

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Deputy Mayor/Trustee Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees Christopher Siciliano, James L. Iannone, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Marie L. Hausner, Village Clerk, Michael Delury, Treasurer.

Also present: Patrick Theodore, Paul Walters, Susan Corsello, Barbara Seixas, Carla Strauss, Ray Gaudio, Hal Cronk, Nicole Contrastano, Thomas Connolly, Inspector John Berry (NCPD 3rd Precinct), Michael Baltzer, Thomas Grabowsky, Coaches and members of the East Williston Little League.

Trustee Robert Vella arrived after the start of the meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2015 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY (FEMA) FORM FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUPERSTORM SANDY.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, and Iannone voting “aye”, and Trustee Vella being absent from said vote, the Board authorized the Mayor to sign the Governor’s office of Storm Recovery (FEMA) form for reimbursement for Superstorm Sandy.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2015 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE UTILIZATION OF SERVICES OF PDQ SECURITY AND THE ADJUSTING OF THE 2015-2016 BUDGET LINE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSE.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, and Iannone voting “aye”, and Trustee Vella being absent from said vote, the Board authorized to utilize the services of PDQ Security and adjusting the 2015-2016 Budget line for public safety increasing the line by \$1,250.00. This increases the budget line from \$1,000.00 to \$2,250.00 to allow for security services which was not anticipated in the 2015-2016 Budget.

The meeting commenced with the Board presenting the coaches and members of the East Williston Little League with proclamations recognizing them for winning the 2015 District 28 Championship.

Inspector John Berry, the Commanding Officer of the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct was present at the meeting to address residents' concerns about recent break-ins that have taken place within the Village.

He offered important, common sense tips for keeping homes safe: lock all house and car doors, put interior and exterior house lights on a timer, leave a television or radio on.

Inspector Berry left literature for residents to take home.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of October 19, 2015.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, and seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes from the agenda meeting of October 28, 2015.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for October 2015 as follows: 20150174-20150220.

Assistant Chief Patrick Theodore presented the report of the East Williston Fire Department for November 2015. The Department responded to a total of five calls during the month: two rescue calls, and three general alarms.

The Fire Department members will be participating in the annual Veterans Day ceremony on November 11th on the Village Green.

It was also noted that the Fire Department hosted students from the North Side School for fire prevention week recently.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente stated that the Senior's Group will be hosting Dr. Tom Ferraro on November 19th who will be discussing the history of the Willistons.

Trustee Parente also stated that Village will hold its annual Veterans Day ceremony on the Village Green on November 11th at 11:15am.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Department of Public Works has been working with an outside contractor to replace sidewalk slabs that have been lifted by Village trees. The Department will also be planting trees on certain streets.

If residents notice any street light outages, they should report them to the Village office.

Hal Cronk stated that there are no storm sewers in the street along the south side of Atlanta Avenue. He stated that excessive puddling accumulates on the south side of the Atlanta Avenue.

Mayor Tanner stated that when this puddling takes place, it should be reported to the office so that photos of the water can be taken by Village staff, so it can be transmitted to the engineers.

Trustee Vella stated that the Village is constantly re-evaluating areas of need within the Village.

Susan Corsello presented the Library report.

Library Book Clubs: Our “Day Time Book Club” will meet tomorrow to discuss “The Truth About the Harry Quebert Affair”, by Joel Dicker. Our “Evening Book Club” will meet on Thursday to discuss “Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mom”, by Amy Chua.

East Williston Senior Group

The senior group will meet on the 19th for a presentation on the history of “The Willistons” by Dr. Tom Ferraro.

Upcoming Event

Jim Smith will discuss his new book, “*Heroes to the End*” – December 3rd at 7:30 pm.

Library Friends Display Cabinet

During the month of November, the charming and decorative creations of Louise Bosnack are on display.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella reported that the Justice Court collected a total of \$2,855.00 in fines from 48 parking violations, six moving violations and one Village ordinance violation in October 2015. There was \$168.00 in New York State surcharges for the month.

Trustee Vella presented the Recreation Committee report: movie night will take place on Friday, November 13th from 7:30-9:30pm. Game night will be held on Friday, November 20th. Parents must sign their children up for these events at least one day before the event.

Ryan's Case for Smiles (formerly ConnKerr Cancer) will hold a session of sewing pillow cases on November 13th from 11am to 4pm.

The First Annual East Williston 5K "Drumstick Dash" will be held on Friday, November 27th at 9am

Holiday portraits will be taken on Saturday, November 28th on the Village Green from 8am to 4pm.

Yoga classes continue to take place on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30am to 11am and Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm.

The Come Play With Me program for preschoolers ages 2 and up takes place on Mondays from 10-11am.

Fliers for all Recreation Committee Activities are available in the lobby of the Village Hall.

TRUSTEE JAMES L. IANNONE

Trustee Iannone stated that his report echoed Chief Theodore's report that it had been a quiet month as far as calls go for the East Williston Fire Department.

The Department members are looking forward to the "Drumstick Dash" fundraiser on November 27th.

The Department members will also take part in the annual Veteran's Day ceremony on the Village Green on November 11th at 11:15pm.

The Fire Department will serve hot chocolate and cookies after the tree lighting on December 4th.

Lastly the Fire Department will once again hold Operation Santa fliers providing information to participate in the event are available at the Village office.

TREASURER MICHAEL DELURY

Treasurer Michael Delury informed those present that the Village has the received the Audited Financial Statements from Skinnon & Faber CPA's for the fiscal year ended 5/31/15. The Village ended the last fiscal year with an operating surplus. This was due to an increase in the number of building permits filed for the period.

He added that the Village tax rate has continued to decrease since the 2102-2013 fiscal year and the fund balances have been increasing over this time.

The Village also settled the outstanding back taxes and fees owed to it from the 8 Sumter Avenue issue.

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2015 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2015 PREPARED BY SKINNON & FABER, CPA'S.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone voting "aye", the Board approved the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2015, prepared by Skinnon & Faber, CPA's.

MAYOR DAVID TANNER

Mayor Tanner informed those present that the Village has hired an outside security company to patrol the Village streets in an marked vehicle to random nights per week. It was hoped that this extra security would aid the Nassau County Police Department and act as a deterrent for illegal activity.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in October 2015: 429 Sagamore Avenue, refurbishing of driveway. 48 Meritoria Drive, extension to garage. 1 Todd Court, installation of new egress window. 388 Feather Lane, construction of a rear yard patio and demolition of rear deck. 7 Meadow Lane, installation of a generator and central air conditioning unit.

The Nassau County Police Department report for October 2015 showed the following activity: There were two reports of burglaries during the month. Two parking violations and no moving violations were issued. There were three auto accidents and no auto injuries reported.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Mr. Cronk from Atlanta Avenue stated that his neighbor keeps putting out yard waste prior to 4pm the day before the sanitation company is scheduled to pick up the bags. He was advised a letter will be sent to his neighbors.

Thomas Grabowsky of 150 Charles Street stated that the sanitation company does not pick up residential waste from the rear of his property, so his garbage pickup is often missed. He believes it is because many neighbors put their trash in front of their respective houses. The Village office will contact DeJana about this issue.

The Board discussed a matter of a member of the East Williston Fire Department who has been in the Department for two years, but has not passed any tests to become a Class A firefighter.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17pm.