

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
JANUARY 9, 2013
AGENDA MEETING

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 7:30p.m. At the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Bonnie Parente, Caroline DeBenedittis, Robert M. Vella, Jr., Christopher Siciliano Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman, Marie Hausner, Village Clerk.

Also present: John Mirando, Michael Siravo, Deanna Panico,

Mayor Tanner asked John Mirando to attend the meeting to apprise the Board on water issues.

Trustee Vella reported that he met with Ashley Copperstone who attends Skidmore College. She is eligible to receive a grant to facilitate a program dealing with youth community outreach. She would like to hold a program for local high school students to discuss social issues and community service events. The Board felt this will be a worthwhile program. If Ms. Copperstone needs a letter from the Village, the Clerk was advised to provide what is needed to her.

Trustee Vella also stated he is working on a Village emergency response plan to aid in smooth municipal operations during an event such as Hurricane Sandy.

Lastly, Trustee Vella met with representative of the East Williston Little League. They have found a solar powered score board that appeared to be a better choice than one needing electric metered service. He said the size of the Board was four foot by eight foot, with a solar panel about 19 inches by 11 inches. Mayor Tanner asked that Trustee Vella obtain a photo of the proposed score board so the Board could see what it looked like.

Michael Siravo and Deanna Panico of Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP were present to discuss litigation issues with regard to the Lucchesi matter.

RESOLUTION #1-2013 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BEE READY FISHBEIN HATTER & DONOVAN, LLP TO SETTLE THE MATTER OF LUCCHESI v. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella voting "aye", the Board authorized the law

firm of Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP to settle the matter of Luchessi v. Village of East Williston in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that the Recreation Committee has not held any meetings lately, but there was talk among the members of holding a scavenger hunt. The event will entail starting at the Village Hall to obtain a list of items and then people will take photos of the items and bring them back to the Village Hall after the hunt is complete.

Trustee DeBenedittis reported that the Historical Committee has ordered a plaque to be presented to Reverend Parkinson thanking him for his years of service to the Village and his help with Historic Committee events.

Lastly, the Village has received approximately 75 resident contact response cards. Five residents responded that they will be interested in being block captains in the event of an emergency situation.

Mayor Tanner wanted to appoint Judy Buonocore as Village Historian. He asked the clerk to send a letter to Mrs. Buonocore.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the generator is now connected to the Village Hall building, enabling the Fire Department's telephones to be operational in the event of a power outage.

He also stated that the removal of stumps from the downed trees during Hurricane Sandy was completed. He noted that there was a problem with the work at the Kelly residence on Ogden Avenue. A1 All County did not come to perform the work as they had promised, and came a week and a half later.

Trustee Siciliano met with Anker's Electric and went over the list of light outages in the Village.

Trustee Siciliano stated that bids were received for the work at the Public Works garage and the building to be constructed in the rear of the Public Works building. A question arose from Colonial Crafters about the non-submission of sub-contractors for electrical work by the company, Amport. Mr. Blinkoff stated that this is considered an irregularity in the bid submission, as the dollar amount of the contract is well under the amount for the submission of a list of separate sub-contractors to be mandatory. Trustee Siciliano stated that the Fire Department Exempt Organization must now meet to vote on the appropriation of funding. Then the Village can vote on a resolution to award the bid.

Trustee Parente stated that the Fire Department wanted to meet with the Board of Trustees to go over the Department's proposed budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014. The proposed date is February 2, 2013.

Trustee Parente stated that the Teen Safety Committee will start holding meetings to discuss proposed events for the spring and summer.

Trustee Parente also asked that information about the pickup of Christmas trees be placed on the website. Bonnie Kreisman noted that the trees are picked up on Wednesdays with yard waste.

Mrs. Hausner noted that the proposals for the sidewalk work have not yet gone out. Frank Cashin and James Bailey went around the Village last week to complete the inventory of work that is needed to repair the various slabs.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village should offer an installment plan to the Village resident who had a water bill in excess of \$8,000.00.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the Village needed to pass a resolution for the tax cap override before the budget is passed on April 1st.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.