

APPROVED

**Officers Present:**

Greg Letica, Mayor  
Pam Pierce, Deputy Mayor  
Laura Burke, Trustee  
Ian Jablonski, Trustee

Trustee Ettinger absent with previous notice

**Officials & Appointees Present:**

Michelle Glennon, Village Clerk  
Emily Hayes, Treasurer  
Bruce Migatz, Village Attorney  
Raymond Mahdesian, Officer-in-Charge  
Doug Adil, Building Inspector  
Bill Raisch, Emergency Manager

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Publication of meeting was confirmed.

Deputy Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes for January 6, 2026  
seconded by Trustee Jablonski.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	ABSTAIN
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE

Motioned Carried.

**Mayors Report:**

I thank Police Officers Chris Amendolare and Joseph D'Alessandro for their outstanding response to a house fire during last Sunday night's snowstorm. An automatic smoke alarm alerted the Asharoken Police Department and the Northport Fire Department. Officers Amendolare and D'Alessandro were first on the scene, located the source of the fire, and contained it with snow until the Fire Department arrived. The Northport Fire Department was assisted by the Eaton's Neck and East Northport Fire Departments. Additional thanks go to the responding Northport Police officers and to Koran Landscaping for plowing the driveway. The rapid response by all involved saved the home. Excellent work by everyone.

I also thank Town of Huntington Highway Superintendent Andre Sorrentino and his entire staff for the incredible job they did keeping the roads plowed during the snowstorm. The combination of very dry snow and strong winds created significant drifting, often returning almost as soon as it was cleared. Great job by Andre and his team.

The Village was informed by Congressman Nick LaLota that he secured \$150,000 for the purchase of new police vehicles. I thank Congressman LaLota for his continued support of Asharoken. I also

49 thank Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce and Trustee/Police Commissioner Mel Burke for preparing the  
50 grant request forms.

51 The Village received notice that its request for a one-year extension of the Hazard Mitigation Grant  
52 for seawall engineering was approved. Although the Village's engineering firm, GEI, completed most  
53 of its work before February 1, the extension provides additional time to ensure all remaining work  
54 is completed thoroughly.

55 The Village will be mailing residents a written request to Governor Hochul seeking funding for the  
56 Asharoken seawall reconstruction. This effort is in addition to the existing Change.org petition. Our  
57 neighbors in Eaton's Neck have already been submitting their signed letters to Village Hall. The  
58 level of support has been terrific and will be very impactful.

59 I completed the mandated annual New York State cybersecurity course.

60 The Village drafted and submitted a response letter to the New York State Comptroller's Office  
61 regarding its draft audit.

62 Along with Village lobbyist Catherine Fee, I met with Northport School Superintendent Dave Moyer  
63 and Huntington Town Supervisor Ed Smyth to request their support for the seawall reconstruction.  
64 They could not have been more gracious and have pledged to do all they can to help secure state  
65 funding.

66 I had several conversations with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding a site visit to evaluate the  
67 quality of the sand placed on the beach by National Grid last fall. Due to snow and cold weather, the  
68 visit has not yet been scheduled.

69 Finally, a coyote was spotted and photographed this morning by Mary McCreight on the beach near  
70 Village Hall. To my knowledge, this is the first documented coyote sighting in the Village.

71 **Trustees:**

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73 Deputy Mayor Pierce: During the month I completed the cyber security webinar, completed 3 of  
74 the surveys requested by the SC Hazard Mitigation plan. I reviewed and certified the unpaid  
75 taxes. I reviewed the Fire Marshal proposal, the proposed blighted property law, the poultry  
76 permit application, the January minutes, payment abstracts, vouchers, checks and the police  
77 report. Shout out to Officers Chris Amendolare and Joe D'Alessandro for the house fire  
78 response.

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80 Trustee Ettinger: (Report read by Mayor Letica):

81 Firstly, I am happy to report that Congressman Nick LaLota notified us that the Grant we submitted  
82 for 2 new police cars, approximately 2 years ago, was finally approved as part of a recent Bill that  
83 was passed by Congress. On behalf of the Village, I want to thank Congressman LaLota for this and  
84 also Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce for assisting me in preparing the Grant Request. As a result, we will  
85 be ordering some new police cars and replace some of our 10 year old cars, at no cost to the  
86 Village!! Thank you, Congressman LaLota.

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88 Secondly, I want to commend our police force and in particular officers Chris Amendolare and Joe  
89 D'Alessandro for their quick actions in responding to the call regarding the house fire at 150

90 Asharoken Avenue, during last week's snow storm, and actually extinguishing the fire with snow  
91 before the Northport Fire Department arrived. Another job, well done by our police department!!  
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93 I reviewed the Local Law #2-2026 regarding "Unsafe Buildings And Property Maintenance",  
94 some correspondences that we received from residents, the foils received during the month,  
95 and last month's BOT Regular Meeting's Minutes.  
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97 Trustee Burke: I completed the cyber security training webinar. I reviewed the minutes, the  
98 vouchers, the abstracts, the police report, emails from residents regarding the proposed blight law,  
99 and the fire marshal proposal.  
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101 Trustee Jablonski: During the month I reviewed the January meeting minutes, the vouchers &  
102 checks, the police reports, the proposed local law, various correspondence from residents, the fire  
103 marshal proposal, unpaid property taxes and participated in three training webinars for  
104 harassment and discrimination, workplace violence and cyber security.  
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106 **Attorney Migatz:** Nothing to report.  
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108 Treasurer's Report: The total vouchers for the month is \$60,352.90. There is a separate resolution  
109 for budget transfers.  
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111 **Police Report:** Officer Mahdesian reported the village was crime free with 39 summonses issued  
112 last month and no arrests.  
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114 **Emergency Manager:** Bill Raisch stated that he continues to work on the comprehensive  
115 emergency management plan.  
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117 **Superintendent of Buildings:** Doug Adil reported the following:  
118 PLAN REVIEWS/CONSULTATIONS:  
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120 Issued the Final Inspection Report for 60 S.Harbor Garage construction, enabling issuance of the  
121 C/O.

122 Reviewed the updated Draft of the Blighted Property code revision, provided affirmation that I had  
123 no further comments.

124 Re-reviewed construction drawings for a proposed Sunroom at 204 Asharoken Av. Drawings were  
125 determined to be Approved for a Building Permit.

126 Reviewed a Building Permit application for construction of a new swimming pool at 232 Asharoken  
127 Av. Plans lacked detailed construction notes, particularly regarding electrical bonding requirements  
128 and were returned for corrections.

129 Provided confirmation to the builder that the plans for a new 3-car garage at 561 Asharoken Av.  
130 have been approved for a Building Permit.

131 Issued the Final Inspection Report for 7 Kew Court PV solar installation, enabling issuance of the  
132 Certificate of Compliance.

133 Received a question regarding the drawing submission requirements for a potential variance  
134 hearing, which the Clerk forwarded to the Village Attorney, who responded with the necessary  
135 information.

136 Issued the Final Inspection Report for conversion of the existing Accessory garage to an Accessory  
137 with living space at 159 Asharoken Av. enabling issuance of the C/O.

138 Issued the Final Inspection Report for 10 Bevin Rd. East PV solar installation, enabling issuance of  
139 the Certificate of Compliance.

140 Reviewed and provided feedback regarding the Proposal to utilize Northport Fire Marshals for  
141 various Fire Protection/Emergency Response services to the Village. SITE INSPECTIONS:

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143 **Public Hearing:**

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Local Law #2-2026 AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHAROKEN ENTITLED "UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "BLIGHTED PROPERTY". Public notice was read by Clerk Glennon.

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Trustee Burke read comments sent in by residents, one was not in favor of the new law, the second comment wants the BOT to consider the Tree of Heaven be included in the law.

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Mayor Letica opened public session:

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-A resident had comments regarding the application of this law for a village as opposed to large townships who need this kind of law

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-Another resident asked why the law was necessary

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-The Mayor explained that having this law on the books gives the village an opportunity to do something about the three properties in the village that have been severely neglected for many years

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-Another resident asked about recourse

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-The Mayor explained that an appeal could be filed

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Mayor Letica a motion to close the public hearing on Proposed Local Law #2-2026, seconded by

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Trustee Burke.

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Trustee Jablonski AYE

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Trustee Burke AYE

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Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

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Mayor Letica AYE

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Motioned Carried.

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**Resolutions:**

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**Resolution (2026-22)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board approves the budget transfers for the month of January 2026.

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Trustee Jablonski made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Letica.

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Trustee Jablonski AYE

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Trustee Burke AYE

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Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

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Mayor Letica AYE

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Motioned Carried

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**Resolution (2026-23)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the vouchers for the month of January 2026 in the amount of \$50,780.03, check #'s 12099 to 12126.

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Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Jablonski.

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Trustee Jablonski AYE

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Trustee Burke AYE

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Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

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Mayor Letica AYE

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Motioned Carried.

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**Resolution (2026-24)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby appoint a committee of the Board of Trustees to include, Mayor Letica, Deputy Mayor Pierce, Trustee Burke, Trustee Burke, Trustee Jablonski and Village Assessor, Richard Leonard as the Board of Assessment Review for the purpose of reviewing any complaints regarding the 2026/2027 assessments filed on or before Grievance Day, Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 and to be reviewed in-person during the hours from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at Village Hall, One Asharoken Avenue, Northport, NY 11768.

