

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BUSINESS MEETING /WORK SESSION
VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
October 28, 2024

A business meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston, New York, was held in Village Hall, at 2 Prospect Street, on Monday, October 28, 2024. The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:03pm. Mayor Parente, Deputy Mayor Gallo and Trustees Dunne, & Iannone were present. Trustee Vaidya was excused. Also present were East Williston Fire Chief Batterson & Commissioner Pat Theodore, Scott Cunningham (Village Treasurer), Elissa Jansen (Deputy Clerk) and Joanna Palumbo (Village Clerk) were also present.

General topics discussed included:

- Mechanic Contract for Fire Department vehicles. Counsel asked Village Clerk to send the contract to the insurer for coverage confirmation.
- Library and Village Hall security upgrades and modifications.
 - secure the library entrance French doors using a magnetic mechanism- also add shades to the doors. Contact Wireman for suggestions and estimates.
 - replace the library office door with a safety door (Sabrina Scarantino obtaining an estimate)
- Optimum/Altice tested the internet bandwidth in Village Hall and fixed it with a new router
- New streetlights were installed on Lee Avenue (near the park) and School Street by Anker Electric
- Williston Park Safety Community Forum was well attended by both communities. Mayor Parente & Trustee Iannone both attended. The new Inspector gave a great presentation.
- The Ragamuffin parade was attended by primarily East Williston residents, some of which expressed a desire to get involved with village committees such as beautification.
- Going to re-bid the tree work after only getting one bid last time.
- Memorial Day flag project / fundraiser
- Village audit will ultimately cost the village more than \$40,000.00 due to bad accounting practices by former employees.
- Move all sign-ups for events, including library events, to RecDesk no later than June 1.
- Squatter prevention law / Zombie house procedures.
- Tag sale applications / permits discarded
- Purchasing a cordless leaf blower and water tank for beautification committee.

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve the estimate from Amport Design & Construction to repair the pavers adjacent to the Toddler Park on Prospect Street in the amount of \$2,250.00 was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees approve the change order from Amport Design & Construction for the repairs to the second collapsing storm drain on the north side Bengeyfield Drive in the

amount of \$10,895.00 was made by Deputy Mayor Gallo, seconded by Mayor Parente. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees schedule a public hearing to consider a local law amending Village Code Chapter 148 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, at article V entitled “Miscellaneous Provisions”, to add a new section 148-19 to be entitled “Crosswalk Installation, East Williston Avenue for November 13, 2024 was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees authorize the Village Clerk to send notice letters to owners, tenants or occupants of properties appearing to be abandoned, unsafe or not maintained as required by the Village Code was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

It was noted that fees for water use were to be set by resolution of the Board as per a local law approved in 1988, that the Board then set forth a plan for rates of payment for water and costs associated with the installation of meter reading technology thereafter and that the Board then determined by local law approved in November, 2023 that all fees, including those for water within the Village would be set by resolution of the Board, and as such a motion that the Board of Trustees ratify the water rates set and costs associated with the installation of water meter reading technology was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Deputy Mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to close the public meeting was made at 8:16pm by Trustee Iannone, seconded by Deputy mayor Gallo. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Minutes by: Joanna E. Palumbo, Village Clerk
Dated: 10/1/2024

Approved by the BOT on: November 13, 2024