

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Bonnie L.S. Parente, Christopher Siciliano, James Iannone, Anthony J. Casella, Treasurer Michael Delury, Bonnie Kreisman, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff.

Also present: James Clark, Patrick Theodore, John Goodleaf, Thomas DeSimone.

East Williston Fire Department Chiefs Patrick Theodore and James Clark were present to update the Board on current work undertaken by the department.

Chief Clark advised that the department submitted an application for a \$50,000 grant to New York State Senator Elaine Phillips office. The grant can be allocated to anything that is not considered portable in nature. They are looking to purchase complete sets of turnout gear and Scott air packs. The monies allocated in the budget for said items can be used for radios. He added that East Williston was still waiting for Oyster Bay Fire Department to obtain their radios, before they can get the old radios from them.

Mayor Tanner reminded the chiefs that they should be purchasing turnout gear each year to ensure everything is in compliance.

Michael Delury stated that he and the department are continuing to work on installing reader components in the fire trucks to enable the purchase of fuel from the Town of North Hempstead.

Chief Theodore noted that Motorola is no longer making low frequency band radios.

Chief Theodore stated that the department is forming a truck committee to explore the purchase of a new fire truck and rescue vehicle. He and William McLean attended the annual fire convention in Nashville last month and looked at various vehicles. The last truck purchased was truck 811 in 2005. The department has two engines, one ladder and one heavy rescue truck.

Trustee Siciliano stated that there is a lead time of at least one year before the purchase of a fire truck.

Trustee Iannone asked if there is any discount offered if the department purchases two vehicles at the same time.

Mayor Tanner asked if the department transports people to the hospital in the rescue truck.

Trustee Siciliano stated that pursuant to the East Williston Fire Department charter, it cannot transport people to the hospital. Williston Park Fire Department can transport, which is why the department responds to medical emergency calls in East Williston.

John Goodleaf of World Wide Security was present at the meeting to give a brief presentation of surveillance camera imagery for proposed camera installation at Devlin Field.

Mr. Goodleaf reviewed the proposal stating that the equipment will upgrade what the Village already has by installing a high definition encoder to get a better quality picture at each site.

Trustee Parente expressed concern about working with old infrastructure, but installing new equipment, in that the operation may freeze, or stop working.

Mr. Goodleaf stated that the cameras already in place in the village hall and public works garage will be upgraded at no cost, pursuant to the proposal and new cameras will be installed in Devlin Field.

Trustee Casella noted item IV in the proposal of what the Village will be providing. He preferred to have the company provide everything inclusive in the proposal, as a sort of "one stop shop", rather than having things done piece-meal.

Trustee Siciliano stated that Jim Bailey will need to obtain a quote from Albertson Electric for the running of aerial wires at Devlin Field.

Trustee Casella said he still preferred that the company provide and do all the work involved in installing the cameras.

Mr. Goodleaf stated that World Wide Security provides next day service for calls, and has its own central station monitoring. They can provide monitoring of cameras at an additional cost

RESOLUTION #2017-34 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL OF WORLDWIDE SECURITY FOR INSTALLATION OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AT DEVLIN FIELD AND INTEGRATE VILLAGE HALL AND PUBLIC WORKS CAMERAS TO A FULL IP SYSTEM, SUBJECT TO OBTAINING QUOTES FOR WIRING WORK.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, Seconded by Trustee Iannone and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting “aye”, the Board approved the proposal with Worldwide Security for installation of surveillance cameras at Devlin Field and integration of village hall and public works cameras to a full IP system subject to obtaining quotes for wiring work.

Mayor Tanner asked Thomas DeSimone to attend the board meeting this evening to discuss his work with the Village of Valley Stream for security services.

