

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, October 26, 2015 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 A. Siciliano, Robert M. Vella, Jr., James L. Iannone, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Marie L. Hausner, Village Clerk.

Also present: Caroline DeBenedittis.

Caroline DeBenedittis discussed a possible fund raising event for the East Williston Fire Department. The Recreation Committee was considering have a 5k "Turkey Trot" run on the day after Thanksgiving. The public works employees would not have to be in attendance that day, they would just leave the barricades on the street corners. The Village office will have to advise the police department about the race and order the time clock from North Hempstead.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he has received information with regard to CHIPs monies to repair drainage/road issues on Titus Way and William Street. The costs will be approximately \$20,000 and \$30,000 respectively.

Trustee Siciliano stated that Nassau County completed final restoration to Ogden Avenue at Sagamore Avenue.

He informed the Board that public works planted new bushes behind the war monument on the Village Green.

Mayor Tanner asked if there was any work on the sidewalks on the south side of East Williston Avenue, west of Roslyn Road. Trustee Siciliano said he was waiting to hear from Frank Cashin on this issue.

Mayor Tanner questioned whether it would be better to replace the walkway in this area with blacktop or concrete.

Trustee Vella stated that concrete should only be considered if this was permanent replacement.

Mayor Tanner added the tree roots continue to lift the pathway. He asked that a picture be taken of the manhole/storm sewer in the area and send it to the County to see if this will be replaced as it is in disrepair.

Trustee Vella stated that besides the condition of the sidewalks, the shrubbery grows out onto the sidewalks from the homes and needs to be cut back.

Trustee Parente stated that a resident brought up the possibility of creating a “neighborhood watch”, as a result of the recent burglaries that have taken place in the Village.

Mayor Tanner stated that a few years back, a previous Board looked into instituting an auxiliary police unit. At that time, while the Board was interested however, the community did not show an interest.

Trustee Parente said that given current circumstances, perhaps an independent neighborhood watch group may better suit the needs of the Village.

Trustee Vella stated that as a practical issue, a neighborhood watch group could be dicey, as the patrolling individuals would be required to call the authorities if something is found to be suspicious, and not take matters into their own hands or intervene on their own.

Mayor Tanner stated that perhaps the Village should hire a private security company for a short time to ride around the Village and look for suspicious activity. He asked the Clerk to get prices from some firms.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the Village should check with its insurer about a neighborhood watch group to see if it is covered if the group is under the auspices of the Village.

Trustee Parente asked about the finishing of the basement so that the seniors group can use the media room.

Ms. Kreisman stated that the grant for shelving had been received by Court Clerk Susan Egan, and that they were waiting for Michael Daw to install it so the basement can be finished.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board should be apprised of this and that this work should be completed. The Village should not have to wait for a particular contractor’s schedule to be freed up for completion of this work.

Trustee Vella stated that the Village Court was requesting a change in court dates commencing January 2016. Judge Sperber is involved with a group that meets in conflict with Village Court dates.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village has an Associate Village Justice and he can preside on dates Judge Sperber cannot attend however, he was not opposed to changing the court dates.

Trustee Vella stated that it may be a good idea to have court dates on days other than Tuesdays as some people may not be able to attend on a Tuesday, but may be able to re-schedule for a Wednesday.

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2015 A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW VILLAGE JUSTICE COURT DATES FOR 2016.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board approved a resolution to set the court dates for 2016 as follows: January 13, February 16, March 9, April 19, May 11, June 21, September 20, October 12 and November 15. Court is not held in July, August and December.

Michael Delury updated the Board on various issues:

CHIPs monies: the Village was advised by the New York State Department of Transportation that the Village has approximately \$131,000 in funds available through May 31, 2016.

FEMA: FEMA reimbursement has been received by the Village for Hurricane Sandy. The Village expects to receive approximately \$2,000.00 more.

Ms. Hausner stated that she and Mr. Delury met with FEMA representative last week who were seeking further information from the Village for paid claims that they previously had not asked to receive.

Building permits exceeded budget expectations last year.

Financial Statements: Mr. Delury reviewed the draft audited financial statements for FYE 5/31/15 received from Skinnon & Faber. The documents were forwarded to Mayor Tanner and Jeffrey Blinkoff for review. Exclusive of the payments in the Muzio matter, the Village had a \$160,00.00 surplus for the fiscal year ended 5/31/15.

Mayor Tanner asked the Clerk to place the approval of the audited financial statements on the Agenda for November 9, 2015.

Disaster Recover (information technology): The office is working to finalize the plan which includes purchasing a computer and have the Village's technician install auto backup feed and installation of the internet.

Ms. Kreisman stated that the price of the "Cloud" through Amazon is \$60 and the setup will be performed by the Village's technician. The software program will also be installed the technician.

Mr. Delury stated that pursuant to the suggested of the New York State Comptroller's office, the Board needs to approve a resolution designating an alternate computer worksite, for the Village.

RESOLUTION NO. 37-2015 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN OFF-SITE COMPUTER WORK SITE FOR THE VILLAGE AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE VILLAGE CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1000.00.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board designated an off-site computer work site for the Village at the residence of the Village Clerk or the Deputy Clerk at a cost not to exceed \$1000.00.

Lastly, Mr. Delury stated that the closing on the bond financing will take place on Friday, October 30th. Four bids were received and the financing is for seven years.

Mayor Tanner asked that the inventory of stop signs in the Village be noted and placed in the file. It was his understanding that Superintendent of Public Works James Bailey undertook this survey.

Trustee Parente asked about the property at 216 Auburn Street. She was advised that Robert Campagna will be meeting with a real estate agent and an interested person on Wednesday about the property. The property has been advertised for sale as a "knock down".

Trustee Vella stated that work at 197 Glenmore Street seems to be taking a great deal of time to complete.

Ms. Kreisman stated that she will confirm the date of the building permit and advise the Board. She noted that Mr. Campagna and Mr. Blinkoff are composing a letter to the homeowner about the work on the property. Mr. Campagna will be meeting with the homeowner and architect on Wednesday. While the permit is only a few months old, she stated that the contractor is unfamiliar with working in Nassau County and that there is a substantial language barrier.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that he is in receipt of a proposed contract with the MTA/Long Island Rail Road to construct a Fire Department memorial across from the firehouse. They are looking for compensation of \$150.00 a year and for the Village to supply certain insurances for use of the property.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that he had sent a photo of the area, along with a rendering of what the memorial will look like.

The Board felt that the MTA/LIRR presented a “boiler plate” contract to the Village.

Mayor Tanner asked that Mr. Blinkoff again forward the photograph to the MTA for them to see the exact size of the property.

Mayor Tanner said he too, would contact a person who he knows at the MTA to see what can be done.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting “aye”, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss potential litigation at 8:50pm.

The Board reconvened at 9:20pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2015 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE SEQR NOTICE OF INTENT TO BECOME LEAD AGENCY IN THE MATTER OF CONSTRUCTION OF A PROPOSED POTABLE WATER WELL.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting “aye”, the Board authorized the Mayor to sign the SEQR Notice of Intent to Become Lead Agency, in the matter of construction of a proposed potable water well.

Trustee Siciliano advised the Board that he and James Bailey met with the resident of 146 Charles Street. The resident is requesting that a Village tree in front of the home be cut down because the roots are extending onto the property causing an uneven surface. He wanted the Board to be aware, as the Village does not cut down healthy trees. It was suggested that top soil be placed on the lawn to even out the surface. The property owner did not want to do this. Trustee Siciliano asked Mr. Blinkoff to find out what liability the Village has with an issue such as this.

The Board said that this should be told to the homeowner again, and agreed that healthy trees are not removed in the Village.

The Board set the annual tree light on the Village Green for Friday, December 4th at 7pm.

Michael Delury advised the Board that it needs to approve the services of the actuarial firm, USI Consulting for the GASB 45 actuarial study for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018. The cost is the same as that undertaken in 2013 (\$3,900).

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2015 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USI CONSULTING TO PREPARE THE GASB 45 ACTUARIAL STUDY FOR THE YEARS 2016, 2017 AND 2018 AT A COST OF \$3,900.00 .

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board authorized the USI Consulting to prepare the GASB 45 actuarial study for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 at a cost of \$3,900.00.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm.