

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, November 13, 2017 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 James L. Iannone, Anthony Casella, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Emily Willis, Patrick Theodore, James Clark, James J. Daw, Jr., Dan Roper, Dan McGill, Michael Guglielmo.

RESOLUTION #2017-36 A RESOLUTION APPROVING TWO PROPOSALS FROM JARED MANDEL, ARCHITECT, PC, DATED NOVEMBER 13, 2017 FOR PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2 FOR DESIGNING STANCHIONS AT VILLAGE ENTRANCES, SITE VISITS AND CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS .

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, Seconded by Trustee Casella and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved a proposal from Jared Mandel, Architect, PC dated November 13, 2017 for Phase 1 and Phase 2 for designing stanchions at Village entrances, site visits and construction drawings.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano , and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of October 16, 2017.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella , and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of October 30, 2017.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the abstract of claims October 2017 as follows: 20170257 - 20170306 .

Chief Patrick Theodore presented the report for the East Williston Fire Department for October 2017. The department responded to a total of 13 calls during the month: two general alarms, eight EMS calls, and two mutual aid calls to neighboring departments and one auto accident.

Chief Theodore stated that the annual inspection of the East Williston Fire Department will take place on December 9, 2017.

The Fire Department will once again hold Operation Santa. Fliers with information can be found in the lobby of the Village Hall.

Mayor Tanner and Trustee Parente thanked the members of the East Williston Fire Department for participating in the Veterans' Day ceremony.

Dan McGill asked about the Fire Department turning off the fire siren at night.

Chief Theodore stated that the department had received complaints about the siren going off often, during the month of September, when the department responded to an inordinate number of calls. The siren will still go off if there is a working fire or a mutual aid call during the night. For "still alarms" and automatic alarms, the siren is shut off on a trial basis.

Mr. McGill stated that the siren alerts members to go to the firehouse to respond to a call. Pagers are not always available or working. He further stated that he is getting out of bed in the middle of the night to respond to a call to help neighbors. The siren should be left on.

Mayor Tanner asked if any other fire departments shut off sirens in the night time hours.

Chief Theodore stated that Mineola, Westbury, and Albertson turn off the sirens at night, except for working fires.

Mayor Tanner inquired what gave rise to the turning off of the sirens.

Chief Theodore stated that a small number of residents complained about the sirens going off constantly in September.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he was against turning off the sirens.

Mayor Tanner wanted to hear from the Commissioners about this matter.

Trustee Parente stated that she is used to hearing the sirens.

Mayor Tanner wanted to discuss this further at the November 327th agenda meeting with the Commissioners and Chiefs. He wanted to know the pros and cons of the status of the siren.

Trustee Casella wanted to know how many complaints were received.

Trustee Parente stated that on the East Williston Mom's Facebook page, there were three to four complaints. She learned that the North Side School was stressing to students that this is a learning experience (to hear the sirens go off and why they are sounding).

Chief Theodore stated that he would not jeopardize the safety of the community (by turning the sirens off).

Michael Guglielmo wanted to know what hours the sirens were turned off.

Chief Theodore responded that they were turned off between the hours of 11pm to 7am.

Trustee Iannone stated that the number of calls the East Williston Fire Department responded to in September was an anomalous number.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente reported that the East Williston Senior Group will meet on Thursday, November 16th at 1pm. Town Historian Howard Kroplick will present a brief history of Long Island. Sandwiches and pie will be served.

On December 21st, the group will meet to share holiday memories and traditions.

Trustee Parente stated that the Veterans' Day ceremony was attended by the VFW and American Legion members, various scouting organizations, and the East Williston Fire Department. One of the Boy Scouts read the poem "Flanders Field". While the gathering was small, it was a true community event.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Leaf bags are now available for pick up at the Village office.

The Department of Public Works will be flushing hydrants from November 13th to the 17th between 11pm and 4am. He reminded residents to check the water each morning

to ensure it is not discolored and to run the cold water at the lowest point in the house until it runs clear.

