

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:30 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, Christopher Siciliano, Robert M. Vella, Jr., James L. Iannone, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Marie L. Hausner, Village Clerk.

Also present: Patrick Theodore, James Clark, Susan Corsello, Barbara Seixas, Carla Strauss, Michael Guglielmo, James Sandquist, Ellen Ritz, Kathleen Rittel.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the agenda meeting of March 30, 2015.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, and Vella all voting "aye", and Trustee Iannone recusing himself, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the budget hearing and annual organization meeting of April 6, 2015.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Iannone, all voting "aye", and Trustee Vella recusing himself, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of April 27, 2015.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for April 2015 as follows: 20140568 – 20140663..

First Assistant Chief Patrick Theodore presented the East Williston Fire Department report for April 2015. The Department responded to a total of 10 calls during the month. Two fire calls, four EMS calls and four mutual aid calls to other fire departments. A major brush fire occurred on the Whitney Estate in Manhasset for which East Williston responded to aid the Manhasset Lakeville Fire Department.

Chief Theodore stated that members of the Department will be attending fire school in June at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy in Old Bethpage.

He added that the annual New York City joint training drill will take place next weekend which includes Long Island Rail Road Police, MTA Police, New York City Police and Nassau County Fire Departments.

Chief Theodore also stated that he has continued to work with the Long Island Rail Road Police and other agencies to help clean up the area on the “Old Motor Parkway” in the rear of Bengeyfield Drive. The area has been a draw for youths to congregate and have made a sort of “mini-camp” with old furniture and is littered with trash. The East Williston Department is concerned about brush fires in the area.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente reported that the Senior’s group will be meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 1pm to discuss gardening techniques with a question and answer period.

Trustee Parente stated that she attended a meeting with the Fire Department regarding the reconstruction of the radio room, funded by a \$40,000 grant from Nassau County Legislator Richard Nicoletto. The grant will enable the Department to install modern radio equipment for better communication during emergencies. The Department is awaiting quotes on radio equipment and a price comparison to either move the room to the second floor of the firehouse or have the room remain on the main floor of the truck area.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella reported that the Justice Court collected a total of \$2,195.00 in fines from 51 violations in April 2015. The violations consisted of 35 parking violations, 14 moving and no Village ordinance violations. There was \$113.00 in New York State surcharges for the month.

The Recreation Committee will be holding the Village-wide tag sale on May 16, 2015 from 9am to 3pm. The “Children’s Tent Party on the Green will be held on Friday, May 29, 2015 from 4pm to 5:45pm. The adult tent party will be held on Saturday, May 30 from 7-11pm. The theme for this year’s party is “College Night”. Yoga classes continue on Monday and Wednesday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Children’s dance classes with Miss Nicole will be held on Mondays: 6/29, 7/6, 7/13 and 7/20. Fliers with information can be obtained in the Village Hall lobby.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

The Public Works staff will begin flushing hydrants commencing June 1st and will continue until June 5th from 9am to 4pm. The planting of Village street trees has ceased until the fall when the weather cools. Lastly, if residents notice a street light out, Trustee Siciliano asked that they call the Village office to report the outage.

TRUSTEE JAMES L. IANNONE

Trustee Iannone stated that this is his first regular meeting as Trustee. As liaison to the Fire Department, he stated that he attended the meeting with Trustee Parente and members of the Department relative to the grant for the upgrade of the radio room. As stated earlier, the grant will enable an upgrade of equipment to bring the communication system up to current standards.

Susan Corsello presented the Library report.

Library Book Clubs

- The “Day Time” book club will meet on May 12th to discuss “The Boston Girl”, by Anita Diamant.
- The “Evening” book club will meet on May 14th to discuss “Crazy Rich Asians” by Kevin Kwan.

East Williston Senior Group

- The group will meet on May 21st to catch up with friends and discuss gardening.

Library Friends Display Cabinet

The Library Friends have an art collection on display in the lobby featuring the work of students from Willets Road School.

Children’s Book Sale

The Library Friends, led by Carla Strauss, have been working very hard to get ready for the Children’s Book Sale. The sale will begin on Memorial Day and continue through to Saturday, May 30th.

Mr. Blinkoff apprised those present about addressing the complaints received about the Wheatley Hills Golf Club receiving a delivery of what appeared to be golf carts in the middle of the night within the past week. He stated that Building Inspector Robert Campagna is contacting the new manager of the club to discuss the incident and ensure that he is aware of the Village’s noise ordinance and related Village Code issues.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that the annual Memorial Day 5K race will take place on May 25th at 8am.

The Memorial Day parade will take place commencing at 11:30am, near the North Side School and will march to the Village Green. The ceremony will take place at 12 noon. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held in the East Williston Firehouse.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in April 2015: 169 Charles Street, reconstruction of driveway. 388 Feather Lane, relocation of driveway. 126 High Street, construction of barbecue grill. 437 Roslyn Road, demolition of house and construct new house and driveway. 16 Meritoria Drive, construction of new house, driveway and retaining wall. 2 Downing Street, installation of patio and new driveway. 26 Bengeyfield Drive, interior alterations. 111 William Street, interior alterations. 17 Meadow Lane, installation of a generator. 24 Downing Street, renovation of garage. 28 Hewlett Drive, construction of a patio and hot tub. 41 Sumter Avenue, finishing of the basement.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct March 2015 reported a burglary at 87 Bengeyfield Drive. Traffic tickets served: two parking violations and no moving violations were issued. Accidents and aided: three auto accidents with no auto injuries were reported.

The Village office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Kathleen Rittel questioned whether the Wheatley Hills Golf Club will send out another mailing when a new date for its conditional use hearing will take place. She stated it is a hardship for people to keep abreast of the meetings without notification. Mr. Blinkoff stated the Golf Club is not required to send out another mailing. Mayor Tanner stated that the Village will place the date on the website, as well as sending out an email blast to residents.

Mrs. Rittel also stated that the delivery of golf carts to the Wheatley Hills Golf Club in the middle of the night is unacceptable. The disturbance it caused to the neighbors was outrageous. The Club should be fined or should appear in Village court.

Mrs. Rittel also stated that she has complained about a delivery sign that was placed at the entrance to the Golf Club. She said that the sign was not there in 2000. There are huge tractor trailers the size of three houses are using the small road that was once used for golf cart crossing. She is very upset about the close proximity the trucks are in relation to her home.

Mrs. Rittel thanked the Beautification Committee and the Department of Public Works for the recent of planting of tree in the area. She also said the Shadow Lane island looks wonderful with the new tree planted in the middle.

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Lastly, Mrs. Rittel mentioned that there is a bill in the House of Representatives that will equate the hours those volunteer fire personnel and other emergency volunteers work into monetary compensation. She supports this bill and hopes others will too.

Michael Guglielmo stated that although the Village website is up-to-date with meetings for this month and next, the rest of the year is not filled in on the calendar. He often checks meetings and other activities and asked if the rest of the year can be completed.

The Clerk advised that the Village is still looking for a “web master”, but in the meantime, she will fill in the meeting dates that she knows of, as well as days the Village office is closed.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.