

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Bonnie L.S. Parente, Caroline DeBenedittis, Christopher Siciliano, Robert M. Vella, Jr., Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman.

Also present: Susan Corsello, James J. Daw, Jr., James Sandquist, Barbara Seixas, Carla Strauss, Marcia Weiser, Kathleen Rittel, Michael Guglielmo, Ellen Ritz, Al Testani, James Reichman.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye" the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2014.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the agenda meeting of January 5, 2015.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for December 2014 as follows: 20140295 – 20140362..

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE**

Trustee Parente reported that the East Williston, Williston Park and Albertson fire department chiefs and commissioners met to coordinate joint training efforts as well as mutual aid response to emergencies in each venue.

The fire department and the village are still working on plans for the renovation and updating of the radio room. A grant was procured for this project.

**TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS**

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that yoga, and dance classes have commenced for the new year, but are still accepting participants. A new art class will commence on February 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 10am. Refer to the fliers mailed out for information. The Recreation

Committee is planning a Winter Dinner Dance at Antonette's in East Hills on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 7:00pm. Once again, refer to the fliers mailed to all residents. Lastly, a date for the sewing of pillow cases for pediatric cancer patients will be announced soon.

**TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.**

Trustee Vella reported that the Justice Court collected a total of \$1,678.00 in fines from 39 violations in December 2014. The violations consisted of 34 parking violations, four moving violations and one Village ordinance violation. The New York State surcharge amounted to \$118.00.

Library Director Susan Corsello presented the Library report. A defensive driving course will take place on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 3:30pm. A "Property Tax Assessment Grievance Workshop" will be offered on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> given by Charles Berman, North Hempstead Receiver of Taxes. The day time book club will meet in February to discuss the book "The narrow Road to the Deep North" by Richard Flanagan. The evening book club will discuss "What She Left Behind", by Ellen Marie Wiseman. Pre-school stories and songs will resume on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and toddler story time will resume on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The East Williston senior group will meet on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO**

Trustee Siciliano reminded residents that in the event of a snow emergency to keep cars off the streets so the department of public works can clear the snow efficiently. He also advised not to dump snow into the street, and clear snow from around fire hydrants.

He reported that the repairs to the bay doors on the public works garage have been completed.

**MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-2015 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ANNUAL AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2014 PREPARED BY SKINNON, FABER AND HECK.**

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously accepted the annual audit for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2014 prepared by Skinnon, Faber and Heck..

Mayor Tanner noted that the Village has an operating surplus and has maintained an AA financial rating..

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Mayor Tanner asked Jeffrey Blinkoff to apprise residents about the status of the 8 Sumter Avenue property.

Jeffrey Blinkoff apprised those present of the status of the property at 8 Sumter Avenue. He stated that the court has granted a stay for another 90 days however, major compliance to address property violations (repair holes in roof, cleaning up exterior of property, etc.) must be achieved.

**SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BONNIE KREISMAN**

The following building permits were issued in December 2014: 107 Weeks Road, major renovation to premises. 180 Concord Street, installation of a central air conditioning unit.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct reported the following activity in the month of December 2014: No reports of burglaries or robberies.. Traffic tickets served: Eight parking violations and four moving violations were issued. There were no auto accidents or auto injuries.

The Village office will be closed on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that Kevin Walsh and Stephanie Mangels, attorneys for the Wheatley Hills Golf Club have submitted revised plans and supporting documents for the proposed Golf Club project. Given the revised information, the conditional use hearing will be adjourned until February 9, 2015.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2015 A RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING ON THE CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION BY THE WHEATLEY HILLS GOLF CLUB UNTIL FEBRUARY 9, 2015.**

On the motion of Trustee DeBenedittis, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting on the conditional use application by the Wheatley Hills Golf Club until February 9, 2015.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Kathleen Rittel wanted certified letters sent to all affected residents regarding all changes to the plans submitted by the Wheatley Hills Golf Club, also advising if a meeting will be held on this issue.

She asked how the Golf Club can have a tiny "barracks" now, if they are first asking for a conditional use.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board understood Mrs. Rittel's concerns and restated them for clarity.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the attorneys for the Golf Club have legally complied with all necessary mailings for the conditional use application.

Trustee Vella stated that a reasonable solution to the question of use will be placed on the Village website when it is available and by an email blast to residents.

Mrs. Rittel re-stated her view that she is in opposition of a "boarding house" located within 15 feet of her yard, with laborers living on the premises.

Mr. Rittel asked if the revised documents are available to the public. The Board advised him that they are public information

Marcia Weiser asked what Board seats are up for election in March. She asked that election information be included in fliers and on the website.

Mrs. Weiser was advised that the Mayor and two trustees' seats are up for election on March 18, 2015.

Carla Strauss asked if sale of the 8 Sumter Avenue property will actually take place.

Mr. Blinkoff explained the new decision is a stay to prevent the Village from demolishing the house for 90 days. Within 45 days, the owner must achieve compliance in eliminating violations (holes in roof, etc.). The stay does not affect the sale of the premises should that take place.

Michael Guglielmo asked what significant progress means as it refers to compliance at the 8 Sumter Avenue property. Mr. Blinkoff stated that all of the violations on the property must be eliminated and will be inspected by the building inspector.

Vinnie Abbatello from Westbury addressed the Board and invited the public to attend a rally in opposition of the proposed casino at the former Fortunoff's site on Old Country Road in Westbury at St. Bridget's school on January 15, 2015 at 7:30pm.

Trustee Parente advised that the Board of Trustees will be attending its own meeting that night, but accepted the flier Mr. Abbatello distributed for the Village office.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.