

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**AGENDA MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018**

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, March 26, 2018 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, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner, Treasurer Michael Delury, Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 7:34pm to discuss potential litigation.

The Board reconvened at 8:40pm. No action was taken during the execution.

Mayor Tanner questioned the removal of trees at the Wheatley Hills Golf Club. It was advised that of the two trees removed, one was in our jurisdiction and approved by James Bailey, the other was undersized and did not require a permit. The other trees removed were not within the jurisdiction of East Williston.

Trustee Parente stated that she has encountered a problem with Meadow Carting. They took her garbage can and used it to remove garbage from Atlanta Avenue, but did not return it. When her husband approached the workers, they informed him that Meadow Carting does not provide them with cans to go house to house.

Mayor Tanner asked the clerk to have Anthony Core attend the April 30<sup>th</sup> agenda meeting.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the fencing at Devlin Field has been installed and the existing fencing painted by public works.

Opening day for the East Williston Little League is April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Tanner noted that the base forms on the street lights along East Williston Avenue have not yet been removed, even though the street lights have been raised.

Trustee Iannone stated that East Williston Little League president Tom McCauley was impressed with the third base fence installation. He asked about the rest of the fencing and the security camera installation. He (the East Williston Little League) offered to contribute to the cost of the cameras.

Trustee Parente stated that they offered to contribute to the cost of the fence, but did not know anything about the cameras. The Little League does not have the money to pay for the cameras.

Trustee Iannone said that in a conversation with Mr. McCauley, the League offered to pay toward the cost of the cameras as well.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village made decisions for the installation of the cameras based on the Little Leagues complaints of vandalism to the field and their stored equipment at Devlin Field.

Mayor Tanner asked the Board for their opinions on whether the Little League should contribute toward the security cameras.

Trustee Parente stated that it was her understanding that the Little League had offered to contribute to a portion of the cost of the fence.

Trustee Casella stated that the Little League had spent a great deal of money on the (turf) field.

Both Mayor Tanner and Trustee Parente reiterated that the League does not have the money for a large contribution toward the cameras.

Trustee Casella felt the League should pay for the cameras.

Trustee Siciliano originally felt that the League should not pay for the cameras, but now felt that they should contribute something toward the cost of the cameras.

Trustee Iannone felt that the Village should ask them to contribute something toward the installation.

Trustee Parente felt that the League does contribute. They hold fund raisers which promote the league.

Trustee Casella stated that the Little League charges money for children to participate in the sport. It is now a big business.

Mayor Tanner stated that the bottom line is that the Village cannot rely on the League to contribute money toward the cost of the cameras, but the Village did want to move ahead with the installation of said cameras.

Mr. Delury stated that the total "all in" cost for installation of the security cameras at Devlin with related equipment and feeds is \$37,458.21.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Little League serves the entire district (East Williston School District) and not just the incorporated village. He felt that the Little League should be considered part of School District functions.

Trustees Parente, Casella, Iannone and Casella felt that the Village had to do what is right and install the cameras.

Mayor Tanner did not want to do a “half-baked” job with the installation of the cameras, but added that the project should be done as soon as possible.

The Mayor asked that Mr. Blinkoff draft up a contract with A+ Security to proceed with the work.

Mayor Tanner brought up the issue of term limits for appointed board members in the Village.

Trustee Parente felt that by placing term limits on board members, creates the loss of institutional knowledge when new members come onto a board. Also, it is quite difficult to get residents to volunteer for various boards.

Mayor Tanner stated that he wanted people (on boards) who keep an open mind in terms of the subject matter they deal with while on a board.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he was not in favor of term limits.

With regard to the construction at 23 Ogden Avenue, and the concerns raised by neighbors over the past weekend, the issue of an architectural review board was once again brought up.

He noted that many years ago, residents expressed they did not want such a board.

He further noted that he had called Jared Mandel over the weekend about the issue at 23 Ogden Avenue. He questioned whether the Village Code contained any verbiage about change in building materials.

Mr. Blinkoff and the office staff said they would check the Code.

Ms. Kreisman stated that Mark Davella asked her to relay to the Board that the 2018 tentative assessment roll was submitted to the Board while the Village was still awaiting eight 2017-2018 SCAR (Small Claims Assessment Review) decisions from Nassau Supreme Court. Six decisions came back with no changes or had been withdrawn. Two cases were deemed excessive by the Court.

In anticipation of the decisions, at Mr. Davella's request, each assessed value in the tentative assessment roll was reduced by 10%. These assessed valuations were used in the budget planning.

Subsequent to the Court's decisions, the total assessed value increased by a net of \$3,002 (AV) from 2,384,870 to 2,387,872.

The clerk advised that the final assessment roll is to be voted upon at the Annual Organizational Meeting on Monday, April 2, 2018.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village will maintain the same tax rate, and increase the contingency, and additional \$3,000 in revenue.

Trustee Parente questioned the original cost budgeted for the cameras at Devlin. Mr. Delury stated the amount was \$40,000.

Trustee Casella stated that he read in Newsday that County Executive Curran will move to reassess all of the properties in Nassau County. He suspected that turmoil over this reassessment will arise.

Mayor Tanner stated that this is for the County's purposes, not that of the Village. He was not comfortable with the County process, as he did not know enough about the process or procedure to be undertaken.

Mr. Delury stated that the Village received two proposals for the repair of the ceiling and repainting of the conference room as follows: IPAINTE \$2,500 and PortAmCo Group \$2,895.

**RESOLUTION #2018- 12 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF IPAINTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 FOR THE REPAIR OF THE CEILING AND REPAINTING OF THE CONFERENCE ROOM.**

On the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Mayor Tanner , and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye" the Board approved the proposal from IPAINTE of Glen Cove for the repair of the conference room ceiling and repainting of the conference room in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Trustee Iannone stated that he had just called Mr. McCauley about possible contribution to the costs of the cameras by the Little League.

Mr. McCauley stated that the League offered to contribute to repair damage, but these were only informal discussions.

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On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 9:29pm to discuss potential litigation.

The Board reconvened at 9:34pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Trustee Casella stated that he was happy to see the article in the Williston Times about the construction of the new water tower in Williston Park.

Mayor Tanner stated that it is inspected that a water rate increase will be formulated by Williston Park in the future.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Iannone, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm.