

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Deputy Mayor, Trustee Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees James L. Iannone, Anthony Casella, Village Attorney Steven Leventhal, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman.

Excused from meeting: Trustee Christopher Siciliano, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff.

Also present: Emily Willis, Patrick Theodore, Carla Strauss, Carol Bartali, Michael Guglielmo, Philip and Maureen Chappo, Evan, Luke and Kyle Eberlein (Boy Scouts present from Troop 200 attending meeting for Citizenship badges).

Mayor Tanner stated that Trustee Siciliano was excused from the meeting due the birth of his granddaughter.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of December 11, 2017.

On the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Iannone, and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of January 2, 2018.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the abstract of claims December 2017 as follows: 20170361 - 20170390.

Chief Patrick Theodore presented the report for the East Williston Fire Department for December 2017. The department responded to a total of 26 calls during the month: one general alarm, 15 EMS calls, and nine mutual aid calls to neighboring departments and one auto accident.

The Chief stated that Operation Santa 2018 was a great success. The members made 115 stops. The Department appreciated the assistance of the Recreation Committee.

Trustee Iannone added his thanks to residents for their generous contributions of canned food, supplies and toys for the Mary Brennan Inn in Hempstead and the St. Christopher Ottillie Home in Sea Cliff. He was especially grateful to those who contributed without expecting anything in return.

Trustee Parente stated that public works did a great job clearing the snow, and asked if hydrants were kept clear of snow.

Chief Theodore implored residents to ensure that their house numbers are clearly displayed on the front of their homes. This aids in an expeditious response during an emergency. The precious minutes saved in correctly identifying a premises could save a life during a critical emergency.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente reported that the East Williston Senior Group will meet on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 1pm to enjoy a performance by the Golden Age Chinese Dance Group. Refreshments will be served.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano was excused from the meeting. No public works report was given.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

Trustee Iannone stated that the East Williston Fire Department is always in need of new members. It is always a worthwhile endeavor to join the organization which helps the community.

He also reminded residents to check their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms to ensure they are in working order.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY CASELLA

Trustee Casella presented the Justice Court report for December 2017. There were 12 parking violations, four moving violations and no Village ordinance violations totaling \$600.00 in total fines collected, and \$0 in New York State surcharges.

The Recreation Committee report advises that yoga classes continue on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11am and gentle yoga classes take place on

Wednesdays from 5:45 – 7:15pm. Come Play with Me classes will commence in February. The day of the week has not yet been set.

Winter art classes at the Little Art Studio at 460 Sagamore Avenue began on January 6th. Fliers for all activities can be obtained in the lobby.

Library Director Emily Willis reported that that the Library held a property assessment workshop with North Hempstead Receiver of Taxes Charles Berman. 32 attendees were present. A defensive driving class will be held on January 27, 2018 from 9:30-3:30pm. The new library hours are 10am-6pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday. 10am to 7:30pm on Thursdays. 10am to 3pm on Saturdays. The Library distributed surveys to residents to get a feeling from residents what they want from their library.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that three Boy Scouts were present at the meeting this evening to obtain their Citizen Involvement badges, by witnessing government meetings and participation.

The Mayor asked residents Philip Chappo and Michael Guglielmo if they had any issues they wanted to bring up for the scouts to witness, such as the proposed fencing around the North Side School.

Both Mr. Chappo and Mr. Guglielmo had nothing to share at that time.

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BONNIE KREISMAN

The following building permits were issued in December 2018: 14 Ridge Road, construction of addition, interior renovations and new portico. 71 High Street, installation of an HVAC system.

The Nassau County Police Department report for December 2017 was not received in time for the meeting this evening. It was noted that the Clerk contacted the precinct to see why reports have not been forwarded.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the residents.

Michael Guglielmo questioned the issue of youths congregating at the train station pavilion and the park, as he has not heard anything about this recently.

Mayor Tanner stated that nothing is happening at this time. The Village reached out to the schools and parents to advise of the problem. He felt that the issue has been

subsided because of the cold weather, but will begin again in the spring. He noted that the police are reluctant to issue citations.

Patrick Theodore added that for youths under 16, only a juvenile report can be issued, which basically is a ride to the precinct and a phone call made to the parents of the youth to pick their child up.

Mr. Guglielmo stated that he has been a resident for 15 years. He noted that this summer and in December while driving on Roslyn Road, he has been passed by drivers crossing the double yellow line five times.

Mayor Tanner stated that Roslyn Road has become a major north/south route seeing an increase in traffic in recent years.

Patrick Theodore stated that if a driver is not a resident, they may not be aware that the speed limit is 30 miles per hour.

Trustee Iannone stated that this type of driving behavior is not limited to Roslyn Road, as he sees this on Willis Avenue quite often.

Mayor Tanner stated that the location was studied, and it was shown that one sign is enough to slow people down.

Michael Guglielmo thought that more signs should be installed.

Mayor Tanner stated that the original speed sign was obtained from a grant from the Town of North Hempstead. The Village will need to investigate the costs involved in obtaining more signs.

Patrick Theodore stated when he was younger, he was pulled over by the "POP" cop who usually stationed himself on Roslyn Road. Perhaps have a police presence may make a difference.

Mayor Tanner stated that times have changed, and the police may not be available to provide that kind of coverage.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.