

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Bonnie L.S. Parente, Caroline DeBenedittis, Christopher A. Siciliano, Robert Vella, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Village Treasurer Michael Delury.

Also present: Robert L. Campagna, Village Building Inspector

Excused from meeting: Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Attorney, Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Robert Campagna was present at the request of the Board to discuss the Wheatley Hills Golf Club application for a conditional use permit. He advised the Board that the Club's attorney, Kevin Walsh reviewed the Village's property file. He noted that a wing was added in the 1940's to the club for housing staff. There is definitive evidence that staff have slept on premises.

He stated that Wheatley Hills took back their original submission, and submitted revised plans. The second submission would not be subject to further conditional use, as it is modification of the existing building and internal renovations, which meets existing fire code. There would be no impact on surrounding neighbors or aesthetics of the building as it currently exists.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board adjourned into executive session at 8:20pm to discuss potential litigation.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Mayor Tanner, and with Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board moved to re-convene at 8:45p.m.

Mayor Tanner asked the clerk to contact Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff to obtain wording for changes to the Village Code on driveways. The Board will then review the verbiage and discuss the matter in more depth.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye" the Board moved to adjourn in into executive session at 8:55p.m. to discuss proposed contract negotiations.

On the motion of Trustee DeBenedittis, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano, and Vella all voting “aye”, the Board re-convened at 9:27p.m.

The Board discussed the request of Girl Scout troop 1848 for use of the Village hall for the winter and spring school breaks and one Friday per month from February to April, to hold a “mini camp” for children in the area. The Scouts are working to obtain their Silver Awards from the Girl Scouts.

The Board agreed to allow the Scouts to use the Village Hall however, the clerk is to advise the leaders of the following: All participants must sign a Village waiver and have it filed in the Village Clerks office. A schedule of who will be present to oversee the scouts must be provided to the Village Clerks office. A list of emergency phone numbers must be provided to the Clerk’s office. They must arrange and advise the Clerk as to who will be locking the Village Hall on Friday nights. All rooms must be cleaned up after each use, and no cooking will be permitted in the Village Hall. The approximate number of children participating must be given to the Village office.

Trustee Parente asked if Trustee Siciliano had responded back to Stephan Leccesse about the plans for planting trees at North Side School. Since Trustee Vella is liaison to the East Williston School Board, he will be responding to Mr. Leccesse. The clerk was asked to forward Trustee Parente’s email from early December to Trustee Vella which contained the drawing of the proposed plans.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting “aye”, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 10:05p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting “aye”, the Board re-convened at 10:19p.m.

Trustee Siciliano stated that replacement of the bay doors on the public works garage has been completed, as well as work on the firehouse roof.

Trustee Vella suggested that the Fire Department check the generator to ensure it is in good working order at least once per month.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that fliers will be going out for Recreation Committee activities (yoga, dance class and mommy & me).

The Mayor asked Michael Delury to forward the RFP (bid document) for the street sweeper to him.

Mr. Delury attended a meeting today by the Governor's office for New York Rising for storm recovery. New York State is recalculating the refunds for Category A – debris removal for Superstorm Sandy. There may be further reimbursement to the Village of approximately 10% of payments made.

Mr. Delury also submitted information relating to hiring a part time employee for the Village office. The office has lost the services of both Sari Infield and Susan Quinn. They had assisted the Village Clerk and Deputy Clerk in filing, updating building department records, scanning documents and transcripts as well as other duties. They also aided the office when one of the two full time office staff members were on vacation by answer phones and helping residents at the front desk.

The Board agreed to have the Clerk and Treasurer look for a part time employee.

Mr. Delury informed the Board that Mark DaVella has been working on the tentative assessment role for the Village. He went through recent sales and large building permits.

Mr. Delury stated that the Village had budgeted \$27,000 for SCAR claims.

Mayor Tanner asked that the Clerk be trained to work on the website in case there are any last minute changes to the calendar when Sari Infield is unavailable. He also asked that the Deputy Clerk be trained on the Swift911 telephone system.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that she received a few complaints from a few residents about Library closing early on December 23rd. In the future, Susan Corsello should advise the Village office if the Library is closing early and an email blast should be sent out to residents.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 p.m.