

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Wednesday, February 4, 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 A. Siciliano, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Village Treasurer Michael Delury.

Also present: Robert L. Campagna, Village Building Inspector

Excused from meeting: Trustee Robert M. Vella, Jr.

Treasurer Michael Delury stated that a resolution is needed to accept the settlement proposed by assessor consultant Mark DaVella in the matter of Verizon. New York State rendered a decision after Verizon had filed assessment grievances and SCAR cases against villages, towns and Nassau County for the valuation of its poles and equipment located in the various municipalities.

RESOLUTION #3-2015 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSESSOR TO ACCEPT THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WITH VERIZON REGARDING THE TAX CERTIORARI AND ASSESSMENT REDUCTION

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Siciliano all voting aye, the Board authorized the assessor to accept the negotiated settlement with Verizon regarding the tax certiorari and assessment reduction to be reduced from 8,181 to 725 to reflect the depreciated value of the equipment. Total amount payable \$28,000 in two installments: \$15,000 due by May 1, 2015 and final payment of \$13,000 payable before December 31, 2015.

Mr. Delury advised the Board that Signature Bank was the lowest successful bidder for the financing of the new street sweeper. Signature Bank has required a minimum monthly payment for the period February – May 2015. Monthly Payment of \$1,250 per month or a total of \$5,000. In addition there is a \$500.00 Document Preparation Fee. The rate of 2.59% has not changed. The Term is 7 Years. The Board will need to approve a resolution authorizing the Village Clerk and Treasurer to sign the master security agreement to facilitate financing.

RESOLUTION #4-2015 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK AND TREASURER TO SIGN THE MASTER SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH SIGNATURE BANK FOR THE FINANCING OF THE PURCHASE OF A 2015 ELGIN STREET SWEEPER.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Siciliano all voting aye, the Board authorized the Village Clerk and Treasurer to sign the master security agreement on behalf of the Village of East Williston with Signature Financial LLC for the financing of the purchase of a 2015 Elgin street sweeper.

The Board set the following dates for meetings/hearings: Agenda meeting and budget work session, Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7:30pm. Continuation of public hearing on Wheatley Hills Golf Club (147 East Williston Avenue) Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 8:00pm.

Building Inspector Robert Campagna addressed the Board about fees for demolition permits in the Village. He stated that New York State Code determines what constitutes a "full demolition" of a premises. He had spoken with a member of the building department staff in the Village of Garden City. They use a formula of what a building is worth prior to alteration or renovation, then if 50% or more and leaving the foundation and first floor, then the permit is issued for a complete demolition.

The Village of East Williston Code fee schedule for demolitions is \$5,000 for an entire house and \$2,000 for a detached garage (only charge when the entire house is also being demolished).

Recently, two projects in the Village on Sumter Avenue and Weeks Road have come into question of what constitutes a demolition. In the past, if the plans do not specifically state "demolition", than a visual inspection of the work and the amount of home demolished, is what determines the fee. The two projects call into question the definitive answer alluding to substantial removal of the current structure.

Mr. Campagna stated that the percentage of the walls left standing is 49/51%. He suggested that the Board reach a compromise in fees charged for demolition permits.

The Board suggested that the staff review what was done for the work on a house on Orchard Drive back in 2009-2010. Mr. Campagna stated that the property owners of the Orchard Drive had applied for five variances, but no fee change was applied to this property.

The Board decided that a fee of \$3,500 be charged to the demolition work at 41 Sumter Avenue and 107 Weeks Road.

Mr. Blinkoff added that the Village is obligated to enforce the State Building Code.

Mayor Tanner asked that Mr. Campagna and Mr. Blinkoff work together on this matter.

RESOLUTION #5-2015 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FEE OF \$3,500.00 FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL DEMOLITION OF 107 WEEKS ROAD AND 41 SUMTER AVENUE .

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis , and Siciliano all voting aye, the Board authorized the fee of \$3,500.00 for the substantial demolition of 107 Weeks Road and 41 Sumter Avenue.

Trustee Parente stated that William Matt has once again brought up the issue of curbing installed at 55 School Street.

Mr. Campagna stated that this matter had been settled a while ago. Mayor Tanner asked that Mr. Campagna send a letter to that effect to Mr. Matt and copy the Board.

The Board discussed the revised plans submitted by the Wheatley Hills Golf Club. It was determined that original, approved plans for the quarters at the Golf Club were dated before the incorporation of the Village.

Mr. Campagna stated that in the new plans, utilize the same area; the Club will be moving people from their accommodations in the main building into the basement area of the present living area.

Mayor Tanner asked that Mr. Campagna make a determination to ensure that the square footage is matched.

Trustee Parente stated that one resident had asked that the Club provide 19 forms for those working/living at the Golf Club.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that it is within the Village's rights to ask how many people are living at the location, but not who the people are at the Club.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that the Village needs to know about the occupancy issue.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, Seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis and Siciliano all voting "aye", the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 9:40pm to discuss potential litigation.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Mayor Tanner, and with Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board moved to re-convene at 10:48p.m.

Mr. Delury went over the items listed for capital projects for the 2015-2016 preliminary budget. The locations cited are East Williston Avenue streetscape, Donald Street, Downing Street and Titus Way drainage. Mr. Delury was asked to obtain cost estimates for the projects including engineering from Cashin Associates.

The Board felt that the Downing Street project should be moved to the 2016-2017 fiscal year in order to utilize CHIPs monies.

Trustee Parente stated that the Village will be receiving an invoice from JSK, Inc. in the amount of \$2,000.00 for work on the grant received for the radio room in the firehouse.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 p.m.