

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021

Agenda meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees Raffaella Dunne, James Iannone, James Lark Anthony Gallo, Marie L. Hausner, Village Clerk, Deputy Clerk William Basel, Michael Delury, Treasurer, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff.

Also present: David Smuckler, Jared Mandel, Ryan Haeseker

The meeting commenced with a report from David Smuckler regarding staffing, technology and work space efficiency in the village office.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Gallo, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

The Board re-convened at 8:10pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Mayor Parente questioned the status of the village office obtaining new email addresses for staff through the website host GovOffice.

Ms. Kreisman explained that the staff was first working with Cross Island Computers (the company that the village office utilizes for software/hardware installations and upgrades). The first step was to obtain the domain name and i.p. address (which was obtained way before any of the current staff worked for the Village of East Williston).

Mr. Basel stated that GovOffice only permits two new email addresses, and any extra addresses cost \$50 each.

Mayor Parente asked that Mr. Basel work with the website through GovOffice to obtain the necessary number of new email addresses.

Building Inspector Jared Mandel and Ryan Haeseker gave a presentation of the City Grows, a program whereby residents/contractors can apply for building permits electronically.

Mr. Mandel prefaced that he, Mr. Haeseker and village staff have been working on this for months to establish a workflow that could adapt to the needs of East Williston. Eventually,

when this program is up and running, there will be a link placed on the website where people may access it to submit permits.

Mr. Haeseker took the Board through the process of applying for a permit.

Mr. Mandel will be emailing the Board information for them to apply for a permit for a test run, and asked that they send back results by Wednesday of this week.

Mr. Mandel felt that in order for the program to work efficiently, he will need for the village to purchase the Blue Beam program, a lap top and needs to ascertain the amount of storage, maximum amount of space and encryption.

Trustee Dunne asked if City Grows will be able to include tree removal permits, village parking lot permits, etc.

Mr. Mandel stated that eventually, other things can be incorporated into the program, but at this time, only the building permits are being worked on.

Mayor Parente asked about the information circulated by Jeffrey Blinkoff relating to proposed legislation relating to solar panels, particularly the Tesla brand.

Mr. Mandel stated that he spoke with representatives from Tesla and they advised that they have NFPA approvals, however he spoke with Chief Peter Batterson of the East Williston Fire Department and he is not familiar with the product and has not been trained on said product at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy. At this time, there is no way to turn the current to the Tesla system off in the event of a fire. With regular solar panels, there is a fire stop foam that can be applied to the panel.

Mr. Mandel stated that in the event of a fire, it is questionable whether firefighters can enter a building when a fire takes place in a home with a Tesla system.

Trustee Iannone suggested that a home with a Tesla system have signage installed on the property.

Trustee Dunne stated that the proposed local law is not product specific, and felt that similar systems to this may be coming out on the market in the coming months. She felt that the legislation should be tabled at this time.

Mr. Blinkoff felt that New York State may propose legislation in the coming months because of a push from the (solar panel) industry. If this is the case, there would not be a need for the village to pass such legislation.

Mayor Parente asked that this matter be tabled for six months at which time the Board will revisit the issue.

Mr. Blinkoff advised that if an application of this nature comes before the zoning board, he will advise them of the issues raised tonight.

Mayor Parente brought up the issue of the SAM Grant Memorandum of Understanding. She spoke with Patrick Theodore who advised that the chief of department will sign the documents. Although Mr. Delury receives emails with regard to the grant, there is a need for a full time contact person in the office.

RESOLUTION #2021-43 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER AS THE CONTACT PERSON FOR THE VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON PERTAINING TO SAM GRANT INFORMATION .

On the motion of Mayor Parente , seconded by Trustee Gallo, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board designated Village Clerk Marie Hausner as the contact person for the Village of East Williston pertaining to SAM Grant information.

Trustee Dunne asked that an email blast be sent to residents dealing with holiday deliveries to front of homes.

With regard to surveillance cameras, Trustee Lark had to be consulted with regard to the status.

Mayor Parente asked Trustee Gallo to follow up with Brian Sapp of National Grid about the status of removing the plates on Roslyn Road, north of East Williston Avenue.

It was noted that the telephones have been switched over to Verizon. Either Verizon or Wireman Inc. needs to reprogram the voice mail module.

Mayor Parente asked if the closing of the village office on Thursdays was working out. The staff agreed that closing Thursdays was beneficial to the workflow.

Trustee Gallo stated that in a conversation with Chief Batterson, the fire house is considered a separate building and due to fire codes, it needs to be alarmed and sprinklers installed.

Mayor Parente asked if a copy of the code could be obtained so it can be reviewed.

Mayor Parente asked about the timer for the sprinkler system at Devlin Field. She was advised that Trustee Lark is working on this (as well as the cameras).

Trustee Dunne asked if another quote was obtained for repair of the front steps.

Mr. Basel stated that Stasi Brothers came last week to look at the project, but has not yet received the quote. He added that Amport did not submit a quote to use the old slate, as it would take too long to clean the old slate, the pieces are too small and will fall off again, and to replace with blue stone is a sturdier alternative.

The proposal for the new LED street light on Meritoria Drive should be forwarded this week from Anker's Electric.

Trustee Dunne stated that the Thanksgiving Drumstick Dash 5K race raised \$1,800 for the fire department. She added that the fees from the Holiday Photo Op go toward the vehicle insurance for the antique fire truck for the East Williston Exempts.

Trustee Iannone stated that a member of the Senior Committee questioned the occupancy of the meeting room for holding the Senior Group events and the village's stance on attendees at Senior Group events. The person said the Town of North Hempstead took a very strong position on the pandemic occupancy.

Mayor Parente stated that current supervisor Judi Bosworth has not held an in-person town board meeting since the start of the pandemic.

Ms. Kreisman stated that after a review of water records, eleven residents identified by serial number have issues with the readings between the old meter and the new meter. Also, approximately 50-70 households have not had the new meter installed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 pm