

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PLANDOME HEIGHTS VILLAGE HALL
JUNE 1, 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	Jerry Love
	Clerk	Marie Brodsky
	Village Attorney	Christopher Prior, Esq.
Absent:	Trustee	Kristina Lobosco
Also Present:	Tim and Lana Stapleton	Residents
	Rosemary Mascali	Resident, Plandome Heights Civic Association
	Paul Mascali	Resident
	Mine Mackey	Resident
	Marion Endrizzi	Resident

At 7:00 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 minutes of the Board of Trustees' May 4, 2026 Regular Meeting. The Mayor asked the Trustees to review and confirm the updated draft minutes. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Love, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the May 4, 2026 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, as 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 next order of business was new Village Operation matters.

The Mayor presented two proposals for landscaping improvements of the island on Willow Court from U. Arias Corporation. Upon discussion of the proposal, Trustee Love suggested that a lower proposal may be possible from another landscaper he currently uses. The matter is tabled until such time as Trustee Love receives and presents such proposal.

The Mayor then reported to the Board that the Catch Basin Cleaning was completed on May 18.

The Mayor then discussed with the Board his meeting with Inspector Rhine, Commander of the Sixth Precinct. The Mayor described the meeting as informative and useful.

The Mayor then addressed the 2026-2027 Nassau County Village Officials Association dues letter and invoice. The Clerk stated that the dues are unchanged from the prior year, with Village Assessment at \$500.00 and Annual Dues at \$ 550.00 for a total of \$1,050.00 due. After discussion, upon motion by Trustee Cataldo, seconded by Trustee Love, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the payment of \$1,050.00 to the Nassau County Village Officials Association for the 2026-2027 fiscal year dues; and that the Village Treasurer is authorized and directed to make said payment from the appropriate budget account.

The Mayor then initiated a discussion regarding OceanFirst Bank's upcoming acquisition and takeover of Flushing Bank. Board members reviewed the anticipated timeline for the transition and assessed potential impacts on local municipal banking operations, accounts, and services. Following a brief period of discussion, the Board tabled the matter for further review pending additional updates from the financial institutions.

The Mayor reported on a review of the recent New York State Insurance Fund (NYSIF) invoice, noting that the Village had identified what it believed was an overcharge regarding the Village's workers' compensation and disability benefits insurance billing. The Clerk subsequently raised the issue with the insurer, and filed an amendment for the yearly payroll audit to correct the discrepancy. As a result of this correction, the Village received a credit from NYSIF of approximately \$ 3,377.72, and no financial balance is owed at this time.

A Village resident then addressed the Board to request that the Village prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers between June 15 and September 15. In the resident's opinion, the current use of this equipment during the summer months causes a significant amount of noise as well as dust and debris circulated into the air, and urged that gas leaf blowers should be replaced by electric leaf blowers. A discussion ensued. The Mayor pointed out that there would be no material difference in air quality by changing the method of powering a leaf blower. He also noted that the Building Inspector believes that commercial leaf blowers approximate the noise level of gas blowers and in any event, the Village has seen no evidence that commercial electric leaf blowers are significantly quieter than gas leaf blowers. Further, the effort to keep electric blowers charged for a 10 hour workday is significant and costly (which costs would likely be passed on to residents) and may involve the use of gas generators which are noisy in their own right. Further the Mayor noted that this issue was considered previously by the Trustees in approximately 2022 and was not acted on due to these, and other factors. The Board thanked the resident for the comments and took the matter under advisement for future consideration.

A resident from 120 Plandome Court addressed the Board to request a permanent, extended-day parking exemption in front of her home for her childcare provider. The resident explained that her childcare provider has parked in that location for the past five years without incident, but has recently received parking citations from the Nassau County Police Department for violating the Village's 3-hour daytime parking restriction. The Board informed the resident that it is unable to grant a permanent parking pass or exemption. However, Board members provided the resident with helpful alternative options and administrative tips to avoid receiving parking tickets in the future, including moving the car during the day to avoid violation of the 3-hour restriction.

Next, the Mayor presented to the Board a written request from resident Jennifer Rimel of 105 Bournedale Road South to plant a Japanese Zelkova tree within the Village right-of-way. Such a tree would become the property of the Village once it is planted on the Village right-of-way. After discussion, upon motion

by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Love, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by all Trustees present:

RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes Jennifer Rimel of 105 Bournedale Road South to plant a Japanese Zelkova tree within the Village right-of-way in front of her home, conditioned upon the tree having a minimum caliper of 2 ½ inches, and its placement being within 24 feet from the center of the street and within 13 feet from the curb and approximately in line with the “tree line” on that street.

The Mayor then moved the discussion to ongoing Village matters. He stated there were no updates to report.

The Mayor noted a matter proposed by former Mayor Marion Endrizzi to the Board for consideration, to enact Village Landmark Preservation for various homes that may be considered historic in the Village. A discussion ensued. The matter was tabled for further discussion.

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

RESOLVED, that the June Abstract of Claims Number 1 of the Budget Year 2026 – 2027 for claim numbers 1 – 28 in the amount of \$ 33,515.99, has been reviewed and approved by the Trustees, and is hereby accepted.

At 8:45 p.m., upon motion by Trustee Taylor, seconded by Trustee Hauck the Board RESOLVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and to receive advice of counsel.

At 9:20 p.m. the Mayor announced that the executive session was ended with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Brodsky
Clerk-Treasurer