Deputy Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Letica.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE

Motioned Carried

**Resolution (2026-25)** Be It Resolved that the Board of Trustees appoints Trustee Ian Jablonski to review Quickbooks user account activity reports on a quarterly basis as per recommendations by the NY State Comptroller's Office.

Deputy Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE

Motioned Carried

**Resolution (2026-26)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the budget adjustment to increase the Start Income Account by \$5,000 and increase account Seawall/Shoreline Engineering Expenditure Account (A1490.200) by \$5,000 for the monthly payment to Empire Government Strategies.

Deputy Mayor Pierce made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Jablonski.

Trustee Jablonski	AYE
Trustee Burke	AYE
Deputy Mayor Pierce	AYE
Mayor Letica	AYE

Motioned Carried

**Resolution (2026-27)** Be it Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve proposed Local Law #2-2026 amending Chapter 46 of the code of the Village of Asharoken entitled 'Unsafe Building and Property Maintenance' to add new article IV entitled 'Blighted Property'.

Mayor Letica made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Burke.

ROLL CALL:

<b>Trustee Jablonski</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Trustee Burke</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Deputy Mayor Pierce</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>Mayor Letica</b>	<b>AYE</b>

**Resolution (2026-28)** WHEREAS, the Village Clerk of the Village of Asharoken delivered to this Board of Trustees the following account of all taxes remaining due and unpaid for the year 2025/2026, together with a description of the lands on which said taxes are unpaid.

Name of Owner 2025/2026 Real Prop Taxes	Dist/Section/Block/Lot	Taxes	Penalty	Pub. Fee	Total
3 Bevin Rd Realty	0401-004-01-041.002	\$98.37	\$10.80	\$7.50	\$116.67
Beaumont, D	0401-007-02-034-000	\$5,620.05	\$618.20	\$7.50	\$6,245.75
Beaumont, D	0401-007-02-036-003	\$62.10	\$6.83	\$7.50	\$76.43
Fosella, C	0401-003-02-034.000	\$2,014.30	\$225.41	\$7.50	\$2,247.21
Caruso, P	0401-003-01-014-000	\$170.78	\$18.80	\$7.50	\$197.08
Caruso, P	0401-003-02-066-000	\$4,626.45	\$508.88	\$7.50	\$5,142.83
Paulsen, C	0401-006-02-014.000	\$62.10	\$6.82	\$7.50	\$76.42
Greenspan, M	0401-008-02-013-000	\$4,533.00	\$498.65	\$7.50	\$5,039.15
Dream Designs	0401-003-02-010-002	\$558.90	\$61.49	\$7.50	\$627.89
Harteringer, S	0401-003-02-091-000	\$3,694.95	\$406.45	\$7.50	\$4,108.90
Hershenhorn, S	0401-004-01-038-000	\$217.35	\$23.89	\$7.50	\$248.74
Hershenhorn, S	0401-004-02-023-000	\$31.05	\$3.41	\$7.50	\$41.96
Herzig, W	0401-005-01-004-002	\$2,515.05	\$276.65	\$7.50	\$2,799.20
Hosie, S	0401-004-01-021-000	\$248.40	\$27.30	\$7.50	\$283.20
Hosie, S	0401-004-02-007-000	\$2,437.43	\$268.09	\$7.50	\$2,713.02
IDCDCD LLC	0401-003-02-012.000	\$6,908.63	\$759.97	\$7.50	\$7,676.10
Verzyl-Reid, J	0401-004-01-064-000	\$93.15	\$10.24	\$7.50	\$110.89
Lambros, G	0401-006-01-012-000	\$62.10	\$6.83	\$7.50	\$76.43
Lambros, G	0401-006-02-013-000	\$62.10	\$6.83	\$7.50	\$76.43
Lang	0401-004-02-026-002	\$25.96	\$2.86	\$7.50	\$36.32
LIPA	0401-605-10-101-000	\$7,409.77	\$815.09	\$7.50	\$8,232.36
Morris, J	0401-004-02-066-001	\$77.63	\$8.56	\$7.50	\$93.69
Paulsen, C	0401-006-01-013.000	\$62.10	\$6.83	\$7.50	\$76.43
Verzyl-Reid, J	0401-003-02-037-000	\$2,887.65	\$317.66	\$7.50	\$3,212.81
Verzyl-Reid, J	0401-004-02-048-000	\$31.05	\$3.41	\$7.50	\$41.96
Ward, N	0401-004-02-045-000	\$31.05	\$3.41	\$7.50	\$41.96
Ward, N	0401-004-01-061-000	\$62.10	\$6.83	\$7.50	\$76.43
Beaumont, D	0401-007-02-047-000	\$403.65	\$44.42	\$7.50	\$455.57
Herzig, W	0401-005-01-004-001	\$465.75	\$51.25	\$7.50	\$524.50
Witte, J	0401-007-01-028-001	\$621.00	\$68.31	\$7.50	\$696.81

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WHEREAS that this Board has examined said account, and compared it with the original tax rolls, and hereby certifies it to be correct.

