

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

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

Village Clerk Marie Hausner was excused from the meeting.

Also present: Nancy Zolezzi, James Daw, Jr., Daniel Cramblitt, James Sandquist, Marcia Weiser, Carla Strauss, Barbara Seixas, Mr. McCracken.

Mayor Tanner and Trustee Vella presented proclamations to members of the East Williston Little League and their coaches for winning the New York District 28 title in the Little League World Series for 2013.

The Board held a public hearing to consider a local law to amend Chapter 18 of the Code entitled "Brush, Grass and Refuse". A verbatim transcript of said public hearing is on file in the office of the Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 36 -2013 A RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL LAW #4-2013 TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON ENTITLED "BRUSH, GRASS AND REFUSE", ADDING "INVASIVE AND CONTROLLED SPECIES".

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 approved the following resolution:

"Local Law #4of 2013 entitled the "Invasive and Controlled Species Amendment" adding Section 18-7".

Purpose:

The planting or growing of various plant species has been determined to be a community problem due to such things as: the inherent destructive nature of such plant, tree or vegetation; the poisonous or hazardous nature of such plant, tree or vegetation; the detrimental effect of improperly maintained plants, trees or vegetation on surrounding properties. As such, it is the intent of this local law to create an invasive and controlled species list within the Village. The Board of Trustees shall add to this list or

amend the same by resolution as it deems appropriate. Further, the requirements placed on the species found on this list are to be further set by resolution of the Board of Trustees as it deems necessary.

Provision:

it shall be unlawful for any owner, agent of such owner, and/or any person, firm or corporation in possession of any improved real property or vacant unimproved real property, excluding the possession of a plant species inside a residence, within the Village of East Williston, to permit the planting, growing or maintenance of a plant, tree or form of vegetation in violation of this law and the subsequent resolutions of the Board adopted relative to the invasive and controlled species list within the Village.

The Invasive and Controlled Species List:

A. The planting or growing of bamboo has been determined to be a community problem due to the destructive nature of the plant to uproot asphalt, concrete and fences of adjoining property owners. Bamboo has a remarkable ability to propagate and spread at an alarming rate, causing harm to adjoining landowners. For this reason, the Board of Trustees has determined it to be necessary to prohibit the planting, or growing of new bamboo on outdoor improved or vacant unimproved property (excluding the inside of a residence as a plant), whether the bamboo originates on said property or encroaches thereon from any neighboring property. Previously planted bamboo may be maintained on a property so long as it does not encroach on any surrounding property, and is properly secured so as to preclude the possibility of such encroachment. The term “bamboo” shall be defined as any tropical or semi-tropical grass of the genera Bambura, Dendrocalamus, or of any other related genera.

B. Poisonous species including but not limited to poison oak and ivy shall be controlled such that property owners, tenants or others in control of a property within the Village shall maintain and control such species so that they do not spread beyond the subject premises.

Penalties:

The Department of Buildings (i.e. Building Inspector) has the authority to issue a summons for a violation of the provisions of this local law. If necessary, the Department of Buildings can issue a summons once per week in the event an owner, owner’s agent, person of corporation fails to remedy an existing condition after being notified by the Department of Buildings of the violative condition by being issued an initial summons and failing to remedy the condition within seven (7) days after receipt of the initial summons.

A violation of this provision shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$350.00 for any such violation. This law to take effect immediately.”

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 approved the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2013.

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 approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of October 28, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting “aye”, and the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for October 2013 as follows: 20130194 – 20130298.

Chief Daniel Cramblitt presented the October 2013 report for the East Williston Fire Department. The Department responded to a total of 11 calls during the month; six fire calls, three EMS calls and two mutual aid calls to Williston Park and Westbury.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Bonnie Parente reported that the East Williston Fire Department’s annual inspection will take place on Saturday, November 16, 2013 immediately followed by the dedication of the new garage to house the antique fire truck. The garage was totally funded by the East Williston Fire Department Exempts Organization obtained by fund raising activities and donations. The building was not funded by taxpayer money.

Operation Santa will commence on December 5th. Chief Cramblitt explained that in order for residents to arrange for a visit from Santa on Christmas Eve, residents should visit the Firehouse on Thursdays in December (5, 12 and 19) between the hours of 8pm and 9:30pm. At that time residents will leave their name and address and should bring an unwrapped, new toy, infant or toddler clothing, including disposable diapers which will be distributed by members of the Fire Department to St. Christopher Otilie Home, Winthrop Hospital Children’s Cancer Center and the Hempstead Homeless Shelter (The INN). On December 24th, Santa will start deliveries at 6pm. Residents should leave the gifts for children on the front porch for Santa to deliver to the children.

Trustee Parente stated that the Veterans Day ceremony had a great turnout this year with large resident attendance.

Trustee Parente stated that she wanted propose that the Village institute a minimum charge for bi-annual water bills of \$50.00 to cover set costs to the Village water related expenses including water laboratory analysis, water main breaks, maintenance, etc.

Trustee Vella stated that he supports this resolution to institute a minimum water charge per billing cycle of \$50.00. The minimum amount will evenly and fairly distribute the cost of water service among all residents.

Mayor Tanner stated that he is opposed to this resolution for a minimum water charge.

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2013 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A RESOLUTION TO INSTITUTE A MINIMUM CHARGE FOR WATER SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 PER BILLING CYCLE.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella voting “aye”, and Mayor Tanner voted “nay”, the Board approved to institute a \$50 minimum charge for water service for each bi-annual billing cycle.

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

Trustee DeBenedittis reported that the Recreation Committee’s annual Ragamuffin Parade held on Saturday, October 26th had a great turnout this year. She commended the Committee on their work on the event.

The sewing of pillow cases for sick children through the organization of Conquer Cancer will take place in the Village Hall on Friday, November 15th from 10a.m to 6p.m. All are invited.

New movie and game nights will be announced shortly. Residents should subscribe to the website email blasts to keep apprised of upcoming events.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella stated reported that the Justice Court collected \$3,631.00 in fines during the month of October 2013. There were 26 parking violations, two moving violations and 25 Village ordinance violations during the month.

Trustee Vella presented the report on Library happenings. Pre-K story time is on Wednesdays from 11:30-12, and Toddler story time is Thursdays between 11:30 and 12. The Library is still collecting new or gently worn shoes for “Shoes For All”. The Library is also collecting empty ink printer cartridges for recycling.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Village Public Works Department is currently preparing for the winter season by installing hydrant flags and prepping the salt/sanding trucks. Sidewalk replacement for this year is completed. A list of damage sidewalks is being compiled for next year. If you have a Village tree lifting a sidewalk, you should report it to the Village Hall. Leaf bags are available at the Village office. Lastly, be aware of your neighbors if they are away. If snow falls, and their sidewalk is not cleared, within 24 hours, be a good neighbor and clear the area for them.

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BONNIE KREISMAN

The following building permits were issued in October 2013: 14 Post Avenue, construction of a new driveway. 103 High Street construction of a new driveway. 40 Orchard Drive, demolition of existing house and construction of a new house and garage. 23 Robbins Drive, legalize and maintain a den.

The Village was in receipt of the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report for September 2013: There were no reports of burglaries or robberies. Four parking violations and three moving violations were issued, and there were four auto accidents with two auto injuries reported during the month.

There were reports of grants for October 2013.

The Village office will be closed on November 28 and 29 in observance of Thanksgiving.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner informed those present that the annual tree lighting will take place on the Village Green on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 7:30 pm. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the firehouse immediately following the ceremony.

The Mayor stated that the Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, November 11, 2013 was well attended by residents and the Fire Department. He thanked Trustee Parente for the large participation of Girl and Boy Scout troops.

Mayor Tanner asked Jeffrey Blinkoff to prepare a resolution to continue to add costs incurred for 8 Sumter Avenue onto the tax bill for the property.

RESOLUTION NO. 38 -2013 A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TO TRANSFER ANY AND ALL PENDING COSTS, EXPENSES, AND FUTURE EXPENSES FOR 8 SUMER AVENUE, EAST WILLISTON, NEW YORK TO THE TAX ROLL.

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 authorized to transfer any and all pending costs, expenses and future expenses for 8 Sumter Avenue, East Williston, New York to the tax roll of the Village of East Williston.

Mayor Tanner stated that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.