

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Deputy Mayor Trustee Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees Christopher A. Siciliano, James Iannone, Anthony J. Casella, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman.

Excused from meeting: Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Paul Walters, Susan Corsello, Michael Guglielmo, Nicole Paulo Russo.

On the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone, and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2016.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone, and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of January 3, 2017.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the abstract of claims for December 2016 as follows: 20160391 - 20160427.

The East Williston Fire Department reported that they responded to a total of 16 calls during the month of December 2016: six EMS calls, eight fire/general alarm calls, one motor vehicle and one unclassified call.

The East Williston Fire Department thanked residents for their generosity in participating in Operation Santa. Gifts were distributed to the St. Christopher Otilie Home in Sea Cliff, Mary Brennan Inn in Hempstead and together with the Beacon Church donated gifts to foster children. It was noted that the East Williston Fire Department is one of last departments to hold Operation Santa on Christmas Eve.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente reported that the East Williston Justice Court received a grant in the amount of \$1,000. 00 from the Justice Court Assistance Fund for the purchase of chairs for the court sessions.

The East Williston Seniors will meet on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 1:00pm to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

Trustee Parente stated that the Village of East utilized email and first class mail for communications with residents. When emails are sent, the communication is transmitted immediately, as some of these messages are time sensitive, such as water main break information, weather warnings or security concerns. She advised that if a resident does not use email, but wants to receive these immediate communications, you may still receive these notifications by telephone. Several residents have volunteered to call residents to communicate the content of village emails. If you want to receive phone calls, please contact Rita Botensten at 516-248-2614.

Trustee Parente advised residents that the East Williston Fire Department and the Williston Park Fire Department both have fund drives. The departments are separate, as are the respective fund raising activities. Both mail donation requests to East Williston residents.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano wished those present a happy new year.

He thanked the Department of Public Works for their work during the recent storm on January 7th. The new plow truck was in service for the recent snow.

Trustee Siciliano reminded residents to remove vehicles from streets prior to snow events so that plowing can be performed in an effective manner. He also stated that the shoveling/blowing of snow into Village streets is prohibited. Resident must also clear the area around fire hydrants if one is situated in front of a home.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Village office has received some nasty/negative toned phone calls of late. He asked residents to please be nice when calling the office to report concerns, complaints etc. He stated that the Village office staff has been given permission and authority to hang up on any caller who is rude or uses profane language, especially if no caller identification is posted on an incoming call. If a staff member does hang up on a caller for reasons stated above, they will contact the Mayor

and the Village Attorney to advise of such incident as a record of the event and the circumstances surrounding the call.

TRUSTEE JAMES L. IANNONE

Trustee Iannone thanked residents for their participation in Operation Santa and thanked the generosity of residents helping those less fortunate.

Trustee Iannone reiterated Trustee Siciliano's statement to clear areas around fire hydrants of snow.

The East Williston Fire Department is having a membership drive and encouraged residents to join the department. New members are always welcome.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY J. CASELLA

The Justice Court report for December 2016 showed a total of 24 violations: 21 parking, no moving violations and three Village ordinance violations. Fines collected totaled \$828.00 with \$118.00 in New York State surcharges.

"Come Play With Me" pre-school program takes place on Fridays at 10:30am.

Yoga classes continue to take place on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30am to 11:15am. Gentle yoga takes place on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7:15pm. It was noted that yoga will not meet on January 16th due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

MAYOR DAVID TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that the Nassau County Police Department 3rd Precinct reported a 35% reduction in crime, not 47% as reported by officers at the November meeting, due to the omission of a break in on Harvard Street, which was reported being in Williston Park, due to a zip code error.

The Village Board had a presentation from Realterm Energy with a proposal for LED street light conversion in the Village. The Village continues to consider this option.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village is also continuing to examine camera options at Devlin Field. Together with the Security Committee, the Village is re-thinking an approach that might be more appropriate for the area. The installation of the cameras will be a pilot program.

The Security Committee met yesterday, January 9th. The Committee will now meet on a quarterly basis.

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BONNIE KREISMAN

The following building permits were issued in December 2016: 36 Donald Street, installation of a central air conditioning unit. 55 Bengueyfield Drive, installation of a central air conditioning system. 1 Wheatley Avenue, installation of a central air conditioning system. 201 Earl Street, finishing of the basement. 7 Meadow Lane, installation of a wine cellar condenser.

The Nassau County Police Department report for December 2016 was not received in time for the meeting this evening.

The Village office will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Library Director Susan Corsello gave the report for the East Williston Library. The "day time" book club met today to discuss "Miller's Valley" by Anna Quindlen. They will meet again in February to discuss "Before the Fall" by Noal Hawley.

The "evening" book club will meet on Thursday, January 12th to discuss "The Gilded Years" by Karin Tanabe. In February, they will discuss "Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania" by Erik Larson.

The winter/spring Toddler Story Time is underway. The group meets every Friday from 11:30am to noon. There is still space available and anyone interested should call the Library to register.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Michael Guglielmo asked if the Village received a response from the Nassau County Police Department as to how East Williston compares to other communities relating to crime.

Mayor Tanner stated that he has not yet received a response, but will continue to follow up with the police.

Nicole Russo asked if the Village had received past years crime statistics. She wanted to obtain full crime statistics for East Williston for the past five years. She wanted to know how the police department calculates the statistics.

Mayor Tanner suggested that Ms. Russo call the Third Precinct as a citizen to request this information.

Mayor Tanner asked how this information could be helpful.

Ms. Russo stated she felt she is in a high crime area. She wanted the metrics to identify if this (crime) is an issue, or if it is just a perception.

Trustee Iannone stated that the metrics are kept by the police department and not the Village.

Mayor Tanner again encouraged Ms. Russo to contact the police department directly and once the information is obtained, she can examine the data herself.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.