Mr. DeSimone stated that he devised a five year plan for Valley Stream to address quality of life issues plaguing the village. Valley Stream had a budget of approximately \$650,000 for these services. The plan included:

- 33 officers (80% of which are retired New York City Police officers or active law enforcement personnel..
- Four vehicles and one supervisor on a 24 hour operation.
- Officers are uniformed.
- Employees do not carry weapons, but do carry handcuffs, radios and duty belts.
- They are employees of the village, approved by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

Trustee Parente stated that the home break-ins have occurred in late afternoon time period. As far as the congregation of teens at the train station and other parks, Friday and Saturday nights, in the warmer weather see the most activity.

Trustee Iannone stated that East Williston has low crime and no real commercial buildings. He agreed with Trustee Parente that summer and weekends are really an issue with teens congregating.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he would like to know what Mr. DeSimone thinks East Williston would need given its smaller size and different needs.

Mayor Tanner stated that vandalism continues to be a problem.

Trustee Iannone echoed the Mayor's statement that damage to fences and the pitching mound rubber at Devlin Field has been a problem.

Mr. DeSimone stated that it is difficult to sustain a program that is costly, on only a part time basis. He could provide a five year plan proposal at a cost of \$1,500.

Mayor Tanner made a motion to authorize Mr. DeSimone's firm to provide a proposal for security services. Trustee Parente seconded the motion.

Trustee Casella felt that it was inappropriate to spend \$1,500 for a proposal for security services for a community with only 850 homes with low crime. He felt that instituting a security force in the village will cost a great deal of money that is better spent elsewhere.

Trustee Parente stated that the Nassau County Police Department is focused on crimes being committed and less on quality of life issues.

Trustee Siciliano felt that a security force will be expensive, however he wanted to see what the services entailed and what cost will be incurred by the Village. This way it could be presented to residents.

Trustee Iannone felt that the East Williston cannot afford the expense for a security force, however he would like to see a cost of said proposal less than cost than \$1,500.

Trustee Casella asked if any board member has been approached by resident that crime is high in East Williston.

Mayor Tanner stated that in the past year, quality of life issues have been brought to the attention of the village, such as large groups of youths congregating, vandalism, homeless individuals sleeping at the train station, damage in Devlin Park, and repeated reports of broken glass on the tennis courts.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that a security force can be put in place, according to civil service regulations, as long as they are not acting as peace officers.

RESOLUTION #2017-35 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL FOR SECURITY SERVICES FROM THOMAS DESIMONE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Parente and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, and Iannone voting "aye" and Trustee Casella voting no, the Board authorized the procurement of a comprehensive proposal for security services from Thomas DeSimone in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00

The Board discussed the proposed agreement with RealTerm Energy for the installation of LED lighting.

In reviewing the contract, Trustee Parente recalled from the meeting with Paul Vesel regarding street light acquisition that it was not an issue for East Williston, but wanted to confirm that information.

Section 2,8 states that the consultant “may” “if required” attend a public meeting. We should be clear that the Board may require it. It is not up to the consultant to determine if attendance is required.

Section 10 of the agreement needs the addition that the consultant is responsible (and holds the village harmless) regarding a subcontractor’s obtaining of Workers’ Compensation insurance, etc. This needs to be specified, particularly for Workers’ Compensation.

Mayor Tanner commented on the following:

- He wanted to know if the village needed a wire replacement strategy and does the LED work include this.
- He wanted RealTerm to prepare a write up of the public presentation for email distribution to residents.
- Have pre-project inspections of fixtures to ascertain current conditions which would require remedial work prior to LED installation.
- Wanted to know who pays for the disposal costs.
- System re-design of certain areas – how is this addressed.
- What are the mechanics of utility billing adjustments during installation.

Trustee Casella stated that he agreed with Trustee Parente about Section 2.8 about the public information session., it should be up to the Village.

He also wanted to know for Section 4 – Payment Terms, both Option 1 and 2, as well as Section 6 – Termination, what is the expected cost to the Village for each of these items.

For Section 7 Dispute Resolution – he preferred arbitration rather than litigation.

Trustee Iannone agreed with Trustees Parente and Casella with regard to Section 2.8 for the village to determine the consultant’s attendance at the public information session.

In paragraph 4, Trustee Iannone did not fully understand the costs of the “open book” approach, in that the only item addressed is the cost per light fixture fee of \$32.50. The number of fixtures needed by the village is 253, and that is not listed in the agreement. He wanted to know about other costs. He wanted the consultant to provide the village with the information in the open book method with a firm price.

For paragraph 6, Trustee Iannone shared the same concerns as Trustee Casella. He was not sure why the installation price per fixture of \$32.50 is more expensive than the termination price per fixture of \$29.50.

Trustee Iannone added that he saw the merit in substituting an arbitration clause, and agreed with Trustee Parente about the consultant holding the village harmless, especially for Workers' Compensation.

He also agreed with the Mayor's concern that the contract does not seem to include wiring or wire replacement and does not address disposal costs.

The Mayor asked Mr. Blinkoff was asked to put together a letter to RealTerm outlining the board's comments, concerns and questions.

The Board discussed the proposal from Sidney B. Bowne & Son, LLP dated September 14, 2017 for a study to determine if stop signs are required the intersections of Sumter Avenue and Sagamore Avenue, and Ogden Avenue and Post Lane.

Trustee Parente stated that she had originally suggested the stop sign for Ogden and Post, but in retrospect, she did not feel a sign was needed at this location.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board should move forward with the traffic engineering study for the placement of a stop sign at Sumter Avenue and Sagamore Avenue at a cost of \$1,350.00, but wanted to put this on hold until Mr. Blinkoff can do further research on the matter.

Trustee Parente asked if the village will still be undertaking the amnesty program for closing out open building permits. Mayor Tanner stated that the program will proceed, but were waiting for Jared Mandel to get settled into his position as building inspector.

Trustee Parente also wanted to know if the plumbing inspection issues at 20 Ridge Road had been resolved. Ms. Kreisman informed the Board that everything has been finalized at the residence.

Trustee Casella had received a request from resident Isla MacDonald, to place a bench and a back board in the tennis courts. He added that they offered to pay for the items.

Given the concerns of vandalism, the village will get prices for the costs of the items and cover said costs after it is ascertained the impact on the budget. Trustee Casella will advise the MacDonald's of this information.

Trustee Siciliano advised the Board that three of the new aprons installed on East Williston have cracked, after heavy trucks have driven over them. He noted that

\$20,000 is still owed to JRH on the project. It has not been ascertained whether this was the fault of the contractor.

Mayor Tanner asked that Trustee Siciliano speak with Kerry Collins about this and report back to the Board.

Ms. Kreisman advised the Board that she spoke with the owners of 470 Sagamore Avenue. A new survey of the property indicates that two village parking lot light posts are on their property. Final surveys are being created, and more information will follow.

Mr. Blinkoff wants to see the survey when it is received.

Mr. Delury stated that the final audit for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2017 has been received and distributed to the Board. He submitted a resolution for Board approval.

Mayor Tanner asked that this item be placed on the agenda for November 13th for the Board to approve that evening.

Mr. Delury stated that he received a request from the resident of 218 Derby Street asking to have the “no read” charge of \$100 removed from his water bill. It was noted that the resident has not had a water meter reading by a village employee in over 2 two years. The resident already received a \$25 “no read” charge on their April 2017 bill and paid the fee. He said he had an appointment for a meter reading during the summer, but no one showed up at his home. There is no record of the resident having an appointment.

The Board did not feel that the charge should be removed from the water bill.

Mr. Blinkoff advised the Board that the village received an Order to Attend and be Examined in the matter of John and Theresa Muzio for their former premises at 8 Sumter Avenue. Since the village was never in possession of the house and did not sell the house, the village would not be involved in this matter. The Village of Mineola was also named in this document for a similar situation for property owned by the Muzio's in Mineola.

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Mr. Blinkoff spoke with the Mineola Village Attorney and they will be working together to answer this document, which is due by December 1, 2017.

Mayor Tanner asked the Board to consider evening hours for the village office during the regular meeting night of each month.

The consensus of the Board was that evening hours were not needed.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Parente, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 pm.