

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**JUNE 13, 2011**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Michael A. Braitto, John F. Ferro, Bonnie L.S. Parente, Caroline DeBenedittis, Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Attorney, Marie L. Hausner, Village Clerk.

Also present: Dan Cramblitt, Joseph Sperber, Susan Quinn, James Sandquist, Barbara Seixas, Lou Sasso, David Linden, Carla Strauss, Joan Fleck, Peter Bee, Jeffrey Clark, Sal Asaro.

Mayor Tanner announced that a public hearing will now be held with respect to the application of Cablevision Systems of Long Island for renewal of the cable franchise agreement. A verbatim transcript of the public hearing was taken of the hearing.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Braitto, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Braitto, Ferro, Parente and DeBenedittis all voting aye, the minutes from the organizational meeting of May 9, 2011 were unanimously approved.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Braitto, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Braitto, Ferro, Parente and DeBenedittis all voting aye, the minutes from the agenda meeting of May 25, 2011 were unanimously approved.

On the motion of Trustee Ferro, seconded by Mayor Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Braitto, Ferro, Parente and DeBenedittis all voting aye, the Board unanimously approved the abstract of claims.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

First Assistant Chief Dan Cramblitt reported that the East Williston Fire Department responded to a total of 16 calls in May 2011: Six fire calls and 10 EMS calls. Chief Cramblitt noted to keep propane tanks for barbecue grills in the shade, away from direct sunlight.

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### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Mayor Tanner read the police report provided by the Nassau County Police Dept. Third Precinct for the month of May 2011. No reports of burglaries or robberies. One parking violation and four moving violations issued. Five auto accidents and three auto injuries reported.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

#### **DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE.**

Trustee Parente presented the report of the Village Justice Court for May 2011. Thirty three total violations were entered as being received into the docket with fines collected totaling \$1,490.00.

The Recreation Committee held two concerts on the Village Green. The first took place on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with performances by the Wheatley Symphonic Band and the Willets Road Wind Ensemble. The second concert was held on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and featured the Willets Road and Wheatley Jazz Ensembles and a guest appearance by the New York Jazz Quintet.

The Annual Memorial Day 5K race will take place on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

Upcoming Recreation Committee events include the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Day at the Races at Belmont Park on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. A boat trip out of Captree State Park is also planned. Tennis classes and Yoga continue throughout the summer.

#### **TRUSTEE MICHAEL A. BRAITO**

Trustee Braitto expressed appreciation to the members of the East Williston Fire Department for cooking at the Memorial Day outing.

The Fire Department is currently training members to be part of what is called a "Fast Team", which is a nine member team that aids neighboring fire departments during a fire call.

During the last twelve months, many young people have joined the Department. Although many leave for college later on and do not return, the Department still maintains many older, dedicated members.

Trustee Braitto reported that the renewal insurance binders for the coming fiscal year have been received with a lower premium, but no reduction in coverage. Workers' Compensation coverage has been procured in the amount of \$25,424.00. Trustee Braitto requested a resolution to bind the coverage.

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**RESOLUTION #17-2011 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BINDER FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION WITH NYMIR.**

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Braitto, DeBenedittis, Ferro, and Parente all voting "aye", the Board unanimously authorized to approve workers' compensation with NYMIR in the amount of \$25,424.00 for the fiscal year June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012.

Trustee Braitto informed those present that the Village received a letter from the New York State Department of Transportation that CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) funding is available to the Village for public works projects such as drainage, resurfacing of roads, etc. The Village will be preparing a request for proposals for engineering services for drainage work at various locations within the Village.

**TRUSTEE JOHN F. FERRO**

Trustee Ferro presented the Department of Public Works report. He noted that the street sweeper is temporarily out of service for repairs. It should be back in working order shortly.

Now that the summer months have arrived, it is gratifying to see the parks and public areas being utilized. With this in mind, Trustee Ferro reminded everyone to use the garbage receptacles in these areas and not leave litter in the parks or streets.

**TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS**

Trustee DeBenedittis presented the Library report. On June 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, the Senior Committee will host a representative from the Town of North Hempstead to discuss the program "Project Independence". The Summer Reading Program will commence on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Fifteen teenage volunteers have signed up to help with the program. The reading events will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The next Library Board meeting will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

The Historic Committee will hold an event "Living with History" on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Jane Cashin and Mrs. Doris Rouse will speak at the event. The Historic Commission is looking for old photographs of homes, events, etc. in East Williston. Anyone wishing to submit photos should forward them to the Village Hall for scanning (and return to the resident) by June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER**

**RESOLUTION #18-2011 A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE INCREASE IN WATER RATES.**

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Braitto, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Braitto, DeBenedittis, Ferro, and Parente all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston, ("Board"), in accord with Article Eleven of the Village Law of the State of New York , is empowered to establish water rates within the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed available information with respect to the water rates which should be established within the Village, and

WHEREAS, upon completion of this review the Board has determined that the water rates must be changed to serve the best interests of the Village and to maintain the costs of the system,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the rates as proposed at a prior public meeting of the Board be and the same hereby are approved and ratified as follows: effective June 1, 2011 the rate per thousand gallons of water used up to 99,999 gallons will be \$5.47 per thousand gallons, and the rate per thousand gallons of water used over 100,000 gallons will be \$5.72 per thousand gallons.

Mayor Tanner explained that due to the rate increase instituted by Williston Park, the Village will initiate a program to replace water meters in each home with remote meters, so as to eliminate the need for estimates and for Village personnel to gain entry to obtain meter readings. The new meters will provide greater accuracy in billing procedures. He noted that the Village is continuing to search for an alternate water supplier.

Mr. Linden asked if the Village could construct its own well. Mayor Tanner informed him that the Village does not have adequate space to install a well.

Mayor Tanner informed those present that Susan Quinn has been appointed interim Library Director and welcomed her to the position.

Mayor Tanner administered the oath of office so Salvatore Asaro as an alternate member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER**

The Village Clerk reported that 16 building permits were issued in May 2011: 87 Bengeyfield Dr. legalize and maintain side enclosed den, rear deck and central air conditioning unit. 199 Bengeyfield Dr. driveway modification. 18 Bengeyfield Dr. second floor addition. 389 Bengeyfield Dr. new handicapped accessible bathroom. 58 Ridge Road first floor addition, kitchen renovation, patio expansion. 19 Robbins Dr. replace and expand rear deck. 15

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Meritoria Dr. Belgian block curbing. 34 School St. Belgian block curbing. 548 Roslyn Rd. in-ground swimming pool. 75 Robbins Dr. legalize and maintain Florida room. 19 Downing St. 18' x 30' paver patio. 116 Ludwig Lane demolition of a deck. 33 Ogden Ave. installation of a shed. 37 Bengeyfield Dr. central air conditioning unit. 46 School Street, demolition of front portico. 32 Donald St. two story rear addition.

There were no reports of grants for May 2011.

The Clerk noted that tax bills were mailed June 1, 2011. Payments should be made by July 1, 2011 without penalty.

Mayor Tanner opened the meeting up to residents.

Raymond Gaudio reported that he obtained an Excel file on the number of planes flying over East Williston. 60% of the larger carriers fly over East Williston at altitudes lower than the mandatory threshold.

Mr. & Mrs. Arralde of 41 Ogden Avenue and Mr. & Mrs. Greenman of 36 Ogden Avenue addressed the Board regarding flooding on the street during rain storms. The water gets so high that the front lawns flood, and residents cannot get into cars parked in driveways. Although the drains were cleaned, the area still floods.

Trustee Braitto stated that within the last ten years, Nassau County has redirected storm water drainage to a sump located near Garden City High School. He stated that he will speak with the Superintendent of Public Works to closely examine the catch basins in question, and perform another cleaning. The area will be checked during storms to note the flooding conditions.

Barbara Seixas stated that she has experienced someone rummaging through her garbage and cutting open the bags. She has called the Police on this matter. She was asking the Board to consider the installation of another street light on Sumter Avenue near her home as the area is very dark.

Mr. Sandquist informed the Board that youths are congregating at Devlin Park late at night. He asked if more signs can be posted that state "Park Closes at Dusk".

Mr. Linden brought up the proposal of the Town of North Hempstead to take over the Roslyn Country Club. The North Hempstead Town Board will hold a meeting on this matter on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

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Dan Cramblitt advised the Board that parking near Devlin Field on Bengeyfield Drive creates a traffic situation when cars park on both sides of the street during Little League games. Two vehicles cannot pass through the area when cars park on both sides of the street.

On the motion of Trustee Braitto, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.