BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 7:30 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, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Trustee Robert M. Vella, Jr. was excused from the meeting

Mayor Tanner stated that in the event the property at 8 Sumter Avenue is sold, the proceeds of the Bond Anticipation Note for the property be used to establish a tax stabilization fund.

Mayor Tanner stated that the annual inspection of the Fire Department went well.

Trustee Parente stated that the fire trucks looked great.

Trustee Parent stated that the Fire Department was able to repair the Chief's vehicle for $1,000, not the $4,000 that was originally quoted for repair. The Department has not come back with a proposal for a new Chiefs vehicle. They are now looking on the New York State contract list for vehicle prices.

Trustee Parente stated that after reviewing call attendance of the Fire Department, First Assistant Chief McWhirk had a steady 33% attendance record.

Trustee Parente spoke with Raffaella Siskind of the Teen Safety Committee. They were exploring the possibility of starting an "Adopt a Hydrant" program where youths can adopt a hydrant, name it, and get a certificate of "adoption". They will then be responsible for clearing around the hydrant and reporting any trouble that they witness (leaking, etc.).

Trustee DeBenedittis discussed the proposed donation of an upright piano by Jamie Cutinella. The Board addressed where it will be stored, who will use it, etc. After discussion on the matter, the Board decided to accept the donation of the piano, stating it will be stored in the meeting room.

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2013 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SETTLEMENT WITH NATIONAL GRID IN THE AMOUNT OF $19,500.00.
On the motion of Trustee DeBenedittis, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis and Siciliano all voting "aye", the Board approved to accept the donation of an upright piano from Village resident Jamie Cutinella.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that fliers will be going out this week for the Tree Lighting, Operation Santa and Portrait day. An email blast will also be sent out.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the water main break on School Street was repaired by 7:45pm.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Public Works Department was awaiting the wreathes from the Boy Scouts. The Scouts were putting the bows on them today. He said ANLO will be installing the lights on the Village Hall, Train Station Pavilion and Public Works garage starting tomorrow.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Town of North Hempstead has just purchased a new sweeper. He wanted to meet or speak with Highway Superintendent Tom Tiernan to see if the Village can purchase off of the same contract that the Town purchased the sweeper.

Mayor Tanner discussed a complaint he received from Steve Melito regarding being ticketed for a commercial truck in his driveway. There is no writing on the side of the truck, and that the vehicle is just a regular pick up truck. The Mayor said the Board needed to review the Code. He also asked that Code Enforcer Mary Bishop be informed about this issue.

A couple of residents have approached the Village about removing sidewalks in front of their homes. The Building Inspector has always informed those inquiring about removal that this practice is not permitted. Trustee Parente stated that in some areas, a sidewalk exists onto to a certain point on the street and then it ends. The lack of continuity does not look esthetically pleasing.

Mayor Tanner asked Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff to prepare a memo on the removal of sidewalks.

Bonnie Kreisman stated that the Village Code allows for the testing of water meters. At this time, the Village does not have a source to perform said testing. Mayor Tanner asked Ms. Kreisman to contact Badger to obtain a price to test the devices per meter.

The Board then discussed two homes in the Village (Derby Street and Hewlett Lane) where high water bill complaints were received. For the Derby Street address, the resident is looking for a large refund because of many years of estimates that were high. The Village must get an actual

water meter reading, and at that time, if the amount of the reading is lower a credit to the account is given, not a refund. The Board agreed with this procedure.

For the address on Hewlett Drive, the resident clearly has leaks. This has been documented by James Bailey of Public Works and also acknowledged by the son of the resident. Mayor Tanner asked if the Village can get a letter from Village Plumbing Inspector Jack Gayson.

The Board also discussed the Village Code interpretation of when meters are to be read by Village personnel. There seemed to be confusion if it to be once every year, or once every two years.

Mr. Blinkoff assumed that the Board wanted the water meters read once per year by a Village employee.

Bonnie Kreisman added that residents are charged a $25 penalty for ignoring a first notice from the Village to make an appointment to have their water meter read. Most people pay this fee without question. Upon a second notice, if the resident does not call to make an appointment (and all subsequent notices that go ignored) the fee is $100. Some residents do call and respond to this fee, while others still ignore the penalty and pay the fee.

Mayor Tanner stated that in lieu of placing a penalty of $100, the Village should re-legislate to have residents go to court and pay fines of $250 - $500 if they do not comply with the meter reading regulations. A letter with wording such as "...upon your failure to respond to this letter and schedule an appointment to have your meter read by Village personnel, you will receive an appearance ticket to Village Court. The letter should be sent to all those households that have not have their meter read and are incurring the $100 fine.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that with regard to the National Grid matter, if it went to an administrative hearing the matter would be protracted for months, incurring further legal fees. He suggested that the Village settle the matter for the proposed offer of $19,500.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2013 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SETTLEMENT WITH NATIONAL GRID IN THE AMOUNT OF $19,500.00.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Mayor Tanner, and with Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis and Siciliano all voting "aye", the Board approved to accept the settlement with National Grid in the amount of $19,500.00.

Mayor Tanner stated that when said monies are received, the funds should be deposited in the Capital Fund to pay debt service.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Mayor Tanner, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.