250 NOW, THEREFORE, this Board, pursuant to Article 14 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of  
251 New York, determines to collect the amount of such unpaid taxes levied or assessed for the year  
252 2025/2026 by a tax lien sale in accordance with procedures authorized by the Board of Trustees in  
253 the manner and after the form and resolution, certified by the Clerk, shall be transmitted forthwith  
254 to the Treasurer of the Village with the account, affidavit, and certificate of such unpaid taxes and is  
255 authorized and directed to cause to be published in the official paper of the Village, once each week  
256 for three consecutive weeks, a list as shown in the tax roll, with the amount of the tax, penalties, and  
257 charges thereon, excepting there from such parcels of property on which the Village holds and  
258 owns one or more unredeemed certificates of tax sale; and also a notice that the said real estate  
259 will, on a day subsequent to the expiration of said three weeks to be determined by said Village  
260 Clerk and specified in said notice, be sold at a place in said Village to be designated by said Village  
261 Clerk, to discharge the tax, penalties, and charges aforesaid, which may be due thereon at the time  
262 of such sale, and that the said Village Clerk, at the time and place specified in said notice, proceed  
263 with the sale of said real estate upon which such taxes are unpaid, as set forth above, and continue  
264 the same from day to day until the sale is completed. That such real estate shall be sold subject to  
265 any unpaid assessments thereon levied by the Village of Asharoken and also subject to any unpaid  
266 tax liens purchased and held by the Village.

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268 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in all cases where no bid shall be made on a lot or parcel of land  
269 so offered for sale for an amount sufficient to pay the said tax, penalties, and charges, the said premises  
270 shall be deemed to have been sold to and purchased by the Village of Asharoken, New York

271 The Village Clerk has advised that the tax sale referred to in the foregoing resolution would be held on  
272 Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 10am to 12 noon, at the Village Hall, 1 Asharoken Avenue, Northport,  
273 New York, and that publication of the list of properties to be sold would commence on or about  
274 February 19, 2026, and be it further resolved that the Village Board reserves its right to authorize and  
275 direct the Village Treasurer on behalf of the Village to reject any and all bids for parcels of lands listed  
276 in the annual tax lien sale to be held as set forth herein and, and to bid in and purchase if necessary the  
277 same for the Village.

278 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board reserves the right to withhold any and all said  
279 tax liens from sale and/or to cancel said tax lien sale.

280 **Certification of Unpaid taxes:**

281 Board Members: Have certified that the outstanding Property tax report for 2026 agrees with the  
282 original tax roll for 2025 and the tax warrant levy amount agrees with the original tax roll for 2025.  
283 The amount \$46,093.97 remains unpaid for the tax year 2025-2026.

284 Mayor Letica made a motion to approve seconded by Trustee Burke.

285 Trustee Jablonski AYE

286 Trustee Burke AYE

287 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

288 Mayor Letica AYE

289 Motioned Carried.

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291 **Resolution (2026-29)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby authorize the Village  
292 Treasurer to transfer \$5,000 from the Feasibility Reserve Account to the Money Market Account for  
293 the February 2026 monthly payment to Empire Government Strategies.

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295 Mayor Letica made a motion to approve seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce

296 Trustee Jablonski AYE

297 Trustee Burke AYE

298 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

299 Mayor Letica AYE

300 Motioned Carried.

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302 **Resolution (2026-30)** Be It Resolved that the Village Board does hereby approve the additional  
303 vouchers for the month of January 2026 in the amount of \$4,572.87, check #'s 12127 to 12130.

304 Mayor Letica made a motion to approve seconded by Deputy Mayor Pierce

305 Trustee Jablonski AYE

306 Trustee Burke AYE

307 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

308 Mayor Letica AYE

309 Motioned Carried.

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312 Public Session: Mayor Letica opened public session:

313 A resident expressed concern regarding fire hydrants not being accessible due to the snow. The  
314 Mayor said he would look into the issue right away.

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316 Mayor Letica made a motion to exit public session, seconded by Trustee Jablonski.

317 Trustee Jablonski AYE

318 Trustee Burke AYE

319 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

320 Mayor Letica AYE

321 Motioned Carried.

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323 Mayor Letica made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Burke.

324 Trustee Jablonski AYE

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326 Deputy Mayor Pierce AYE

327 Mayor Letica AYE

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330 The February 3, 2026 Regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at  
331 approximately 7:15 pm.

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334 Signed: 

335 Michelle Glennon, Village Clerk