

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022

Agenda meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, January 31 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, Treasurer Michael Delury, Deputy Clerk William Basel, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff.

Also present: Patrick Theodore, John Ferro, Steven Jones, Peter Batterson, Nicholas DiPasquale.

Mayor Parente asked that Mr. Basel prepare a budget memo outlining the needs of the Department of Public Works.

Trustee Lark added that a maintenance schedule for equipment needs to be implemented with dates of when purchased and serviced.

Trustee Lark asked about a grant to a new tractor. Mr. Delury stated he applied for a SAM grant.

Mr. Delury stated that the sweeper will be paid off with the next CHIP's installment.

Members of the East Williston Fire Department were in attendance to present budget requests for 2022-2023

Chief Batterson stated that approximately \$114,500 is left in the budget with funds removed for other items earlier in the year. The department needs Scott packs and turnout gear, as the previous administration did not keep up with the needs.

One set of bunker gear costs \$4,000 and one Scott pack is \$6,700. The last time a large amount of gear was purchased was 2016.

Trustee Lark asked the useful life of a Scott pack. Chief Batterson stated that ten years is the average.

Mayor Parente stated that the oxygen cylinders are tested every year.

Chief Batterson stated that of 21 Class A active firefighters, half will need new gear.

Mr. Ferro stated that the department also needed to purchase a new gear washer.

Mr. Theodore stated that the used gear donated from Roslyn Fire Department is a temporary fix, some of the gear does not properly fit some members.

He further noted that the radios purchased from Bethpage Fire Department was helpful to the department.

Mr. Theodore stated the department was in receipt of a “bill of sale” from the Syosset Fire Department for the purchase of a 2007 Pierce Pumper.

Mr. Ferro stated that the department purchased two sets of gear, CO2 meters and gloves. He believed that about \$30,000 was spent from the remainder of the fire department budget.

Mr. Delury stated that would mean that approximately \$20,000 is left in the budget.

Mayor Parente wanted a \$30,000 deposit put down for the 2007 Pierce pumper truck to Syosset Fire Department.

RESOLUTION #2022-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DEPOSIT OF \$30,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2007 PIERCE PUMPER TRUCK FROM THE SYOSSET FIRE DEPARTMENT PENDING REVIEW OF THE BILL OF SALE BY THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY AND VILLAGE TREASURER

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Gallo, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously authorized a deposit of \$30,000 for the purchase of a 2007 Pierce pumper truck from the Syosset Fire Department pending review of the bill of sale by the Village Attorney and Village Treasurer.

Mr. Jones added that the village should request of the Syosset Fire Department that they do not use this fire truck for fire calls after the deposit is procured.

The Board discussed the need for a deep cleaning twice a year for the library. It was asked that the office obtain the needs for the library and forward them to RAD Cleaning Service to see what the extra cost will be.

Mayor Parente stated that the library is still getting billed for Amazon Prime on its account.

Mr. Delury stated that when the library signed up for an Amazon account, they signed up for Prime, the village office did not.

She stated that she wants one Amazon account with two credit cards; one for the library and one for the village office. This way, all library purchases go on their credit card, and the village office purchases go on a separate card.

Mayor Parente stated that Governor Hochul has stated that CHIP's and AIM will be frozen. She asked that if any emails come in with regard to these funding sources that they be sent to her as soon as possible.

Mayor Parente also advised that the NCVOA forwarded a draft letter to be sent to Albany by each mayor regarding accessory housing. This would apply to 1 Bengeyfield Drive.

Ms. Kreisman apprised the Board on the status of meters, register heads and Eye on Water. There are approximately 50 homes where residents want the new meter installed, there are various pit meters that need to be installed, and still some residents who either make an appointment, and then are not home for the installation or they do not respond to requests for appointments. The equipment and inventory are available.

Mayor Parente asked that the water bill for 21 Post Avenue be checked, as the resident has expressed that they are due a credit, but were charged a \$100 minimum fee.

Trustee Dunne stated that it is her understanding that there are 50 mismatched meters (meters and endpoints do not match). She felt the fault seems to lie with Badger Meter in that these meters were sent to Saks Metering (the installer). They could not tell that the meters were mis-programmed.

On the motion of Trustee Gallo, seconded by Trustee Dunne, the Board adjourned into executive session to discuss possible litigation.

The Board reconvened at 9:01pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Mayor Parente discussed an email from Ray Gaudio relating to certain villages approving legislation prohibiting the use of gas powered landscaping equipment for both commercial landscapers and residents. She stated that the Board has already approved prohibiting commercial landscapers from using gas powered equipment on Saturdays from May 1 to October 31st.

The members of Board did not feel further prohibition is needed at this time.

Trustee Lark presented information regarding upgrades and new installation of surveillance cameras. He received a quote from Wireman Inc. for \$60,000.

Trustee Gallo said that additional cameras are needed on East Williston Avenue.

Mayor Parente stated that while interest rates are still low, it may behoove the village to bond for the fire truck, cameras and public works vehicle, perhaps borrowing \$175,000.00.

RESOLUTION #2022-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO BOND UP TO \$175,000 FOR VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AS TO BE DETERMINED IN THE 2021-2022 FISCALYEAR.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously authorized to bond for various equipment as to be determined in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

RESOLUTION #2022-04 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR

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 tentative assessment roll for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

RESOLUTION #2022-5 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THOMAS DEVANEY AS A TRUSTEE OF THE EAST WILLISTON LOSAP PROGRAM

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 appointed Thomas Devaney as a trustee of the East Williston LOSAP program.

Mayor Parente stated that the Recreation Committee met on January 17th to discuss upcoming events. Some of the new events proposed were a car show and dog show. There is a tent party scheduled for June and the regular events like the 5K races on Memorial Day and Thanksgiving. The Recreation Committee also will begin to host movie nights again.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Gallo, seconded by Trustee Iannone, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm