BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
MARCH 12, 2012
REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

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

Also present: Patrick Theodore, James Clark, Steve Jones, James Igoe, Paul Walters, Peter Batterson, Joseph Fabrizio, William Behan, Joseph Masters, Joseph Sperber, Barbara Seixas, Mildred Clinton, Carol Bertalli, Michael Guglielmo, Michael Kelapire, James Sandquist, Carla Strauss, Marcia Weiser.

Mayor Tanner presented a proclamation on behalf of the Village to East Williston Firefighter Steven Jones who saved the life of a skater at Cantiague Park.

On the motion of Trustee Parente , seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Ferro, Parente and DeBenedittis all voting aye, the minutes from the regular Board meeting of February 13, 2012 were unanimously approved.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Braito and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Ferro, Parente and DeBenedittis all voting aye, the minutes from the agenda meeting of February 27, 2012 were unanimously approved as amended.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Patrick Theodore stated that the East Williston Fire Department responded to a total of 12 calls during the month of February 2012, as follows: five fire calls, five EMS calls and two mutual aid calls to other fire departments.

He reminded residents that when they turn their clocks ahead to check CO2 and smoke detector batteries to ensure they are in working order.

Michael Guglielmo asked if the Fire Department offered CPR classes. Chief Theodore stated that the American Red Cross offers classes to the general public.

Trustee Parente stated that resident Jack Giunta, as a part of his Eagle Scout Project is teaching a course in CPR.

TRUSTEE REPORTS
DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE.
Trustee Parente presented the report of the Justice Court for February 2012. Although court was not held in February, $1,505.00 in fines was collected.

The Recreation Committee continues to hold yoga sessions on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and Wednesday evenings. The Recreation Committee is working with the Teen Safety Committee to explore more programs on Village property in the early evenings where adults will be using the property. One of the suggestions was to have a farm stand perhaps one or two nights per week.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2012 A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 2, 2012 TO CONSIDER THE PLACEMENT OF A FARM STAND ON VILLAGE PROPERTY.
On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Mayor Tanner, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Braito, Ferro, Parente and DeBenedittis all voting "aye", the Board unanimously authorized to hold a public hearing on April 2, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. to consider the placement of a farm stand on Village property.

The Planning Board will meet on April 4, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. to consider the application for the partition of land at 18 Meritoria Drive.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL A. BRAITO
Trustee Braito stated that proposals were received for the procurement and installation of a new electric generator located behind the Firehouse. Estimated time of installation is 30 to 45 days.

The Board will be meeting with the Village Engineer to review a priority list of areas in the Village with drainage issues. The Village is entitled to New York State Department of Transportation funding through CHIP's (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) in the amount of ranging from $37,000 up to $70,000. This funding can be used for the repairs of these areas. The Village also anticipated another $30,000 in funding which would be used to pave the Public Works yard.

Michael Kelapire stated that drainage problems still exist near his home 8 Orchard Drive. Perhaps a percolating drain could be installed. He said there is a flush/drill type drain on Meritoria and School Street.

Trustee Braito stated that a New York State grant in the amount of $100,000 will cover the work on the generator and the replacement of the flat roof and old electrical panel in the Firehouse in 2012-13.

TRUSTEE JOHN F. FERRO

Trustee Ferro stated that the street sweeper is in the shop being repaired. As soon as the work is completed, it will be out on the road, sweeping debris and sand.

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

Trustee De Benedittis presented the Library Report. The Daytime Book Club will meeting on March 13th at 1pm. The Senior Committee St. Patrick's Day party will be held on March 15th at 12:30 pm. A seminar on the use of the IPad will take place on March 24th. A program on living a gluten free lifestyle will be held in the evening of March 26th. Pre-school and toddler story hours continue on Thursdays and Fridays at 11:30am. The Library Board will meet on March 27th at 7:30 pm.

