

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 8:00 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 Caroline DeBenedittis, Christopher A. Siciliano, Trustee Robert M. Vella, Jr., Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Michael Delury, Treasurer.

Also present: Daniel Cramblitt, James J. Daw, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Perna, Marcia Weiser, Carla Strauss, James Sandquist, Ray Gaudio, Al Testani, Michael Kelapire, Mrs. Kerzner, Mr. Cuchinello

The meeting commenced with a public hearing to consider local law #1 of 2014 amending Section 154-20(C) of the Village Code to require water meters in the Village to be read at least once per year.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 - 2014 APPROVING LOCAL LAW #1-2014 AMENDING SECTION 154-20(C) OF THE VILLAGE CODE PERTAINING TO THE READING OF WATER METERS .

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a proposed Local Law was previously presented to the Board as Local Law Number One of the Year 2014 and was passed before the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston, and

WHEREAS, the Local Law amends section 154-20(C) of the Code to require that water meters within the Village be read by agents or employees of the Village at least once each year, and at such other times as may be directed by the Board of Trustees, and where the Local Law further provides that the number of required times meters must be read per year may be changed in the future by Resolution, and

WHEREAS, public notice with respect to the proposed Local Law has been provided, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is the lead agency for the purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, ("SEQRA"), and has further determined that the consideration of the within Local Law is a Type Two action having no significant effect upon the environment and requiring no further action under SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that the proposed Local Law comports with the best interests of the Village,

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that Local Law Number One be and the same hereby is adopted.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Parente , and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano, and Vella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Parente , seconded by Trustee Siciliano , and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of December 30, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", and the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for December 2013 as follows: 20130384 - 20130449.

Chief Daniel Cramblitt presented the December 2013 report for the East Williston Fire Department. The Department responded to a total of 17 calls during the month. There were three fire calls, 12 EMS calls and two mutual aid calls.

The Chief noted that the Department had an impressive turnout of members for standby during the recent snow storm.

The Chief also advised the Second Assistant Chief McWhirk has submitted a resignation to the Department as he is moving out of the area. No special election for the spot will be held before the regular election in April.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Bonnie Parente commended the Fire Department for their work during the storm and the long hours put in during standby at the Firehouse.

Trustee Parente went over the various activities to be undertaken during 2014 for the 125th anniversary of the East Williston Fire Department. Among them are: Monday, August 18, 2014 anniversary golf outing at Wheatley Country Club, Saturday, August 23, 2014 anniversary block party with food, music, games and much more.

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

The Recreation Committee will be sending out fliers for upcoming events.

On Friday, January 31, 2014, the sewing of pillow cases will take place in the meeting room.

The Historical Committee of East Williston, together with the Williston Park Historical Committee will host a presentation on the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway and the Vanderbilt Cup races at the Williston Park Village Hall on February 9, 2014 from 1:30-3:30pm.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella stated reported that although not court was held in December, the Justice Court collected \$1,685.00 in fines during the month. There were 24 parking violations, one moving violation and no Village ordinance violations during the month.

Trustee Vella presented the Library report. Pre-K story time will be held on Thursdays from 11:30am to 12 noon. Toddler story time will be held on Fridays from 11:30am to 12 noon. The Seniors' Group will meet on Thursday, January 16th. The movie "The Great Gatsby" will be shown. An Empire Defensive Driving Class will be held on January 25, 2014 from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Residents can register at the Library and the cost is \$35.00. Charles Berman, receiver of taxes of the Town of North Hempstead will give a presentation on how to grieve property taxes on Thursday, January 30th at 7:00 pm. The Library continues to collect gently worn shoes for "Shoes for All" and empty ink cartridges for recycling. The Library will be closed on Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Lastly, Trustee Vella reported that the Friends of the Library reported that they are pleased to feature a display in the lobby on the "cunning Penguin collection" of Judith Syvertsen (a/k/a Miss Wood of North Side School).

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano presented the Department of Public Works report. He stated that when residents are cleaning their driveways and sidewalks, they should not blow snow into the street, to please keep the snow on each respective property.

He thanked residents for clearing hydrants of snow.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the street sweeper will be around next week. They Mayor and he will be meeting with a member of the Town of North Hempstead Highway Department staff to discuss the possibility of purchasing a new sweeper for the Village.

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BONNIE KREISMAN

The tentative assessment roll for 2014-2015 will be available for inspection on February 3, 2014.

The following building permit was issued in December 2013: 40 Orchard Drive, installation of a new driveway. 75 Robbins Drive and 36 Summit Avenue, installation of generators.

The Village did not receive the December 2013 from the Nassau County Police Department. It will be reported on in February.

The Village office will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2014 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner informed those present that the Cutinella family had donated an upright piano to the Village, which the Village graciously accepted.

The Mayor further stated that the Treasurer, together with the Board, is putting together a schedule of meeting dates on the proposed budget for 2014-2015. Once the schedule is complete, it will be posted on the website. This year, a meeting will take place where the public can comment.

Mayor Tanner asked Ms. Kreisman to explain the current meter reading procedure.

Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff updated those present on the status of 8 Sumter Avenue. The last time the demolition contractor tried to enter the premises, the Muzio's would not let them enter. The police did not assist the Village as they had in the past. Mr. Blinkoff went to court and the inspection will go forward at a yet to be

determined date. He stated that apparently the sale of the property to a contractor did not go through.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Al Testani thanked the Fire Department for their efforts with Operation Santa.

Mr. Testani also asked if the Village was able to have an arborist or professional from Cornell Cooperative Extension come to the Village to speak on tree policies. He also asked what the new tree pruning policy will be.

Trustee Vella stated that the tree pruning policy in the Village has not changed, and have not heard of any changes from other Village's post Super Storm Sandy. Due to changes in the staff at Cornell Cooperative Extension, they do not have anyone they can send to speak on the topic. The Village continues to seek out a person to address the subject.

Mr. Perna stated that Village trees near his home need to be trimmed.

Mr. Kerzner asked if the Village has any say on where trees are placed on properties.

Michael Kelapire addressed construction on Orchard Drive. He asked that building inspector Robert Campagna makes a further effort to read the "riot act" to the contractors working in the area with regard to construction vehicles being left overnight, porto-sans placed on front yard areas, and adhering to construction hours.

Ms. Kreisman stated that each contractor is advised of the Village's rules and regulations at the time they apply for a building permit and the contractor signs off as having received. She also noted that Robert Campagna and she visited the Orchard Drive site to follow up on complaints received in the office.

Mr. Kelapire asked if the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 5/31/13. Michael Delury will have them available for him.

Mr. Kelapire asked if the preliminary budget will be available to residents. Mayor Tanner stated that the Treasurer is working on the meeting schedule and copies of the preliminary budget will be available before the public input meeting.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.