

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021**

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 8:00 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

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

Attended via Webex: Trustees James Iannone, Anthony Gallo, Village Treasurer Michael Delury.

Also present: Peter Batterson, William McLean, John Ferro, Pat Theodore, Michael Guglielmo (in person), Mr. & Mrs. James Daw, Ray Gaudio.

The Mayor and Board invited the East Williston Fire Department chiefs and commissioners to the meeting to further look into information about work on the radio room and the related grant from Legislator Richard Nicolello's office.

John Ferro spoke with Craig Stewart. He was awaiting information to put together a letter with regard to the work.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Lark, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 7:11pm to discuss potential litigation.

The Board re-convened at 7:28pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Mayor Parente stated that she, along with office staff viewed a presentation of "City Grows", a link for our website which would streamline the building permit application process.

Mayor Parente stated that she was advised that National Grid work may be taking place on Saturdays on Roslyn Road. The road may be closed entirely and access may be restricted after hours.

The meeting commenced with a public hearing to render a decision regarding Section 160-4(B) conduct of occupations at home within the Village. Amendments to the Code relating to fees, and amending the Code relative to installing stop signs at Sumter Avenue at Sagamore Avenue, and an all way stop sign at Downing Street and Latham Lane. A transcript of said public hearing is on file in the office of the Village Clerk

On the motion of Trustee Gallo, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2020.

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 unanimously approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of December 28, 2020.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the abstract of claims for December 2020 (voucher numbers 20200305 – 20200369).

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

#### **MAYOR BONNIE L.S. PARENTE**

Mayor Parente stated that the Village is currently experiencing a graffiti issue around the Village. Quite a bit of property was damaged, and the Village has video of the person doing the damage. The Nassau County Police Department is diligently working on this.

#### **RESOLUTION #2021-1 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2020 PREPARED BY SKINNON & FABER CPA'S WITH AN AMENDED COVER LETTER.**

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2020 prepared by Skinnon & Faber CPA's with an amended cover letter.

#### **TRUSTEE/DEPUTY MAYOR RAFFAELA DUNNE**

Trustee Dunne stated that the Library continues limited activities and crafts that can be taken home.

The Recreation Committee is quiet at this time, but is working on a future fundraiser for the tennis courts in February.

February is National History Month. Charlotte Iannone is working with the Reichman Family on a virtual tour of 15 East Williston Avenue, the oldest home in the Village.

Girls from a local Girl Scout troop are working on their Bronze Award. Their project is focusing on recycling by the Village's carting company, Meadow Carting. Meadow Carting contacted Trustee Dunne and they will be video taping recycling efforts at their facility Omni Recycling. They will also have a Zoom meeting with the scouts.

At the March 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, representatives from Meadow Carting will be present for a Q & A session.

**TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE**

Trustee Iannone stated that he is working with the Senior Group to formulate a “buddy list” to aid the seniors with support and addressing needs.

The Historic Committee is working with the Reichman Family creating a virtual tour of their home at 15 East Williston Avenue. The house was constructed in the 1800’s.

It was noted that the Village of East Williston turns 95 this year.

**TRUSTEE JAMES LARK**

Trustee Lark reported that the East Williston Little League currently has on line registration for parents to register their children.

The Beautification Committee did a beautiful job in decorating the Village Hall for the holidays. For January, they will be taking a respite until spring.

**TRUSTEE ANTHONY GALLO**

Trustee Gallo stated that the Village is expecting four (maybe five) quotes for the resurfacing of the tennis courts. This will be reported on again when all proposals are received.

The LED street lighting products is wrapping up and all of the contractors and suppliers will be supplied with a punch list of outstanding items in conjunction with the project.

The East Williston Fire Department answered 27 calls during the month of December 2020. There were nine general alarms, one EMS call, 17 mutual aid calls to neighboring departments

The East Williston Fire Department also went through the Village on Christmas Eve with Santa on the fire truck.

**VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER**

The Clerk read the police report from the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct for November 2020. There were no reports of auto accidents. Two aided cases reported. No reports of burglary, robbery or criminal mischief. No moving violations, and two parking violations were issued.

The Building Department Report for the month of December 2020: 2 Robbins Drive, installation of solar panels. 79 Bengeyfield Drive, addition to home. 28 Atlanta Avenue, legalize and maintain a rear room. 26 Summit Avenue, installation of a generator. 11 Orchard Drive, partial demolition and major renovation and additions to home. 15 Lee Avenue installation of fence. 433 Roslyn Road, roof and structural repairs. 15 Robbins Drive, installation of sports court, patio and retaining wall.

The Village office will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents:

Michael Guglielmo asked about Governor Cuomo’s “Challenge to Law Enforcement” to see if the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct had done anything in response to the Governor’s initiative. He said the project was to “reimagine policing”.

Mayor Parente said that the Village will reach out to the precinct, as the police had never contacted the Village with regard to this.

James Daw asked if the Village would be filing an Amicus brief in the fence case with the East Williston School District.

Mayor Parente stated that a motion was drafted, and that the Village reached out to the New York Conference of Mayors with regard to the brief.

Kathleen Daw noted that there were no moving violations listed in the November police report. She felt that with most people violating the Village speed limit on a daily basis, the police should be stationed at certain locations to catch those speeding and issue tickets.

Mr. Guglielmo questioned the lawsuit against the School District regarding the fence. He wanted to know the status.

Mr. Blinkoff stated it was still in the Court of Appeals, and was stalled due to Covid-19.

Ray Gaudio stated that due to the work on Roslyn Road by National Grid, there was no outlet to Roslyn Road from Bengeyfield Drive. He suggested that National Grid place signs on Bengeyfield Drive and High Street, stating “No outlet”

Mayor Parente said she will reach out to National Grid about the placement of signs. They have already placed a sign on School Street.

Rocky Panetta from Weeks Road questioned the type of work undertaken by Nation Grid. The type of machinery being used, the noise and the disruption to the area is unheard of.

Mayor Parente stated she is in contact with National Grid on a daily basis with respect to this project. National Grid will be closing Roslyn Road in its entirety during the working hours. The Village also asked that National Grid man the worksite 24/7. Signs stating “local traffic only” or “no outlet” have been installed on some local streets.

Mayor Parente added that this pipeline installation project is taking place within a Nassau County owned roadway. They are also not familiar with the traffic flow on this road, so the Village is working with them to guide the project.

There being no further business, on the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.