

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**JANUARY 30, 2012**  
**AGENDA MEETING**

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, January 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Michael A. Braitto, John F. Ferro, Bonnie L.S. Parente, Caroline DeBenedittis, Village Attorney Dwight Kennedy, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Francis J. Cashin, III, Bryan Maddocks, Patrick Theodore, Daniel Cramblitt.

Francis J. Cashin and Bryan Maddocks presented their findings with regard to drainage remediation around the Village. The Board reviewed the various areas in need. Mr. Cashin stated that if the Village utilized the Nassau County requirements contract to perform the drainage work rather than bidding the contract, there would be no bonding involved, work could be performed by unit price and general conditions would be in effect. This would save the Village money.

The Board felt it would be best to utilize the Nassau County contract for this work.

Mr. Cashin also spoke about the Village's exemption from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in 2003 on storm water retention. He stated that the clerk should forward the letter to him so he can review the information.

With regard to the proposed local law regarding front yard structures, the Board discussed how to handle the various front yard structures in general and specifically relating to lamp posts, mailboxes and flag poles. Trustees Braitto and Parente had extensive discussion regarding the height and location of potential flag poles, both in the future and those presently located on properties within the Village. They specifically discussed limiting the height of said flag poles to 15 feet, and subsequently, a tentative agreement was reached limiting the height of the flag pole to a distance of half the set back of the house to the street. There was also discussion about whether to grandfather existing flag poles.

The Board asked Robert Campagna to research the proposed wording of any such legislation memorandum on the proposed local law relating to front yard structures.

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Chiefs Patrick Theodore and Daniel Cramblitt distributed copies of the Fire Department's proposed draft budget for the coming fiscal year 2012-2013.

Chief Theodore informed the Board that Tom Devaney and Pat McWhirk will be giving CPR and AED training on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The Board and Village staff are invited to take part if they wish. If an individual wants to be certified and receive a card the cost is between \$15 and \$20. The Department will also be offering a defensive driving class on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Trustee Braitto stated that the generator system bids came in at \$21,000. The low bid was submitted by R & R Electrical.

Trustee Braitto asked if Trustee Parente could contact Albertson Water District and Carle Place Water District to see if a meeting could be set up with their Board of Commissioners to discuss the possible purchase of water from their respective districts.

Trustee Parente asked if John Mirando could provide a summary of each of the meetings he attended with neighboring water districts to find out the status of the potential procurement of water from these districts.

Mayor Tanner and Trustee Braitto asked Jeff Blinkoff to contact the East Williston Little League to inquire if they will place the monies for the improvements to Devlin Field into an escrow account.

Patrick Theodore asked about the status of the Muzio case. Jeff Blinkoff stated that he has not received word from the Judge regarding the Muzio case/8 Sumter Avenue.

Patrick Theodore also asked what the cost was for a natural gas generator. Trustee Braitto stated that the cost was between \$30-35,000.

It was also noted that the Fire Department purchased two new helmets, two new turnout coats and two fire safe pants.

With regard to the repair of the roof leak in the firehouse, three companies were solicited for bids and only one company responded with a bid. The Village will contact the company, Reality Roofing to perform the necessary repairs.

Trustee Braitto stated that next year, when the LOSAP payment is submitted from Empire Bank and Met Life, invoices should accompany the claim forms, instead of just a summary of the payment.

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Trustee Braitto also asked to obtain a list of employees and retirees who receives health care benefits from the Village.

Trustee Parente stated that she sent an email to the Board regarding the web site information dealing with the Teen Safety Committee. No one had gotten back to her. She stated she would send it again. She also noted that Ann Mageau is the liaison between the Recreation Committee and the Teen Safety Committee.

The Board discussed problems with the court reporter and his ability hearing residents clearly during a public hearing. The Board agreed to ask residents who wished to speak at a hearing to come up to the podium to address the Board. If this action does not work, further discussion will take place on this issue.

Mayor Tanner said he received two invoices from Standard Valuation Services for research and settlement of the assessment issue with 1 Bengeyfield Drive (Wheatley House). Mr. Blinkoff was asked to obtain back up for the invoices.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village received a letter from the Justis Law Firm LLC relative to the Port Washington Landfill Superfund Site: demand and offer of settlement to the Inc. Village of East Williston. Back in 2004, the Village received a letter from the Town of North Hempstead that the Village was held harmless by the Town. It was suggested that the letter should be sent to the Village's insurer.

Trustee Braitto stated that the Library had been approached by students looking for quiet study space. A suggestion was made to have student sign in at the Library and utilize the upstairs meeting room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.