

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 8:00 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, Caroline DeBenedittis, Christopher Siciliano, Robert M. Vella, Jr., Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Daniel Cramblitt, Patrick Theodore, Susan Corsello, Barbara Seixas, Carla Strauss, Marcia Weiser, James J. Daw, Jr., Mildred Clinton, Connie Leonick, James Sandquist, Carol Bertali, Michael Guglielmo.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Vella all voting "aye" and Trustee Siciliano recusing himself, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2014.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the agenda meeting of October 27, 2014.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for October 2014 as follows: 20140174 – 20140249.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente reported that the East Williston Fire Department hosted the first graders from the North Side School in October, presenting a program on fire safety for Fire Prevention Week.

The Fire Department's annual inspection will take place on Saturday, November 15th at 11:00 a.m.

Lastly, the Fire Department will be sponsoring Operation Santa again this year. Fliers about the program will be mailed out in the beginning of December.

Trustee Parente stated that she will be finishing out her term as Deputy Mayor/Trustee, as her run for North Hempstead Town Council was not successful. She thanked everyone for their support.

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

The Recreation Committee held the annual ragamuffin parade on October 24th. Trustee DeBenedittis thanked Kristin Ianone and the members of the Committee for all of their hard work on the event.

The pillow case sewing event was held on a recent Saturday for the first time. More volunteers took part in the activities and 100 pillow cases were sewn for children with cancer.

Fliers for winter activities will be mailed out in a few weeks.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella reported that the Justice Court collected a total of \$4,789.00 in fines from 19 violations in October 2014. The violations consisted of 16 parking violations, two moving violations and one Village ordinance violation. The New York State surcharge amounted to \$354.00.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Department of Public Works has resumed planting trees during the fall and planting will end just prior to Thanksgiving. The Village recently had to remove several large trees around the Village pursuant to the direction of the Village arborist.

He stated that bio-degradable leaf bags are available at the Village office for the disposal of yard waste (one package per household). If a resident chooses to use their own black bags, orange “yard waste” identifying decals are also available at the Village Hall.

Trustee Siciliano reminded residents to report street light outages to the Village office.

East Williston Fire Chief Daniel Cramblitt reported that the Department responded to a total of 13 calls during the month of October 2014. There were eight EMS calls, two motor vehicle accidents and three mutual aid calls to neighboring departments.

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Library Director Susan Corsello presented the Library report. The adult book sale will continue until November 13th. A children's book sale will take place in the spring.

Village resident Margaret Casella is displaying her artwork and photography from the Still Life in Black and White competition.

The daytime book club will be discussing "The Song of the Lark" and the evening book club will be discussing "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats".

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner announced that the annual Veteran's Day ceremony will take place tomorrow on the Village Green at 11:15 am.

The annual tree lighting ceremony will take place on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Mayor Tanner asked Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff to update those present about 8 Sumter Avenue. Mr. Blinkoff stated that the Muzio's have gone back to court again to stay the demolition of the structures on the property. The judge has granted a temporary stay. The Muzio's have stated that the buyers of the property are not sure if they are going to renovate the house or demolish the structures. It is the Board's decision to move forward with the demolition when the judge renders a final decision.

If the property is sold, there cannot be any lag in time before the buyer must render the structures safe and remove all vermin from said structures.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that he has gotten sense that the Court has had enough of this case. The judge stated that to the Muzio's that their time is limited. Mr. Blinkoff has made it clear to the judge that the Village needs to resolve the matter which has gone on for a very long time.

Mrs. Strauss asked if the court ordered stay have a set number of days attached to the order. Mr. Blinkoff replied that there are no set number of days for the stay to be in place.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village is pushing this matter as much as possible in this matter.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in October 2014: 44 Moratoria Drive, construction of a rear addition and front portico. 26 Sumter Avenue, renovation of a

Bathroom. 150 Charles Street installation of a central air conditioning unit and interior alterations. 377 Andrews Road, removal of an in-ground pool. 19 East Williston Avenue, replacement of an in-ground pool.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct reported the following activity in the month of September 2014: One report of burglary at 413 Congress Avenue. Traffic tickets served: No parking violations and five moving violations were issued. There were three auto accidents and no auto injuries were reported.

The clerk stated that the Village office will be closed tomorrow for Veterans Day and Thursday, November 25th and 26th in observance of Thanksgiving.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

James Daw questioned the very large oak tree that was removed from Downing Street a week or so ago. He stated that when he viewed the tree, he found that only a small section of the tree showed signs of rot (about the size of a foot). He felt it should not have been removed.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village's arborist had examined the tree and determined it had to come down.

Trustee Siciliano added that the arborist advised that due to the rotting of the tree, the roots could not be cut (due to the repair of the sidewalk), as it would compromise the integrity of the tree. He agreed it was a beautiful old tree, but there was no choice, as leaving it in place would compromise safety.

Mrs. Strauss asked if the North Side School had received permits to remove the trees on their property and if they planned on adding more parking lots. The Board advised her that they had obtained permits, but will be replacing trees in the spring.

Mr. Guglielmo stated that in early October, he had sent an email asking that the Village be mindful of the East Williston School District calendar when scheduling Village events and meetings., adding that the annual tree lighting ceremony falls on the night of the Willets Road School parent-teacher night.

Trustee Parente stated that the Board does consult with the School calendar when scheduling meetings and events however, there aren't enough days on the calendar to be able to avoid an event on the School calendar. The Board members also have to consult with their own schedules to enable a quorum to be present when scheduling a meeting or hearing.

A member of the audience asked about the upcoming water hearing on November 13th. Trustee Vella stated that the Board will present and address the entire topic that night, but stated this has been the most important topic for the Village for the last three years. He added that the Village is at a crossroad. On the night of the meeting, the Board and engineers will try to give as much information in as accurate a manner as possible. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Mayor Tanner stated that constructing a Village water supply has been a huge decision for the Board, adding that the Board worked very hard on all aspects of the water issue. Experts will be present on November 13th to answer questions. Much of the information is very detailed.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.