

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 8:00 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 Caroline DeBenedittis, Christopher A. Siciliano, Robert M. Vella, Jr., Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: EWFD Chief Patrick Theodore, Susan Quinn, Barbara Seixas, Marcia Weiser, Nancy Kirk, Michael Guglielmo, Scott Garrigan, Rosemary Mulligan, Daniel Roper, Desmond Laffey, Ray Gaudio, Barbara Siciliano, Ellen Berkery, Connie Leonick, Michael Kelapire, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Baltzer, Marie Greico, Fred Sokol, Anne Mageau, Lynn Menz, John Azara.

The meeting commenced with a public hearing to consider proposed Local Law No. 6-2012 amending the Village Code, Chapter 11, Article II, entitled "Garage Sales". A verbatim transcript of the public hearing is on file in the office of the Village Clerk.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano. Seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Siciliano all voting "aye", and Trustee Vella recusing himself, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of September 10, 2012.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", and Trustee Parente recusing herself, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of September 24, 2012.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for September 2012. Voucher numbers 20120157-20120164 September 11, 2012. Voucher numbers 20120165 – 20120168 September 11, 2012. Voucher numbers 20120169 – 20120172 September 12, 2012. Voucher numbers 20120173 – 20120201 September 19, 2012. Voucher numbers 20120202 -20120218 September 26, 2012.

Chief Patrick Theodore presented the Fire Department report for September 2012. The Department responded to a total of 14 calls during the month. Nine fire calls, five EMS calls and no mutual aids.

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Chief Theodore stated that last night the East Williston Fire Department was honored by the Nassau Regional E.M.S. Council. The Department was recognized as Agency of the Year for a non-transporting department, and members Kevin Cramblitt, Kevin O'Donnell and Tom Devaney were also recognized for individual awards. Deputy Mayor Parente will report further on the award ceremony.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE.

Trustee Parente read the following into the minutes:

Last night, October 11, 2012, the East Williston Fire Department attended the Nassau Regional E.M.S. Council annual awards dinner, held at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. This annual event is held to recognize the outstanding achievements by individual emergency service workers and Fire, EMS, and Police agencies.

The efforts and professionalism of 73 emergency transporting agencies and 12 non-transporting emergency agencies in Nassau County are reviewed by this organization. Those that stand out for their tireless dedication to their communities and their heroic actions are acknowledged by the organization at this annual event.

We are proud to report that the East Williston Fire Department was recognized as the "Agency of The Year". This coveted distinction for excellence is the result of the hard work and commitment by the members of our fire department to our community.

Additionally, three individual members of the fire department received citations for their actions during the year. Firefighter Kevin Cramblitt was selected from over 1,000 E.M.T.'s and was awarded the "E.M.T. of the Year" for his professionalism, quick thinking, and life-saving actions that resulted in saving the life of a resident in Roslyn Heights.

☐ Firefighter Kevin O'Donnell was selected as runner up for his assistance to firefighter Cramblitt as they together applied their knowledge and skills in their life-saving actions.

☐ Captain Thomas Devaney received the "E.M.S. Leadership Award" for his role as the assertive and driving force behind the development of the East Williston Fire Department E.M.S., evolving it to the outstanding agency that is today.

Trustee Parente added that Chief Theodore is the backbone of the East Williston Fire Department and the reason why the department is as good as it is.

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

Trustee DeBenedittis presented the Library report. She stated that the Library has obtained two passes for the New York Historical Society. The passes can be taken out for two days with an East Williston Library Card. The Senior Committee will meet on Thursday, October 18th at 12:30 pm. An AARP 55 Alive driver's insurance reduction course will be held on Tuesday, October 30th from 10am to 4pm, the cost is \$17.00. On Wednesday, November 7th, a program called the "Paranormal Experience" will be hosted by the Library.

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The Library is currently displaying a collection of Civil War materials loaned by resident Ray DeStefano. Lastly, Trustee DeBenedittis thanked the Library staff and the Friends of the Library for their work on the book sale on October 6th.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella presented the Justice Court report for the month of September 2012. The court collected a total of \$1,275.00 in fines for parking and moving violations.

Trustee Vella reported the following Recreation Committee events: Movie and Game nights (residents need to sign up prior to the event; no walk-ins allowed). Fall Boot Camp, Tennis and Yoga continue, as well as the Mommy & Me program.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano informed residents that sidewalks were replaced recently where trees uprooted the slabs.

He also stated that he rode through the Village observing street lights that are out to report them to Anker's Electric, the street lighting contractor.

The Department of Public Works will flush hydrants towards the end October and at the same time perform routine maintenance on the hydrants and install the flags for the winter weather detection.

Lastly, the Village will cleaning storm drains on Downing Street, Orchard Drive and Donald Street the last week in October.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that the memorial service for September 11th was well attended by the Fire Department, scouting organizations and residents in general. It was important as a community not to forget the events of that day by holding a solemn ceremony in remembrance.

The next Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 19th as the Village office is closed on November 12th for the observance of Veterans Day.

RESOLUTION #37-2012 A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW NO. 7-2012 AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella voting "aye", the Board approved the following resolution:

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 7 of 2012 providing for an amendment to the Village Code of the Incorporated Village of East Williston ("Village") Chapter A162 "Schedule of Fees for consideration of the Board of Trustees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law at the Village Hall in the Incorporated Village of East Williston at the address of 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York, at 8:00 p.m. on November 19, 2012, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Village of said public hearing at least three days prior thereto.

Mayor Tanner administered the oath of office to Dan Roper as a member of the Historic Committee.

Mayor Tanner stated that the plans and specifications for the remediation or demolition of 8 Sumter Avenue should be ready in about four weeks.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in September 2012: 370 Congress Avenue, installation of a central air conditioning unit. 14 Donald Street, installation of a new driveway. 507 Roslyn Road, installation of a new driveway. 22 Hewlett Drive, interior renovations. 115 High Street, installation of a central air conditioning unit. 78 Weeks Road, installation of a new shed. 61 High Street, installation of a drywell. 14 Post Avenue, interior renovations.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct did not submit a report for September 2012.

No report of grants for September 2012.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Michael Baltzer asked if residents will be notified before hydrants are flushed. Trustee Siciliano stated that flyers will be sent to residents prior to the event.

Scott Garrigan stated that the Village should also paint the hydrants at the same time.

Mrs. D'Amato asked if the Belgian block curbing/sidewalk will be replaced soon, as she has a family event coming up in a few weeks and wants it repaired. She was advised that the Village will be replacing the block and slabs soon.

Desmond Laffey spoke about the large water bill the \$1,600 water bill he just received.

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He asked what the Village was doing in terms of negotiations on the price of water charged by Williston Park or trying to procure an alternate source of water. He said he was ready to install a well on his property.

Mayor Tanner stated that the current prices are too high and wants to lower them, however at this time, East Williston is a "captive audience" with Williston Park. Williston Park raised its rate to East Williston again in August from \$3.83 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.33. East Williston did not raise the rates charged to its residents this billing cycle.

Mr. Laffey stated that it appeared that Williston Park can charge any amount they wanted.

Mayor Tanner explained that two current rate studies were undertaken. Williston Park utilized the services of Dvirka and Bartilucci, and East Williston utilized Guastella Associates. He also stated that a dual rate study was undertaken in 2006-07 between Williston Park and East Williston where Guastella Associates performed the study.

The most recent Williston Park rate study performed by Dvirka & Bartilucci shifted some of Williston Park costs for maintenance of mains on East Williston. This study stated that East Williston should share in the maintenance costs for Williston Park's water mains. It should be noted that East Williston maintains its own infrastructure of mains. Williston Park provides no services towards repair or maintenance in East Williston (if a water main breaks, East Williston is solely responsible for the cost of repair).

Mayor Tanner went on to explain that many years ago, East Williston purchased water from Williston Park at a wholesale rate, approximately 75-78% of Williston Park's rate (to its customers). Williston Park's new rate adds on a 12% profit that Williston Park states they are entitled to receive. East Williston made a counter offer to them, but it was not accepted.

East Williston reached out to neighboring water suppliers (Albertson, Mineola, Old Westbury and Carle Place) to see if the Village could purchase water from one of them. All the suppliers responded back that they do not have the capacity to supply to East Williston.

East Williston has interconnections with three of these water districts. The Village may look into whether it is feasible to purchase water from all three surrounding suppliers. Issues such as backflow and pressurization of the system need to be looked at before any such arrangement could be considered as a viable option.

Mr. Laffey asked if the Village could perform a water study to construct its own well.

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Trustee Vella stated that he attended the meetings and public hearings held by Williston Park. He reiterated that the most important aspect is that East Williston is doing everything it can to try to work with Williston Park. In the meantime, he strongly urged residents to send back water cards with readings to the Village office to avoid estimated water bills, or more importantly, get an actual reading taken by Public Works personnel. If a resident does not get an actual reading on a regular basis, a "catch up" bill will be sent, and will result in a higher bill.

Trustee Vella reiterated that water administration costs, and all infrastructure costs for East Williston's system is paid for by East Williston. He questioned why East Williston should pay for Williston Park's capital fund needs for its infrastructure. He further stated that the East Williston Village Board is outraged over the charge, and is doing everything it can stop the high charges.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village is stilling working on a meter replacement program, where remote-read meters will be installed, eliminating the need for actual readings or sending in meter cards.

The Mayor also stated that since the Village does not have an agreement in place with Williston Park, it needs to formulate a plan for emergency chlorination (on East Williston's side) within its own infrastructure, should the need arise. Williston Park chlorinates the water presently. This is a compliance issue with the Nassau County Department of Health.

Trustee Vella stated that in the past, Williston Park and East Williston enjoyed a cordial business relationship. He feels the Village is being dealt with unfairly by Williston Park. Williston Park's Mayor is not willing to negotiate. They have the right to set their rates, and they have done so.

Mayor Tanner stated that the water issue is the biggest challenge that East Williston has faced since its incorporation.

Trustee Vella stated that the Board continues to investigate every available option for an alternative source of water.

Ray Gaudio stated that the next Town and Village Airline Noise and Safety Committee meeting will be held at the East Williston Village Hall on Monday, October 22, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. He stated that F.A.A. Administrator Ray LaHood may be present at the meeting, as well as Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy.

Mayor Tanner thanked Mr. Gaudio for all of his hard work on the airline noise issue.

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Scott Garrigan stated that the Village street signs need painting, and that he felt the light poles should be painted black (they are green currently).

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.