

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees Raffaella Dunne, James Iannone, James Lark, Anthony Gallo, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff.

Also present: Chief Peter Batterson, Assistant Chief Nicholas DePasquale, Commissioner Steven Jones Michael Guglielmo, Henry Yuen

The Board met with members of the East Williston Fire Department, Chiefs Batterson, DePasquale and Commissioner Jones relative to the proposed purchase of a 2007 Pierce pumper truck. They noted that all of the fire commissioners were in agreement about the purchase.

The truck is 15 years old, has 23,000 miles and will replace the 1995 pumper currently in service for the East Williston Fire Department. All of the equipment including hose, couplings and the like are included. The Syosset Fire Department is willing to make repairs to the vehicle before the sale.

The cost of lettering the vehicle from Finishing Touch was quoted at \$6,500.00

RESOLUTION #2022-1 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2007 PIERCE PUMPER TRUCK FROM THE SYOSSET FIRE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$165,000 SUBJECT TO AN APPROVED SALES AGREEMENT, AND SUBJECT TO FINANCING OF SAID EQUIPMENT.

On the motion of Trustee Gallo, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Trustee Iannone and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye", the Board authorized the purchase of a 2007 Pierce pumper truck from the Syosset Fire Department at a cost not to exceed \$165,000 subject to an approved sales agreement, and subject to financing of said equipment.

Mayor Parente stated that she wanted the Springbrook program for financial and water billing up and running in February.

On the motion of Trustee Lark, seconded by Trustee Gallo, the Board adjourned into executive session at 7:45pm to discuss potential litigation.

The Board re-convened at 7:55pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Trustee Dunne discussed revisions to the specifications for the upcoming bid on the garbage contract, with emphasis on aligning recyclable pickup on the same days as garbage pick

The clerk advised that the legal notice will be placed in the Williston Times this Friday, January 14th. Bid specifications will not be sent out until Trustee Dunne prepares revisions.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Gallo, and with Mayor Parente, Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2021

On the motion of Trustee Lark, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of December 27, 2021.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Gallo, and with Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the abstract of claims for December 2021 (20210316 - 20210385).

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE

Trustee Dunne informed those present that the Library is continuing their various programs. The Library will be closed on January 17th for Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday.

The Recreation Committee will be holding a meeting on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 7pm inviting residents to join the committee and are looking for new ideas for events.

Trustee Dunne stated that she is working on revising the sanitation bid for the coming three years.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

The Village Justice Court for December 2021 reported no parking violations, five moving violations and one village ordinance violation. \$368.00 total fines collected with \$143.00 in New York State surcharges.

The East Williston Senior Group event scheduled for January 20th has been cancelled out of an abundance of caution during the Omicron variant of Covid.

TRUSTEE JAMES LARK

Trustee Lark stated that the East Williston Little registration period is open until January 23rd. There will be no late registrations accepted this year.

The public works department did a fine job clearing the snow from streets during the storm on Friday, January 7th.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY GALLO

Trustee Gallo presented the East Williston Fire Department for December 2021. The department responded to a total of 25 calls Three emergency (EMS) calls, 11 general alarms, and 11 mutual aid calls to neighboring departments.

The East Williston Fire Department is looking into purchasing a used fire engine from the Syosset Fire Department to replace the department's 25 year old engine. The truck has all of the equipment needed to be put into use immediately.

Lastly, Trustee Gallo reminded resident who have a fire hydrant in front of their homes to clear the snow around the hydrant when they are shoveling the sidewalk. Clearing the snow from the hydrants save valuable time during an emergency.

MAYOR BONNIE L.S. PARENTE

Mayor Parente stated that while delivering a proclamation to a village resident this past weekend, she could not find the house number on the premises. As East Williston Fire Commissioner Patrick Theodore has reminded residents on several occasions, having the house number clearly visible saves valuable time in an emergency.

Trustee Iannone stated that many times during an emergency, such as an aided case, the fire department members cannot tell what is going on in a particular residence, so a clearly posted house number can save a life.

Mayor Parente informed those present that the village experienced two fires recently. One entailed faulty wiring on the Christmas tree on the village green. The second involved youths shooting off fire works in the village parking lot with falling debris falling on the public works garage, 466 Sagamore Avenue and in the plantings adjacent to the village hall which caught fire. She further stated that parents need to be more cognizant of what their children are doing, as this incident could have had tragic results.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The police report for December 2021 noted no auto accidents, 11 aided cases, no reports of burglary, robbery, larceny auto or criminal mischief. No moving violations or parking violations were issued.

Building Department report for December 2021:

33 Meritoria Drive, Belgian block curbing and installation of a fence. 409 Roslyn Road, construction of a portico. 219 Howard Street driveway modification. 214 Glenmore Street addition to home. 76 Bengeyfield Drive, modification to driveway. 395 Charles Street modification to driveway.

Village offices and departments are closed on Monday, January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents:

Michael Guglielmo asked about the fire engine the fire department is purchasing. Mayor Parente advised that the village cannot provide much more information as other fire departments will be bidding on the vehicle.

He wanted to know if this purchase was for an additional fire truck.

He was advised that this purchase will replace a 27 year old truck that has exceeded its useful life.

Mr. Guglielmo asked about the need to place house numbers in front of each premises. He felt the fire department volunteers could just use their cell phones to determine the address when an emergency or fire call comes in.

Mayor Parente stated that the precious seconds it takes to look something up on a cell phone during a medical emergency could mean the difference between life and death.

Mr. Guglielmo asked about not receiving sanitation pickup on Friday, January 7, 2022 during the snow event.

The clerk advised that Meadow Carting had advised the village on Thursday afternoon last week that they had suspended sanitation pickup due to the snow. An email blast was sent out from the office to all subscribed residents advising them of this.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee, Dunne seconded by Trustee Gallo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.