for village members based upon those considerations. He also noted that his repeated communication of that viewpoint to the MBPC representatives has not led to any change, but that the Village does obtain benefit from its membership. After discussion, and upon motion made by Trustee Hauck and seconded by Trustee Carlson the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

**RESOLVED**, that the Village renew its membership agreement with the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee on the terms stated, but that the Village remit payment of its dues with a letter to the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee expressing the Village's continued concerns over the method of allocating dues among the member villages.

Mayor Riscica then moved the discussion to the proposed renewal of the annual time and material street lighting maintenance contract with Welsbach Electric Corp. of L.I. The Mayor noted that the contractor proposes no increase from the prices in effect during the 2025 contract. Upon motion by Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Cataldo, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

**RESOLVED**, that the Village approve the acceptance of the Welsbach proposal for maintenance of Village street lighting for calendar year 2026 as stated.

The Mayor then provided an update on Village operations.

- The Mayor reported on snow and salt events with the current series of snow storms. The Mayor reported that administrative warning letters were issued to several residents regarding the improper disposal of snow into the public right-of-way. A discussion ensued as to the possible amendment of Village code 110-2 for removal of snow. The matter was tabled for future discussion.
- The Mayor continued discussion from the January 5 Board of Trustees meeting regarding Nassau County Health Department's regulations and certificate of rodent inspection as required by the Village Building Department to obtain a demolition permit. The Mayor and the Clerk were tasked with researching the actual process and requirements of the Nassau County Health Department's rodent inspection.

- The Mayor then updated the Board on his recent meeting organized by Supervisor DeSena, at which they discussed the Propel NY Energy Project, including the status of project routing and the Environmental Management & Construction Plans (EM&CPs). The Mayor noted that the plan continues to route the project along Northern Blvd., is planned to begin before the end of 2026.
  - The Mayor noted that he received the March 2026 Quarterly CHIPS Notification Letter, which includes the Village's current balances from NYSDOT Local Programs Bureau. Our cumulative, unused (and available) award is approximately \$153,000.
  - The Mayor then updated the Board on the Mayor's Meeting he attended on January 30, 2026.
  - The Mayors discussed the costs incurred collectively by the members of the North Shore Cable Consortium of municipalities, of which the Village is a member, associated with negotiating the Optimum/Verizon cable franchise agreements, as well as the payment of each Village's proportionate share. There is some discussion about billing the members additional costs of the agreement and there is some disagreement about that.
  - The Mayor then reported that Port Washington Police Commissioner and former Nassau County Police Chief of our local 6<sup>th</sup> precinct Sean McCarthy has officially launched his Democratic challenge against incumbent Jennifer DeSena for North Hempstead Town Supervisor.
  - The Mayor also reported on the recent Mayors' Meeting, at which some attendees advocated for extending the length of mayoral/ board trustees terms from 2 to 4 years; however, Mayor Riscica expressed opposition to this proposal, noting that the current framework of 2-year terms enables voters to engage regularly.
- The Mayor then updated the Board as to other ongoing Village matters. The Mayor then told the Board that concern relating to a leaning tree at 132 Bournedale Road North has not yet been resolved by PSEG and follow up is necessary.
- The Mayor stated that Village contractor Stasi Brothers 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 Mayor announced that the Fall street sweep was completed and the storm drain cleaning is yet to be scheduled.

The Mayor then moved the discussion to the upcoming Village Election. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Cataldo, seconded by Trustee Carlson, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

**RESOLVED**, that the following persons are appointed to the position of Election Inspector for the Village's Election Day at the aforementioned dates, times and place:

Marie Dalton Buono as Election Inspector Chair, at a salary of \$175 for the day with a stipend for dinner expenses.

Robert Anastasia as Election Inspector, at a salary of \$150 for the day with a stipend for dinner expenses.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the February 2026 Abstract of Claims Number 9 of the Budget Year 2025 – 2026 for claim numbers 241- 275 in the amount of \$59,865.39 has been reviewed and approved by the Trustees, and is hereby accepted.

At 8:19 p.m. Trustee Cataldo moved to enter into Executive Session to seek advice of counsel. This motion was seconded by Trustee Carlson. All Trustees present were in favor.

The Mayor announced that executive session ended at 8:45 p.m. with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie Brodsky  
Clerk-Treasurer