

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2012**  
**AGENDA MEETING**

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, November 15, 2012 at 7:30p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Bonnie Parente, Caroline DeBenedittis, Robert M. Vella, Jr., Christopher Siciliano Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman.

The Board approved the purchase of an additional cellular phone to be assigned to the DPW liaison.

Jack Giunta has requested a Leave of Absence. A replacement needs to found.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano, and Vella all voting "aye", the Board approved the acceptance by the East Williston Public Library of a \$5,000 bequest, from the Patrick Estate.

Trustee Siciliano reported that initial contact with NYS DOT was promising and that we would be able to get their assistance in storm debris cleanup. Trustee Siciliano will follow up with NYS DOT to ascertain details and timing.

The Board discussed whether the holiday lighting should be as in prior years or whether to change Village Hall lighting to the upper eaves only and whether to include the DPW building. Estimates for installation have been requested.

The Annual Tree lighting will be on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Trustee DeBenedittis requested an email notification be sent to residents reminding them of the presentation of a Christmas Carol.

Trustee Siciliano requested that benefits be provided for DPW laborer TJ (Anthony) Brussich. Mayor Tanner stated that Trustee Siciliano should check with the Village Clerk to ascertain whether the probationary period had ended.

The Board entered Executive mode at 8:10 pm. The Agenda meeting resumed at 8:25 pm.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano, and Vella all voting "aye", the Board authorized and

with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano, and Vella all voting “aye”, the Board approved the Mayor Tanner to sign an Inter municipal agreement (IMA) with the Town of North Hempstead Solid Waste Management Authority to provide for storm debris disposal.

Trustee Parente reported on the FEMA meeting she had attended earlier today including:

- Superstorm Sandy & the Nor’easter to be combined as one storm
- The official emergency declaration date is October 30 but any preparatory work starting October 27 can be included; Fire Department time is also included
- There is a 6 month period to complete emergency work, however an extension can be requested so long as progress can be shown
- Hazard Mitigation improvements can be included

Trustee Parente will submit complete notes to the Board.

The renovation to the DPW garage, for the antique truck, needs to go out to public bid. Marie Hausner and Rob Campagna to put together bid packages.

Trustee Siciliano reported that National Grid has requested a reduced road opening permit fee for gas meter replacement program. Trustee Siciliano will contact National Grid to ascertain the expected number of road openings and to request a flat road opening permit fee amount from them.

Trustee Siciliano reported that Bob Borra will provide a cost estimate, in two days, to tie the Village Hall into the generator.

Discussion arose regarding the “free-for-all” of tree removal companies, post-storm. Jeff Blinkoff will submit changes to the Village Code Landscaper definition to include tree services.

Trustee DeBenedittis suggested creating a Volunteer – block/Quadrant Coordinator program. Mayor Tanner request that she frame out the concept/program.

The Board agreed to have the Village Clerk begin the process to “rebid” the Sanitation Contract.

Mayor Tanner announced changes to the liaison assignments.

Trustee Parente reminded the Board of the Fire Department inspection on November 17, 2012 at 11 a.m.

Jeff Blinkoff clarified that the Village Assessor’s concerns regarding exemptions are administrative in nature.

The Board requested a reassessment of the Wheatley House condos, based on a recent sale.

The Deputy Clerk will contact Former Mayor Casella, to ascertain his recollection regarding modified tax exemptions.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting “aye”, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.