

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, July 8, 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, Robert M. Vella, Jr., Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Daniel Cramblitt, Patrick Theodore, Marcia Weiser, Mr. & Mrs. James Sandquist, Carla Strauss, Carol Batali, Barbara Seixas, Penny Kokinides, Ellen Ritz, Michael Kelapire, Connie Leonick, Barbara Siciliano, Susan Quinn, George Carlin, Ashley Copperstone, Diane O'Donnell, North Hempstead Traffic Safety Division.

The meeting commenced with a public hearing to consider a local law amending the Village Code section 148-13 "Parking time limited in designated locations". Location of said consideration is the east side of Sagamore Avenue by the Sagamore Ball field. A verbatim transcript of said public hearing is on file in the office of the Village Clerk.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Vella, the public hearing was closed.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", and Trustee DeBenedittis abstaining, the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of June 24, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", and the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for June 2013 as follows: 20120778 – 20130015.

Chief Cramblitt presented the June 2013 report for the East Williston Fire Department. The Department responded to a total of 11 calls during the month; four fire calls, five EMS calls, one motor vehicle accident and one mutual aid call to Mineola.

Chief Cramblitt noted that there were no incidents on July 4th, and that Department members stood by at the Wheatley Hills Golf Club during the fireworks display.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente reported that starting in the members of the East Williston Fire Department successfully completed “fire school” at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy in Old Bethpage. The training was highly attended by the membership. Trustee Parente praised Chief Daniel Cramblitt for all of his hard work during the intensive training, and was doing a wonderful job in promoting camaraderie among the members.

RESOLUTION #26-2013 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ROSTER OF THE EAST WILLISTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 11-a, SECTION 219a(d) OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW WHO HAVE QUALIFIED FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT UNDER THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR 2012.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the roster of the East Williston Fire Department pursuant to Article 11-a, Section 299a(d) of the General Municipal Law who have qualified for a year of service credit under the award program for 2012.

Trustee Parente noted that member James Clark had a total attendance of 185 calls, drills, training, stand-bys and meetings for the year 2012. She also noted that 45 year member Nick Siciliano had an impressive total of 127 total calls, etc. for the same period. The Village is fortunate to have such caring and selfless members volunteering countless hours to protect the residents.

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

Trustee DeBenedittis reported that over 70 homes will be participating in the Village-wide garage sale on July 13th

The group who has gathered to sew pillow cases for sick children in local hospitals will be scheduling another session sometime in August.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella presented the Justice Court report for the month of June 2013. The court collected a total of \$2,965.00 in fines for parking, moving and Code violations.

Trustee Vella presented the Library report. The daytime and evening book clubs are off for the summer. Frogs, Bugs and Animals will be coming to the Village Green on Wednesday, July 10th at 7pm. Disney's Camp Rock, the Musical will be presented on the Village Green on Wednesday, July 17th at 7pm (rain date July 18th). Stories and crafts will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30am to 12:30pm and is open to children participating in the Summer Reading Program. The Library wishes to thank the Chamber of Commerce of the Willistons, The Rotary Club of Williston Park, and Angelina's Pizza for their support for this year's Summer Reading Program.

Summer Saturday Library hours are now in effect until Labor Day. The Library is open 10:30am to 1pm.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano informed those present that representatives from DeJana Industries were present at the Village Hall one day, the last week in June and fields complaints, concerns and comments from residents. About 15 people showed up to address issues with them.

The Department of Public Works is working with outside tree companies going around the Village pruning various trees. They are also working with the Chief of the Fire Department to trim trees that hang to low and hit the fire trucks when responding to a call.

Trustee Siciliano attended a seminar on bamboo on June 13th at Cornell Cooperative Extension which was given by professors from SUNY Farmingdale. They discussed the invasive species of "clumping" bamboo and ways of containing the growth.

Lastly, Trustee Siciliano asked that residents check in on their elderly neighbors during the heat wave and also reminded residents that if they are going away, to ask neighbors to take in newspapers or circulars left at houses so the residence does not appear unoccupied.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village has reached out to Cornell Cooperative Extension to attend the August 12th Board meeting to address tree pruning and maintenance with a scientific and studied approach. He will also ask them to briefly address the issue of the planting of bamboo.

The Board will hold a public hearing in September to consider legislation pertaining to the planting bamboo. The date of the meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Mayor Tanner announced that he has been elected as president of the Nassau County Village Officials Association. He added that he has arranged a “Meet the Candidates” night on October 8th at Wheatley High School for those seeking office as Nassau County Executive.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in June 2013: 70 Robbins Drive, generator. 5 Robbins Drive, shed and new patio. 43 Meritoria, in-ground pool. 17 High Street, retaining wall. 28 Downing Street, new driveway. 15 Ogden Avenue burglar alarm. 104 Robbins Drive, generator. 103 High Street demolition of existing house and garage and construction of new house with garage.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report for May noted that no robberies or burglaries took place. Six parking violations and two moving violations were issued. Six auto accidents with three auto injuries were reported.

There were reports of grants for June.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Planning Board will be meeting on July 18th to continue the hearing on the issue of 8 Sumter Avenue.

Richard Tanner, the owner of 7 Sumter Avenue stated that he was aware of the situation at 8 Sumter and stated that he is opposed to the building of two houses on the property. He stated that the construction of two houses will stress parking on the street. He also noted that his house is not up for sale, as some people had stated at the Planning Board meeting in May.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board of Trustees in no way has any influence on the decision of the Planning Board. The Planning Board has the jurisdiction to decide on the matter of the partition of land. The only aspect where the Board of Trustees gets involved with the Planning Board is the appointment of its members.

Ellen Ritz asked if there was any update on the water issue with Williston Park. Mr. Blinkoff stated that the appeal is still in the hands of the courts and no decision has been rendered.

Ashley Copperstone stated that the East Williston Youth Internship Program has received positive feedback from the Community. They have hosted a “technology free bingo night”(Growing Up in the 21st Century). The next event is a carnival and concert on the Village Green for Autism Awareness with funds to support the E.J. Autism Foundation.

The Board commended Ashley and the youth group for their hard work and efforts in the community.

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On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.