

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, January 9, 2023 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 L. Hausner, Deputy Village Clerk Joanna E. Palumbo, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff

Also present: Mr. & Mrs. James Daw, Patrick Theodore, Thomas Devaney, John Ferro, Peter Batterson, George Carlin, Michael & Ronnie Kelapire, Jeanne Trotter, Michael Guglielmo, Henry Yuen, Mitchell Pitnick, Eswar Sivaraman, Christine Brennan, Anthony DelGatto, Ray Gaudio Mr. & Mrs. Janicek, Bree Janicek

Mayor Parente stated that this is Marie Hausner's last meeting as Village Clerk and introduced new Village Clerk Joanna Palumbo.

The meeting commenced with two public hearings: 1. To consider the adoption of a local law to add a chapter to the Village Code with respect to short term rentals. 2. To consider the adoption of a local law amending section 109-20 of the Village Code entitled "clear sight triangle" in order to address the concern of trees and other vegetative growth obstructing the view of motor vehicle operators on corner lots. A verbatim transcript of said hearings are on file in the office of the village clerk.

RESOLUTION #2023-1 A RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL LAW NO 2023-1 TO ADD A CHAPTER TO THE VILLAGE CODE WITH RESPECT TO SHORT TERM RENTALS AND A SEQRA TYPE II NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SAID ACTION

On the motion Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye" the Board approved Local Law No. 2023-1 to add a chapter to the Village Code with respect to short term rentals and a SEQRA Type II Negative Declaration for said Action.

RESOLUTION #2023-2 A RESOLUTION APPROVING LOCAL LAW NO 2023-2 AMENDING SECTION 109-20 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED "CLEAR-SIGHT TRIANGLE TO ADDRESS THE CONCERN OF THE TREES AND OTHER VEGETATIVE GROWTH OBSTRUCTING THE VIEW OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS ON CORNER LOTS AND SEQRA TYPE II NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SAID ACTION

On the motion Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye" the Board approved Local Law No. 2023-2 amending section 109-20 of the Village Code entitled "Clear sight triangle" in order to

address the concern of trees and other vegetative growth obstructing the view of motor vehicle operators on corner lots and a SEQRA Type II Negative Declaration for said Action.

On the motion of Trustee Lark, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente, and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2022.

On the motion of Trustee Gallo, seconded by Mayor Parente, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the abstract of claims for December 2022.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

MAYOR BONNIE L.S. PARENTE

Mayor Parente stated she attended two Eagle Scout ceremonies over the past weekend. One of the recipients constructed the game board tables on the village green.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE

Deputy Mayor Dunne stated that the Library continues its many programs such as an upcoming event for Rubber Ducky Day.

The Library is looking for youths who are looking to volunteer for community service hours.

The Recreation Committee is still looking for a person to chair the committee, as well as volunteers for the committee.

Sean Dunn has stated that he is working to schedule a tent party, dog show and car show sometime in May or early June.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

The Village Justice Court for December 2022 reported 17 parking violations, one moving violation and no village code violations, with \$1,225.00 total fines collected, \$404.00 in New York State surcharges.

The East Williston Senior Group will meet on Thursday, January 19th, 2023 at 1pm. Sandwiches will be served. The next group meeting will be February 16th at 1pm.

TRUSTEE JAMES LARK

Trustee Lark stated that the East Williston Little League registration is now open.

There will be a fundraiser for the 12U Wildcats on March 3, 2023.

The Department of Public Works received the new tractor it purchased, and a new employee Hunter Nathan started today.

Trustee Lark noted that the Beautification Committee is still looking for more volunteers who can do work both inside and outside of the village hall.

Trustee Lark stated that the department of public works is awaiting delivery of its new tractor.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY GALLO

Trustee Gallo stated that the East Williston Fire Department answered a total of 12 calls during the month of December 2022: six general alarms, three mutual aid calls to neighboring fire departments and three EMS calls.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The police report for December 2022 stated two auto accidents, five aided cases, no reports of burglaries, robberies, two larcenies and one criminal mischief. No moving violations and two parking violations were issued..

The village office will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Discussion about the proposed dog run at Devlin Field (a Gold Project by Girl Scout Bree Janicek) took place.

Mrs. Kelapire stated that she wanted more information about the location of the proposed dog park. She expressed concern of all of the work the Beautification Committee has undertaken over the years to make the village look beautiful.

Residents questions included:

- Who will take care of the park
- Will taxpayer funds be used for the park
- What other locations were investigated
- Who can use the park (will it be for residents only)
- Types of dogs permitted in the park
- Liability incurred by the village for having a dog run
- Concern about being too close to the tennis courts, with balls flying around.
- Concern that the village does not have the resources for a dog run, since the Department of Public Works is already over burdened

- Concern about irresponsible dog owners using the park and not abiding by the rules
- The size of the fence (and problems that may be caused with the open litigation between the East Williston School District and the Village of East Williston)

A resident spoke about the work National Grid has been doing on both Derby Street and Hewlett Drive. The patches and lack of communication has been disconcerting.

Mayor Parente has been in constant contact with representatives from National Grid and have implored them to be more forthcoming with information.

Ray Gaudio asked that the village ban landscapers who are not licensed in the village from working within the village and asked that the village seize their equipment. They are also using equipment that exceeds the decibel levels and should be fined for that infraction.

Mr. Gaudio wanted the use of all gas powered equipment by commercial landscapers banned in the village.

A resident stated that it is impractical for landscapers to use electric equipment, since the charge of the equipment does not last that long, and would hinder their work if they had multiple properties to service.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the landscapers who have been issued appearance tickets have appeared in court. The homeowners also have been served with violations.

Mrs. Hausner noted that a couple of contractors who do not have licenses have been sent court appearance tickets via certified mail and regular mail, but the envelopes have come back as undeliverable, even though the address for the contractor was printed on the landscaping trucks.

Trustee Dunne stated that when the board originally implemented the change in the landscaper law to ban the use of gas powered equipment on Saturdays from May 1 to October 31, the intent was not to put undue hardship on residents.

Mayor Parente stated that the board will revisit the issue again.

A resident stated that before the Board considers changes and further bans, it should consider alternatives, as everything is going to have an impact with any new changes implemented.

John Ferro noted that the charging of electric equipment needs to be considered due to the use of lithium batteries in this equipment and some people use the wrong charger. This has caused fires

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Ronnie Kelapire asked if the village will be putting up new windscreens in the tennis courts.

Trustee Dunne stated that this will be done in the spring, as the village wanted the tennis court resurfacing project completed before the screens are installed.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Dunne, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Approved by the BOT 2/13/2023