

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**JULY 11, 2011**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, July 11, 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: Susan Quinn, Paul Wotzak, Carla Strauss, Michael Guglielmo, Barbara Seixas, James Sandquist, Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Ames, Carol Bertalli, Mrs. Raffo, Marcia Weiser, Ray Gaudio.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Ferro, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Braitto, Ferro, Parente and DeBenedittis all voting aye, the minutes from the regular meeting of June 13, 2011 were unanimously approved.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Ferro, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Braitto, Ferro, Parente and DeBenedittis all voting aye, the minutes from the agenda meeting of June 27, 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 Board unanimously approved the abstract of claims.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

No Fire Department report was submitted for the month of June 2011.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The Nassau County Police Department third precinct was not able to submit its report in time for the meeting.

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**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE.**

Trustee Parente presented the report of the Village Justice Court for June 2011. Twenty nine total violations were entered as being received into the docket with fines collected totaling \$1,730.00.

The Recreation Committee held its annual "Day at the Races" at Belmont Park on July 8th. Fifty seven residents attended the outing. A fishing trip out of Captree is scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$20 per person. Tennis classes and yoga continue throughout the summer months. Lastly, the Recreation Committee is planning a fall event and with further details to follow.

**TRUSTEE MICHAEL A. BRAITO**

Trustee Braitto reported that members of the East Williston Fire Department have been attending fire school in Old Bethpage. A recent drill with the Mineola Fire Department dealt with standpipes.

Trustee Braitto remarked about the noise ordinance in the Village Code. On the Fourth of July weekend, there was a party in the area where loud music continued past 11:00 p.m. The police were called to the home a couple of times. He reminded residents if they are hosting a party to be cognizant of loud noises and to either turn the music down or "take the party inside" after 11:00 p.m. showing respect to neighbors.

Trustee Braitto stated that the Village has reviewed information for leasing a vehicle for the Chief of the East Williston Fire Department to use. The 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe would be leased off of a New York State bid and would be kept for a minimum of ten years. The vehicle would have a five year "bumper to bumper warranty. At the end of the 60 months, the Village can purchase the vehicle for \$1.00.

**RESOLUTION #19-2011 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MUNICIPAL LEASING OF A 2011 CHEVROLET TAHOE SSD 4WD TO SERVE AS THE EAST WILLISTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S VEHICLE .**

On the motion of Trustee Ferro, seconded by Mayor Tanner, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Braitto, DeBenedittis, Ferro, and Parente all voting "aye", the Board unanimously authorized a five year lease in the amount of \$8,051.04 per year for a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe SSD 4WD to serve as the East Williston Fire Department's Chief's vehicle

The Board is in the process of revising the tree removal policy to include the services of a certified arborist in the permit process at a cost of \$50.00. When a resident applies for a permit, the application will be given to the arborist to determine if the tree is diseased/dead or

in danger of falling down in a storm. If the arborist determines the tree is not diseased/dead or in danger of falling, the resident must obtain their own report from a certified arborist.

Work has commenced on the Library media room in the basement. Bids were solicited for the work and the cost came in at a cost of \$49, 500.00.

**TRUSTEE JOHN F. FERRO**

Trustee Ferro stated that he had nothing to report this month.

**TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS**

Trustee DeBenedittis informed residents that the Historic Committee held the "Living with History" program on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The event was a great success and well attended by residents. The Committee has a sign-up sheet for the purchase of the plaque (Cat's Meow) of the East Williston train station. The cost is \$19.95 per plaque.

Trustee DeBenedittis presented the Library report. A program featuring animals, frogs and bugs will be held on the Village Green on July 18<sup>th</sup>, and on July 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be story-telling and face painting program on the Green.

**MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER**

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village of East Williston filed an Article 78 pertaining to the water rate recently increased by Williston Park.

At this point in the meeting, a video of youths vandalizing the Train Station Pavilion was shown to those present. It showed a young man climbing to the roof of the pavilion and knocking the East Williston sign off of the roof, to the ground.

It was noted that there have been other acts of vandalism in the Toddler Park (graffiti and severe damage to the fence), and graffiti on the War Memorial.

**RESOLUTION #20-2011 A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO VILLAGE PARKS, PAVILIONS AND RELATED PUBLIC GROUNDS.**

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, public facilities including parks, pavilions, and related public grounds are maintained within the Incorporated Village of East Williston (hereafter "Village"), and

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WHEREAS, the Village is obligated to maintain these facilities in the best interest of all residents and others who may use these facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Village has recognized that incidents have occurred at these facilities which have include the defacing of structures and the destruction of installations at these facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board having had the opportunity to assess the matter and to consider ways of minimizing and eliminating the improper use of these facilities, and having

determined that setting hours for use will help to insure that the facilities are properly maintained and used in a way best fitting the residents of the Village, and

WHEREAS, in accord with section 135-1 of the Village Code a person is deemed to be trespassing on public property within the Village if that person is upon that property without consent or if the property has postings indicating that people are not permitted at certain times, and

WHEREAS, in order to control access to certain public facilities at certain times the Board of Trustees has determined that postings should be placed at these designated facilities making the hours of use clear and providing notice of potential consequences for the failure to comply,

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that postings with the following language shall be posted at certain facilities as the Board may from time to time designate :

*"Pursuant to section 135-1 of the Village Code this area is closed at dusk. Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of section 135-1 of the Village Code and all other applicable provisions of law".*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that postings in accord with section 135-1 of the Village Code shall be placed at the following sites: The Toddler Park, the Pavilion located on the east side of the Long Island Railroad tracks in a southerly direction from East Williston Avenue, and the Village Green.

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**RESOLUTION #21-2011 A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2011 REGARDING SPEED CONDITIONS ON SAGAMORE AVENUE.**

On the motion of Trustee Braitto, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Braitto, DeBenedittis, Ferro, and Parente all voting "aye", the Board unanimously authorized to hold a public hearing on Monday, August 8, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. to consider a local law to reduce the speed limit and review traffic conditions on Sagamore Avenue and directed the Village Clerk to publish a legal notice in the official newspaper of the Inc. Village of East Williston.

**VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER**

The Village Clerk reported that 9 building permits were issued in June 2011: 46 School Street, the removal of an in-ground pool. 528 Roslyn Road, installation of a new driveway. 5 Sumter Avenue, additions to the east and west side of the house. 178 Bengueyfield Drive, construction of a rear deck. 205 Charles Street, installation of a central air conditioning unit. 408 Andrews Road, rebuild the existing side porch. 11 School Street, installation of a new driveway. 548 Roslyn Road, installation of a new driveway. 142 Charles Street, installation of a central air conditioning system.

There were no reports of grants for June 2011.

**RESOLUTION #22-2011 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A BLOCK PARTY FOR JULY 30, 2011 ON HIGH AND AUBURN STREETS BETWEEN GLENMORE AND CONCORD STREETS.**

On the motion of Trustee Braitto, seconded by Trustee Ferro, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Braitto, DeBenedittis, Ferro, and Parente all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved an application for a block party to be held on July 30, 2011 on High and Auburn Streets, between Glenmore and Concord Streets. The rain date will be July 31, 2011.

Mayor Tanner opened the meeting up to residents.

Raymond Gaudio, Chairman of the Village's Airline Traffic and Safety Committee introduced Fran Gould who has been working with him on the air traffic issues. Mrs. Gould explained that planes fly over the area day and night affecting the quality of life. Although the FAA allows low flying planes, the noise generated from them is unacceptable.

Mr. Gaudio stated some facts relating to the TVASNAC committee. Between 2004 and 2009 there was a 134% increase in flights flying over East Williston. Thirty percent of the arriving flights into Kennedy Airport come into runway L22. Eighty seven percent fly in lower than the 2,500 foot altitude threshold. He further noted that the Port Authority of New York is the "landlord" of the airport. He received a contact name of Thomas Brock who is responsible for noise abatement issues.

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Mitchell Ames addressed the Board about questions he had on his Village tax assessment. He stated that his assessment is 31% higher than the Nassau County tax roll. He stated he received a Freedom of Information Request form from the Clerk earlier in the evening. Mr. Blinkoff stated that FOIL requests are governed by New York State Law, and there is a committee on open government. He stated he could get a copy of the law to Mr. Ames.

Renae Baldesano asked if there are any restrictions on 18 wheel trucks using Roslyn Road. It was explained that Roslyn Road (also East Williston Avenue) is a Nassau County road. The Board asked the Clerk to write a letter to Nassau County asking if there are any restrictions for large trucks. Ms. Baldesano said that truck traffic has increased dramatically over the years.

Carla Strauss asked when the Board will present information about the amount spent to renovate the Village Hall. Trustee Braitto stated that a presentation will take place at the September 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

On the motion of Trustee Braitto, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.