

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, July 11, 2016 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 Christopher Siciliano, Anthony J. Casella, Village Attorney Steven Leventhal.

Excused from meeting: Trustee James Iannone, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff.

Also present: Patrick Theodore, Phillip Chappo.

RESOLUTION #2016-28 A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE A 2016 FORD F550 DUMP TRUCK AT A COST OF \$64,719.00 FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY DPW CONTRACT #08-13-8-1.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Casella all voting "aye", the Board authorized the purchase of a Ford F550 Dump Truck at a cost of \$64,719 from Suffolk County DPW contract #8-13-8-1. The amount of \$60,000.00 being budgeted for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, and \$4,719.00 allocated from the appropriated fund balance.

RESOLUTION #2016-29 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVISION TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER FROM WILLISTON PARK BY EAST WILLISTON REMOVING THE WORDING "INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT" AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT.

On the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the revision to the contract for the purchase of water from Williston Park

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 7:42pm to discuss potential litigation.

The Board reconvened at 7:55pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Trustee Parente asked that those present to take a moment to remember the five police officers who were killed in Dallas, Texas.

Chief Patrick Theodore presented the East Williston Fire Department report for June 2016. The Department responded to a total of 12 calls during the month: three fire related calls, seven EMS calls and two mutual aid calls to neighboring departments.

Six members of the East Williston Fire Department participated in the MOBEX drill on June 26th. This drill is for training in an extreme disaster, such as the events of 9/11/2001.

The Department also stood standby on July 2nd for the fireworks display at the Wheatley Hills Golf Club.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2016.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of June 20, 2016.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the abstract of claims for June 2016 as follows: 20150719 - 20160049.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

The East Williston Senior Group is on hiatus for the summer and will resume in September.

RESOLUTION #2016-30 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2016-2017 JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE GRANT.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Mayor Tanner, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Casella all voting "aye", the Board authorized the Village to participate in the 2016-2017 Justice Court Assistance Grant.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano that the Board approved a resolution to purchase a 2017 Ford F550 dump truck for the Department of Public Works. The Village needed to update its fleet of trucks, especially for plowing and sanding during the winter months.

The Village completed drainage work on Titus Way and also Latham Lane. The work was done through a Nassau County Public Works contract.

By the end of the summer, all of the street name signs in the Village will be replaced.

Trustee Siciliano presented the Library report in the absence of Library Director Susan Corsello. The summer reading program has 82 children enrolled this year. The story and craft program is underway with sessions held every Tuesday and Thursday through August 4th. The play “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” will be performed on the Village Green on Wednesday, July 20th at 7pm.

TRUSTEE JAMES L. IANNONE

Trustee Iannone was excused from the meeting this evening.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY J. CASELLA

The Justice Court report for June 2016 showed a total of 27 violations: 20 parking, five moving violations and two Village ordinances totaling \$2,125.00 with \$0 in New York State surcharges.

The Recreation Committee reported that Ryan’s Case for Smiles will be sewing pillow cases on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Sewing will take place in the meeting room. The project is a great community service project for students.

Summer tennis starts started on July 5th.

Yoga classes take place on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30am to 11:15am. Gentle yoga takes place on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7:15pm. Fliers for all activities can be found in the Village Hall lobby.

MAYOR DAVID TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that he has requested an increased police presence in the Village from Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct.

He stated that he and the Board members are exploring reasonable security alternatives such as creating a security committee, surveillance cameras, license plate readers and the like.

The Board authorized installation of security cameras at Devlin Field. Work will be starting soon to initiate installation.

Trustee Casella announced that Mayor Tanner signed the water agreement with Williston Park. The document will now be sent to Williston Park for Mayor Ehrbar’s signature.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in June 2016: 7 Meadow Lane: installation of a new driveway, construction of a pergola and stone patio. 16 Orchard Meadow Road: new addition with basement. 22 Summit Avenue: renovation to home. 200 Dickson Circle, construction of a patio and retaining wall.

The Nassau County Police Department report for June did not arrive in time for the meeting tonight. It will be reported upon in August.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Phillip Chappo addressed the Board about his Village taxes increasing by 33% over last year. He is paying 60%-70% more than his neighbors in Village tax. He felt the Village should have advised him of the increase in his assessed valuation (aside from the notice sent to all residents about the availability of the tentative assessment roll in February and the grievance day filing date) since it was such a high increase.

Mayor Tanner stated that up until approximately 2009, the Village used the Nassau County assessment roll. Due to variance discrepancies due to dates for the tentative and final County rolls, the Village stopped utilizing the County roll and procured the services of an outside assessor/consultant.

The former assessor, Paul Wotzak retired two years ago. He was the assessor for Mineola and Massapequa Park. The new firm the Village is using is a small firm that fits the need of East Williston.

Mr. Chappo asked if the Board might consider future controls to be put in place where perhaps a variance analysis can be performed, and properties exceeding a specific percentage should be notified before the commencement of the grievance period (first two weeks in February).

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board could ask the assessor for the top 20 properties where a variance was experienced.

Mr. Chappo was not happy with the methods undertaken by the assessor. He should have been given a "heads up" on the large change in assessment.

Trustee Casella stated that the Treasurer should review the assessments before and after the grievance period.

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There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.