

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:30 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, Christopher Siciliano, James Iannone, Anthony J. Casella, Treasurer Michael Delury, Bonnie Kreisman, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff.

Trustee Parente was contacted by a resident who was asking if the Village could limit the days landscapers use motorized equipment to week days, citing noise on Saturdays. She asked Bobby Shannon about this issue and he said that he instructs the workers of his roofing business not to use power tools on Saturdays.

Trustee Iannone felt limiting landscape work to weekdays is arbitrary, noting that his landscaper comes to his home on Thursdays.

Mayor Tanner observed that some people work on Saturdays and are off on certain weekdays, so they too may have complaints about a procedure limiting work on Saturdays. He urged residents with noise complaints to attend a regular Board meeting to express their concerns.

Mayor Tanner asked Trustee Casella if he felt that there are more landscapers working in the Village than years ago when he was Mayor. Trustee Casella felt that more residents are hiring landscape companies than in the past.

The Board discussed the replacement of sidewalks that were illegally removed at 10 and 14 Sumter Avenue.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that he has two quotes provided for the work. He will be sending out a letter to the residents that the Village will be undertaking the work to restore the sidewalks and what the cost will be to the residents.

Mayor Tanner noted that he saw an invoice in the claims to be signed for the five fire hydrants replaced. Since only four were replaced at this time, he asked that public works ensure that the fifth hydrant be delivered and stored at the garage until it is installed in the spring.

The Board discussed the draft letter to the East Williston School Board prepared by residents Philip Chappo, Rita Botensten and Michael Braitto regarding proposed fencing around the North Side School.

Trustee Parente spoke with School Board President Michael Kamberg who advised that the district is not doing anything with regard to a fence until they hear back from the ad hoc committee. She also spoke with Mike Braitto who felt the letter is premature, and only wanted a “one line” letter, listing items that needed to be known for the reasons of installing fencing.

Trustees Siciliano, Iannone and Casella agreed.

Mayor Tanner stated that the fencing is not the Village of East Williston’s purview or issue.

Trustee Siciliano added that he felt that meeting with members of the school board may be a better alternative to a letter. Perhaps the Village could ask to see what the District submitted to Albany with regard to improvements to North Side.

Mayor Tanner said he will place a call to the District.

The Board agreed to hold off on sending a letter at this time.

The Board discussed the draft contract with RealTerm Energy for replacement LED lighting in the Village.

The Board went over the chart for “commencement and completion” of the work (item 2 in the contract).

Mayor Tanner asked how the Board wanted to handle the public information to residents.

Trustee Parente felt that the information and meetings should take place after the GIS audit is completed, but before the purchasing of fixtures.

Trustee Siciliano felt that getting a couple of lights installed is important so residents can see the physical lighting element and light emitted. Perhaps one light can be installed in each quadrant.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that 2.3 of the agreement addresses the “pilot project”.

Mayor Tanner felt that installing one light on a “quiet” street and one on a “busy” street may be a better example of the lighting.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the Board should wait to do anything further until he gets the marked up agreement back from Paul Vesel of RealTerm.

The Board said they wanted to go with the “open book” option in the contract.

On another note, a couple of the new lights installed on East Williston Avenue are not working. The invoice will not be paid until everything is in working order.

Mayor Tanner asked if there was a guaranty on the work by Albertson Electric. This information will be checked on.

Mr. Blinoff stated that he has left a message with the attorney of Worldwide Security about the proposed contract sent to the Village. He noted there were too many differences between the proposal approved by the Board and the agreement sent subsequently. He was waiting for the attorney to call back.

Mayor Tanner spoke with John Mirando of Long Beach, and asked that Mike Delury contact him to try and obtain a copy of the agreement between Long Beach and Worldwide.

Trustee Siciliano stated that four hydrants were replaced last week at Wheatley Avenue and Gertrude Place and School Street and Meritoria Drive. A final hydrant on High Street will be replaced in the spring.

Trustee Siciliano stated that an incident occurred in the library last week where a person became physically confrontational with library staff and verbally disruptive in the village hall lobby. The police were called, but the individual left the building before they arrived. It appeared the person may have had mental issues.

Mr. Blinkoff spoke with library director Emily Willis telling her to contact the New York State Library Association which may aid the library in setting up rules and guidelines for computer usage and library conduct. He added that when the policy is set, it should be posted for patrons to see.

Trustee Sicilano relayed that the staff wanted some type of security guard.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that since the library staff is employed as library personnel, they are not hired to work as security guards.

Trustee Iannone asked if the library has a panic button.

Mrs. Hausner advised that both the library and the village office have panic buttons, however she was able to call 911 and the police arrived within five minutes.

Mayor Tanner asked that Mr. Blinkoff meet with the library board about this subject.

Mr. Delury stated that the budgeted amount for the village's contribution to the New York State Retirement System was lower than the amount billed this year to East Williston. He was asking for a resolution by the Board to adjust the 2017-2018 budget accordingly.

RESOLUTION #2018- 1 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO THE 2017-2018 BUDGET FOR RETIREMENT ACCOUNT LINE 9010-0800.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved a budget adjustment to the 2017-2018 budget for retirement account 9010-0800 to increase the retirement account from \$50,000 to \$54,235, and reduce the contingency account from \$25,000 to \$20,765 (account 1990-0400).

Trustee Parente relayed concerns conveyed to her by a few residents about youths operating ATV's on village streets. The Village code prohibits the use of ATV's in parks, but does not address the use of these vehicles on streets.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the use of ATV's is addressed in New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. The vehicles must be registered and insured to be operated on streets. If residents have complaints, they should call 911.

The Board asked that an email blast be sent out about the use of ATV's, citing the NYSVTL, and advising residents witnessing the use on streets to call 911.

Mayor Tanner asked how the tentative 2018-2019 tax roll was coming along.

Ms. Kreisman advised that Mark Davella was still working on building permits and the information will be forthcoming. She added that letters had just been sent out about SCAR hearings from the courts.

Mayor Tanner reminded the office staff that he still wanted a copy of the tentative roll placed in the library, and that letters be sent to those whose assessments increased over two percent, basically doing all the things that have been done in past years.

Mayor Tanner stated that he had received designs for the village entrance stanchions from Jared Mandel, he was awaiting some revisions from him and would discuss at some time in the future.

Mayor Tanner questioned the installation of new remote meters.

Ms. Kreisman stated that approximately 55 new meters have been installed, but are behind in the requests that have come into the village. She wanted to speak to the company that installed the new meters in North Side School, Wheatley House and the Wheatley Hills Golf Club, as they can perform up to 50 installations per day. She wanted to see what the cost would be for each installation.

Trustee Siciliano stated that there was some concern about the public works department installing meters in homes where they had to drill a hole through the home to the outside to install the transmitter/sensor (where no cellular service exists in a basement). Since the Sachs (the company that installed the larger meters mentioned previously) has experience in this, they would do a good job at the installation, where public works does not have the same expertise.

Mayor Tanner asked Ms. Kreisman to obtain installation prices from Sachs Co.

Mayor Tanner inquired as to the performance of Jared Mandel as interim building inspector. Staff reported that things are working out quite well.

Mayor Tanner asked that Mr. Mandel attend the agenda meeting on January 29th.

Ms. Kreisman stated that Kerry Collins is still working on troublesome items such as the Wheatley Hills Golf Course issue, and 15 East Williston Avenue, a house in the historic district where work was done without a permit.

Mayor Tanner stated that violations should have been issued to the resident of 15 East Williston Avenue, as enough time has passed. He asked that this matter be followed up by Kerry Collins, and the resident given a deadline to produce what is needed to complete the building permit process. If compliance cannot take place, violations should be issued.

Mayor Tanner mentioned that Mr. Collins had followed through with investigation of work taking place at 11 Post Lane, which has taken an inordinately long time to complete. Mr. Collins assured him that work is proceeding on the house.

In light of the fact that Elise Campagna has procured other work, Mayor Tanner felt that someone should be hired to follow through with the building permit amnesty program for residents to close out their open building permits.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Village may be better using Mr. Collins for this work since he is familiar with the Village.

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The Mayor asked village staff to speak with Mr. Collins about performing this work. He also stated that the Village first needed to formalize the amnesty legislation before any work on this can commence.

.There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Parente, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.