

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, November 8, 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 Lark and Anthony Gallo, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff.

Also present: Members of the East Williston Little League Annie Stern, Mark Lockhart, Tom Devaney, Vincent Delgatto, Joseph Patoucek, Henry Yuen from Tzu Chi, Michael Guglielmo, Mr. & Mrs. Sean Dunn, Robin Silverberg,

Excused from meeting: Trustee James Iannone

The meeting commenced with presentations of proclamations to members of the East Williston Little League 2021 District 28 U10 championship team.

On the motion of Trustee Lark, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente, Trustees Dunne, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2021.

On the motion of Trustee Gallo, seconded by Trustee Lark, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of October 25, 2021.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Trustees Dunne, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the abstract of claims for October 2021 (20210225 - 20210260).

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE

Deputy Mayor Dunne reported that the Library has expanded its hours on Thursdays until 7pm.

The Recreation Committee will hold the annual Drumstick Dash on Thanksgiving morning, November 25th. The first 75 registrants will receive tee shirts. It was noted that the proceeds from the event will go toward insurance for the antique fire truck owned by the East Williston Exempts.

MAYOR BONNIE L.S. PARENTE

Mayor Parente stated that the Veterans' Day ceremony will take place on the Village Green on November 11th at 11:15am.

The annual tree lighting will take place on Friday, December 3rd on the Village Green at 7pm.

The Tzu Chi Youth Orchestra will perform in the Village Hall on Saturday, December 4th from 11am to noon, in conjunction with the holiday photo op with the antique fire truck that day.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

In the absence of Trustee Iannone, the Village Clerk presented his reports.

The Village Justice Court for October 2021 reported no parking, five moving, and no village code violations. \$315 total fines collected with \$25.00 in New York Stat surcharges collected.

The East Williston Senior Group will meet on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 1pm. Sandwiches and dessert will be served. There will be musical entertainment.

TRUSTEE JAMES LARK

Trustee Lark reported that the East Williston Little League wrapped up their season,

There was nothing to report with regard to the Department of Public Works

TRUSTEE ANTHONY GALLO

Trustee Gallo presented the East Williston Fire Department for October 2021. The department responded to a total of 13 calls. Four emergency (EMS) calls, four general alarms, and five mutual aid calls to neighboring departments.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The police report from the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct was not received in time for the meeting. It will be reported upon next month.

Building Permits issued in the month of October 2021: 15 Wheatley Avenue, legalize and maintain a driveway. 36 Ogden Avenue, installation of a hot tub. 9 Donald Street, refurbish driveway.

The clerk noted that the village office and departments will be closed on November 11th for Veterans' Day and November 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving.

The Mayor opened the meeting to receive comments on the pilot program for the placement of temporary speed bumps on Bengeyfield Drive. She read a report of phone calls received about the speed bumps, both for and against them.

Robin Silverberg stated that there are issues with the signage alerting drivers to the presence of the speed bump. She felt there should be a stop sign in the area. She also stated that the village cannot place speed bumps all over the village, and that speeding occurs all over the village.

Joseph Patoucek stated he was in favor of the speed bumps. He stated that being a New York State Trooper, he has pulled drivers over for exceeding the speed limit on Roslyn Road.

Annie Stern stated that speeding on Sagamore Avenue remains a problem, as well as commercial traffic. She stated that the parking lot on the Miracle Mile in Manhasset has speed bumps installed.

Mrs. Stern was advised that a parking lot is not a roadway, and can utilize such devices, where a public thoroughfare cannot.

Mrs. Stern wanted to see speed bumps installed on Sagamore Avenue

Mayor Parente informed those present that the installation of the temporary speed bumps is a pilot program to see what impact they will have. The speed bumps must be removed before the winter so that they do not damage snow plows when removing snow.

Other streets considered for speed bumps are Sagamore Avenue, School Street and Congress Avenue.

Mayor Parente advised that the “speed table” installed on Sagamore Avenue near Sagamore Ball Field was installed at great expense to the Village.

When permanent speed tables or bumps are considered, a traffic study must be undertaken.

Michael Guglielmo asked if East Williston if the speeding problem is unique to East Williston.

Trustee Lark stated that all of Nassau County has issues with speeding.

Mayor Parente had spoken with other area mayors (Williston Park, Mineola, Westbury) and they too have issues with speeding.

Mayor Parente also advised that village speed limits cannot be lower than 30 miles an hour with out special legislation or speed zones around schools. She and Sean Dunn had met with Assemblyman Ed Ra a couple of months back about proposing legislation to lower the village-wide speed limit. Assemblyman Ra was going to pass the information on to State Senator Anna Kaplan.

Vincent Delgatto supported the safety efforts of the village, but was not in favor of placing speed bumps all over the village.

A member of the audience stated that there are many properties that are on Roslyn Road where the shrubs are overgrown and causing a sight/distance problem for cars pulling out from side streets.

The Board asked that they call the village office to report the addresses so letters can be sent to the property owners.

Sean Dunn stated that he was concerned about safety on village streets. Three days after the installation of the temporary speed bumps, cars were slowing down. He noted that statistics show that 60% of cars go over 25 miles per hour.

Annie Stern also noted that the commercial traffic along Sagamore Avenue has not stopped. Flatbed trucks for the many autobody shops in Mineola still use Sagamore Avenue to traverse from Jericho Turnpike to Hillside Avenue.

Mayor Parente that Dan Whelan from the Village of Mineola delivered letters to the various autobody shops. She said she will follow up again with Mayor Strauss of Mineola.

Mayor Parente also asked that the sign “Local Deliveries Only” be checked to see that it is not faded.

Joseph Patoucek mentioned the sign on East Williston Avenue near the golf course that reads “No Trucks Over 4 Tons”. It is faded, but noted that four tons is not a very large truck. Any vehicle without a DOT number on it is a small vehicle.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee, seconded by Trustee , the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.