

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

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 began with approval of the minutes of the Board of Trustees' February 2, 2026 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 February 2, 2026 Regular Meeting in the form 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 moved the discussion to the tentative 2026-2027 budget. The Mayor delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the key points. The Mayor indicated that, as prescribed by law, he, as Budget Officer, presented a "Tentative Budget" for the Village for the fiscal year June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027 to the Village Clerk, and the Village Clerk has presented such budget to the Trustees. The Mayor observed that both the Tentative Budget and Summary Budget had been provided to the Trustees for their review.

Mayor Riscica then reported the following key aspects of the Tentative Budget:

- The 2026–2027 Tentative Budget proposes a 6.2% tax increase,
- This increase is driven by 22% rising municipal costs against a 15% cumulative tax hike over the past five years,

- Even with this increase, property taxes will remain the lowest Village taxes in Nassau County and are approximately 33% lower than the cost for equivalent services in the Town.

The Mayor also noted that the ability to delay these tax increases in previous years was supported by a strong financial position and non-recurring income that is now "dwindling."

And so, while municipal costs grew by over 22% between 2022 and 2026 according to the State Comptroller, the Village only increased taxes by a total of 15% during that same period. A discussion ensued in which questions were asked and answered. As there were no changes to be made to the Tentative Budget, the next step in the budget process is to make the Tentative Budget available to the public and to conduct a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget. After discussion and upon motion by Trustee Cataldo, seconded by Trustee Hauck, the following resolution was unanimously passed by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, that on Monday April 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM, the Board of Trustees will hold a PUBLIC HEARING to consider the adoption of the Village's Tentative Budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2027 and further, that the Village Clerk-Treasurer is directed to: (a) make all required public notices of the Public Hearing and (b) make copies of the Tentative Budget available to residents as provided by law, including on the Village website.

The Mayor then moved the discussion to the proposed changes to Village Code § 110-2. "Depositing debris in public places," in the form of Bill 1 of 2026, in order to increase the court's authority and to establish minimum fines for the court to impose for violations. Mayor Riscica pointed out that depositing snow into the street is unsafe primarily because it creates hazardous road conditions and impedes essential municipal services. After discussion and upon motion by Trustee Carlson, second by Trustee Taylor, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, that the proposed bill to consider a proposed amendment to the Village Code to address snow removal, is hereby introduced as Bill 1 of 2026, and that a Public Hearing to address Bill 1 of 2026 be held at the April 6, 2026 and further, that the Village Clerk-Treasurer is directed to make all required public notices of the Public Hearing.

The Mayor then moved the discussion amending § 85-9, "Penalties for Offenses," of Chapter 85, "Parking and Vehicles," to increase the amount of fines for violations of the vehicle parking restrictions contained in Chapter 85 in the form of Bill 2 of 2026, in order to increase the court's authority and to establish minimum fines for the court to impose for violations. This relates to a recent rash of illegal and unsafe parking on Plandome Road around the area of Shelter Rock Church. After discussion upon motion by Trustee Hauck, second by Trustee Taylor, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, that the proposed bill to consider a proposed amendment to the Village Code to address the amount of fines for violations of the vehicle parking restrictions, is hereby introduced as Bill 2 of 2026, and that a Public Hearing to address Bill 2 of 2026 be held at the April 6, 2026 and further, that the Village Clerk-Treasurer is directed to make all required public notices of the Public Hearing.

The Mayor then presented the Board with an email to join an AIM Sign-On Letter & Pass the AIM Resolution as presented by New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM). The letter urges state leaders to adopt the proposed \$100 million in additional Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to support local services amid mounting fiscal pressures. They also call for a long-term, predictable

framework for municipal aid to ensure sustainable funding. Upon motion by Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Hauck, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and WHEREAS, the additional \$100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Plandome Heights applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York's cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Plandome Heights urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Plandome Heights calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York's local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of Plandome Heights.

The Mayor then provided an update on Village operations.

- The Mayor began by updating the Board on local elections. The Mayor pointed out the following:
 - Assembly Member Daniel Norber (R-Great Neck) announced that he will not seek reelection in 16th District.
 - The village of Plandome Manor will be holding contested elections for (2) Board of Trustees positions on March 18, 2026.
- The Mayor then brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees an article in February 26 – March 4, 2026 edition of the Manhasset Press (Vol.93, No.9) regarding the historic preservation efforts of Andrew Cronon, founder of the Manhasset Historical Society. The article states that the Manhasset Historical Society is “in touch with a few homeowners in Plandome Heights who have expressed interest in designating their own homes as landmarks”. The Mayor indicated his understanding that there have been no discussions with any Village residents. The Mayor

reminded the Board of the importance of the Village re-engaging on this topic of a Village historical preservation program.

- The Mayor reported that official notices were distributed to residents concerning
 - Sanitation and proper trash receptacle usage.
 - Recently, three dead geese and one injured goose were found in and around Plandome Pond Park. In discussions with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) we have been informed that this is most likely the result of the Avian Influenza (bird flu), which is apparently in the region at this time.
- The Mayor updated the Board on snow and salt events with the current series of snow storms. The Mayor reported that as of March 3, 2026, the Village reports there have been 6 snow events and 5 salt events.
- Mayor Riscica presented his 2026 letter to the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee (MBPC) regarding their request for annual dues, as previously discussed at the February 2, 2026 Regular Board of Trustees meeting. The Mayor requested that the Trustees review the correspondence, noting that they were copied on the message.
- The Board then reviewed the GoDaddy subscription cost increase and the 2025 rate adjustment for Intuit QuickBooks Payroll. No further action was taken at this time.
- The Mayor continued discussion from the February 2 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 Clerk presented her research regarding the actual process and requirements of the Nassau County Health Department's rodent inspection.
- 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 storm drain cleaning is yet to be scheduled.

The Mayor acknowledged an invitation to the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Plandome Boy Scout Troop 71 and noted he will be attending.

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

RESOLVED, that the March 2026 Abstract of Claims Number 10 of the Budget Year 2025 – 2026 for claim numbers 276 - 305 in the amount of \$41,164.79 has been reviewed and approved by the Trustees, and is hereby accepted.

At 8:32 p.m. Trustee Cataldo moved to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss personnel matters. This motion was seconded by Trustee Hauck. 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,

Marie Brodsky
Clerk-Treasurer