

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**AGENDA MEETING**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014**

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, November 24, 2014 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, Caroline DeBenedittis, Christopher A. Siciliano, Robert Vella, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Village Treasurer Michael Delury.

Also present: Patrick Theodore, Joseph Fabrizio, Paul Walters, William McLean.

Patrick Theodore asked if the Board had made a decision on proposed work for a new radio room.

Trustee Parente stated that the Board needed to receive further information before any further action can proceed: 1. Feedback from Building Inspector Robert Campagna with regard to the proposed room. 2. A list of pros and cons as to locating the room on the first or second call.

Trustee Parente (along with Trustee DeBenedittis) preferred the radio room be placed on the first floor however; there is no room for an updated radio room on the first floor.

Chief Theodore stated that the present radio room is not functional with the updated equipment installed.

Commissioner McLean felt that the second floor is the only alternative.

Commissioner Walters said he is still weighing in on his opinion for the location of the radio room.

Trustee Parente said what is needed is a summary page with costs of each location, upstairs vs. downstairs.

Chief Theodore stated that the Fire Department received a proposal from one company in the amount of \$50,000 for the equipment, but this amount does not include construction of the actual room.

Mayor Tanner added that this project will need to be put out for bid.

Mayor Tanner stated that JSK, Inc. (“The Grant Guys”) should be reminded to come before the Board of Trustees prior to applying for any grant.

Mr. Delury stated that the Village receives SAFER Grant notifications from the Department of Homeland Security. He also noted that he has applied for various grants at other local governments for which he was employed (NYS Records and Archives grants, etc.).

Trustee Parente stated that perhaps the Village should inquire about a general grant writer to make application for grants not just for the Fire Department but other grants as well.

**RESOLUTION NO. 29 – 2014 A RESOLUTION TERMINATING AN AGREEMENT WITH JSK, INC.**

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting “aye”, the Board approved the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston (Board) on behalf of the Incorporated Village of East Williston (Village) previously entered into an agreement with J.S.K. , Inc. under which J.S.K., Inc. was to provide services as a grant advisor relative to grants sought in support of the East Williston Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, either party is empowered under the agreement to terminate the same with or without cause on thirty (30) days’ notice to the other party, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the best interest of the Village is not served by continuing the above identified agreement, now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,

- 1) That the Village hereby terminates the agreement between the Village and J.S.K., Inc., and
- 2) The Village Clerk is to forward a copy of the within resolution to the address identified by J.S.K., Inc. to receive notice which is P.O. Box 374, Williston Park, New York, 11596, and
- 3) The termination of the agreement shall become effective thirty (30) days after such mailing.

Resolution Dated November 24, 2014.

Trustee DeBenedittis asked if quotes had been received for the traffic control road painting on Bengueyfield Drive at Concord St. The clerk advised that she was in the process of

obtaining quotes. She noted that she had contacted North Hempstead to inquire if they provided such a service under the intermunicipal agreement, but was informed they do not.

Trustee DeBenedittis also discussed the possibility of designating a few parking spaces in the Village parking lot for compact cars only. She added that there are a few spaces on the west side of the parking lot where large SUV's parking making it difficult to navigate parking.

Mayor Tanner stated that before the designation is made either an engineer or Building Inspector Robert Campagna should provide a letter for the Village files about this designation for the parking of compact cars only.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that the Recreation Committee has once again procured the services of a photographer to take family portraits on the Village Green on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. An email blast will be sent out to inform residents.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that the group that sews pillow cases will be sewing Christmas stockings.

Trustee Parente stated that she will be having Cub Scouts coming to the Village Hall on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to learn about local government.

The Board received a request from the Girl Scouts to use the Village Hall for a "camp" during the February winter break and the Easter break plus one Friday per month. The Board stated felt that the vacation weeks were too long of commitment and not an appropriate use for the Village Hall. If the girls were working on their WARM (Gold, Silver, Bronze) awards, they should be doing more of the work themselves, rather than having their parents or others sending in the requests to the Village office. They asked that the girls come back with a revised schedule that is scaled back in time frame.

Mr. Blinkoff advised the Board that the Muzio's were looking to close on their property at 8 Sumter Avenue by December 1, 2014. He added that if this does take place, he and Mr. Campagna will contact the new owners to ensure they immediately make a good faith effort to make the home water tight and vermin free. Mr. Blinkoff also said he will get something in writing from the buyers outlining what their plans are for the house (demolition or renovation).

Mayor Tanner advised Mr. Delury to put monies aside for the demolition of 8 Sumter Avenue, and then have a complete list of all monies owed to the Village at the time of the sale of the property.

Mr. Blinkoff had continued to advise the judge in the case that the structures on the property are unsafe and that the Village is ready to demolish said structures once the temporary stay is lifted.

The Board briefly discussed the subject of proposed legislation whereby no permit (building/plumbing/tree removal, etc.) will be issued to any resident who owes money to the Village. Mr. Blinkoff will prepare information for distribution to the Board.

Mr. Delury stated that resident John Azzara has requested financial information relative to the water fund. The Board stated that he should file an official FOIL request.

Mr. Delury met with Mark DaVella, the person who will be taking over the assessor consultant duties since the retirement of Paul Wotzak. It looks like he will be able to decrease judgments in SCAR cases.

Mr. Delury also stated that the annual New York State Retirement System payment will be less than budgeted, due to the passing of former Village Clerk Joann Lauman's husband.

Ms. Kreisman apprised the Board about the Badger Meter proposal for a starter package which includes 10 water meters, 10 remote end points and the analytical software for remote water meter readings at a cost of \$2,000.00. The price for this package will increase on December 15<sup>th</sup>. There is no ongoing cost of maintenance and no annual fee as the Village continues to purchase meters.

**RESOLUTION NO. 30 – 2014 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THE BADGER METER STARTER PACKAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2000.00.**

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board approved the purchase of a Badger Meter starter kit which includes 10 remote meters and end points and analytical software for remote readings in the amount of \$2,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 31 – 2014 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT THE VILLAGE ELECTION BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015 PURSUANT TO ELECTION LAW SECTION 15-104(1)(B).**

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board approved a resolution providing that the Village election be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 pursuant to Election Law Section 15-104(1)(B).

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Board received one bid for an Elgin road sweeper from Long Island Sanitation Equipment in the amount of \$188,815.00, pursuant a notice to bidders placed in the Mineola American. He stated that the bid amount includes a five year warranty. The terms will be a seven year lease to purchase equipment.

Mayor Tanner stated that Mr. Delury is working to obtain information on approved financing.

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 adjourned into executive session at 10:25pm to discuss potential litigation.

The Board re-convened at 11:01pm.

During the executive session, the Board passed the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 32 – 2014 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EAST WILLISTON FIRE COMMISSIONERS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF A COMPLAINT AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board directed the East Williston Fire Commissioners to conduct an investigation of a complaint received and to report back to the Board of Trustees.

Mayor Tanner asked that a letter be forwarded to Mayor Ehrbar and the Trustees of the Village of Williston Park tomorrow asking to meet with them regarding water matters. Proposed dates for the meeting are December 18, January 6, 7, 8 and 15, 2015.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Beautification Committee wanted to place the wooden figures (snowman, toy soldier) at entrances to the Village. The Board felt it best to display them on the Village Green near the Christmas tree both for decorative features, and they will be safer from vandalism or theft.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 p.m.