The Historic Committee will be hosting a "living history" talk with Joan Fleck and Ethel Kay.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2012 A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 2, 2012 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Braito, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Braito, Ferro, Parente and DeBenedittis all voting "aye", the Board unanimously authorized to hold a public hearing on April 2, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. to consider the proposed budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

Building permits issued for the month of February 2012: 34 School Street, installation of a gas generator and erect shed on property. 19 East Williston Avenue, legalize and maintain a finished basement with three piece bath and exterior stairway. 212 Glenmore Street, demolish existing garage and construct detached garage. 55 School Street, installation of new driveway. 49 Ogden Avenue installation of central air conditioning system. 79 Bengeyfield Drive installation of a central air conditioning system.

The Justice Court received a grant in the amount of $10,000 to purchase fire proof cabinets.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct did not forward their report for February 2012 in time for the meeting. It will be reported on at the April meeting.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Michael Guglielmo asked if the court had rendered a decision on the Williston Park water issue. Jeffrey Blinkoff stated that no decision had been rendered to date.

Mr. Guglielmo also stated that Roslyn Road looks horrible. Debris and sand are all over the area. The Clerk was asked to write a letter to the Commissioner of Public Works of Nassau County advising her of the conditions of Roslyn Road and ask for a sweeper to pass through periodically.

Joseph Masters asked if the Village Code mandated that covered garbage cans be used to place household garbage, as the property at 4 Prospect Street, which backs up on Ogden Avenue, places garbage bags, uncontained for pick on Ogden and the animals get into bags, creating a mess.

Carla Strauss asked if information regarding the election can be placed on the web site. Mayor Tanner explained that there is a limitation as to what the Village can put on the web site. The Board had discussed this matter with legal counsel. The Village cannot advise about Village elections, but advises residents to visit the New York State Board of Elections web site.

Michael Guglielmo asked about the events the Teen Safety Committee was considering on Village property. Trustee Parente said to visit the Village web site and view the minutes of the Committee. Some of the suggested events include volleyball games, band competitions, and a farm stand selling organic vegetables one night a week. The ideal of the farm stand served a twofold purpose to bring back history of the Village as well as a sanctioned event to promote safety.

Trustee Braito stated that the Teen Safety Committee brought many teens together to deal with various issues. The Committee brought the teens and adults together to express concerns of both sides of the issues.

Michael Kelapire asked if the security firm will return when the weather gets warmer.

Carol Bertali felt that the Village should leave the youths alone and see what happens. The Board countered that when vandalism occurred at the train station pavilion, the environment changed to one that was unsafe.

Trustee Braito stated that if a problem, such as the vandalism exists, or is brought to the attention of the Village, it is obligated to deal with the problem, and not ignore it. The Village does not want to be negligent with respect to these issues.

Mayor Tanner added that this is the reason that the Village lowered the speed limit on Sagamore Avenue to 25 miles per hour in response to complaints of people speeding down the road near the Train Station Pavilion.

Carla Strauss asked if the Village spoke to the School Board about possible patrols at night. Trustee Braito said the school does not have money in its budget for a patrol program. He noted that Willets Avenue School has patrols by CopState, paid for by Roslyn Heights.

Trustee Braito stated that he will be meeting with National Grid on March 14th to discuss their request for a road opening on Robbins Drive and Meritoria Drive. The Village was trying to avoid having the road torn up, as it was newly resurfaced. It was hoped that the Village and National Grid could have an agreement to perform the work by bell holes, jack and push plastic pipe into the lines in the right of way, rather than in the road. The work is slated for June to July of 2012.

Trustee DeBenedittis informed those present that artwork from the Willets Road School is on display in the Library. She urged everyone to stop by to see the wonderful work by fifth, six and seventh graders.

A resident asked about the status of 8 Sumter Avenue. Mr. Blinkoff stated that the Village received a summary judgment from the Court. The Village can enter the property to clean up the brush, grass, etc., can remove the unregistered vehicle and enter the house to evaluate the structural integrity of the building. A separate report will be produced for the house and garage. The Village can then bring the house into State Code compliance by the Court order. The Village pays for the repairs, but then the homeowner will be billed and added to the tax bill.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Braito, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.