Public Works is also preparing the trucks for winter weather, installing plows and road sanders onto the equipment.

Trustee Siciliano reminded residents to report street light outages to the Village office.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

Trustee Iannone echoed Chief Theodore's reminder about Operation Santa. The volunteers take time away from their families to make the holidays special for our residents. He also stated that the gifts dropped off to the various charitable organizations make for bright holiday for the less fortunate.

Trustee Iannone stated that the chiefs and commissioners of the Fire Department attended the annual firefighter's convention in Nashville last month and looked at various new firefighting equipment.

He also added that the East Williston recently had some new members join the department.

Chief Theodore added that on November 24th, the Recreation Committee will be holding the annual "Drumstick Dash", with proceeds of the race going to the fire department. He urged residents to take part in the race.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY CASELLA

Trustee Casella presented the Justice Court report for October 2017. There were eight parking violations, two moving violations and no Village ordinance violations totaling \$1,840.00 in total fines collected, and \$0 in New York State surcharges.

The Recreation Committee report advises that yoga classes continue on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11am and gentle yoga classes take place on Wednesdays from 5:45 – 7:15pm. Come Play with Me takes place on Wednesdays at 10:45 am. The 3rd Annual Drumstick Dash will take place on November 24th at 9am. A Gobble Gallop for children 5 and younger will take place at 10am. Fliers for all activities can be obtained in the lobby.

Trustee Casella reported that a Village resident made a generous offer to improve the tennis courts at Devlin Field by donating a bench and back board in the area. After careful consideration, the Board felt that these improvements should be made by the

Village for the next tennis season. He extended thanks to the resident for making the offer.

Mayor Tanner thanked the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts for their participation in the annual Veterans' Day ceremony.

Library Director Emily Willis reported that that the Library will be holding a balloon twisting class on December 2nd and an "imagination workshop" for children on December 28th. Also, the East Williston and Williston Park Libraries will be hosting a home buyer's presentation on December 6th at the Williston Park Library. The Friends of the Library display case features memorabilia from the family of Ray Lump who won a gold medal in the Olympics for basketball and played professionally for the New York Knicks.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner advised that annual tree lighting ceremony will take place on December 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in October 2017: 38 Ridge Road, construction of a two story addition. 33 High Street, demolition of the house, detached garage and construction of a new house, new detached garage, driveway and central air conditioning unit. 470 Sagamore Avenue, installation of two central air conditioning units. 57 Robbins Drive, installation of an elevator. 10 Todd Court, installation of a generator.

The Nassau County Police Department report for October 2017 was not received in time for the meeting this evening.

TREASURER MICHAEL DELURY

Mr. Delury presented highlights of the audited financial report for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2017. He noted that the Library received \$20,000 in New York State "bullet aid" grants during that period which was used to purchase new computers and institute new library programs. Capital fund expenditures during the fiscal period included the purchase of a new Ford F550 truck for the public works department, as well as the installation of a basement restroom in the Village Hall.

He asked the Board for a motion to accept the audited financial report for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2017.

RESOLUTION #2017-37 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2017 PREPARED BY SKINNON & FABER CPA'S.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, Seconded by Trustee Casella and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved a resolution accepting the audited financial report for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2017, prepared by Skinnon & Faber, CPA's.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the residents.

Michael Guglielmo asked if the current water rate will be increasing soon.

Mayor Tanner replied that no increase is planned until June 2018. When the village receives further information from Williston Park, it will advise residents.

It is speculated that since Williston Park will be undertaking the replacement of an elevated water storage tank, they will raise water rates to East Williston.

Mr. Guglielmo asked about the incidents with youths congregating at the train station and other locations. He wanted to know if they were from East Williston.

He was advised that some were from East Williston, but many were from other areas.

Trustee Parente stated that the youths were not very respectful when asked to leave the area. She added, now that the weather is growing colder, the congregating has subsided a bit.

Mayor Tanner said he wrote letters to the school district superintendents of East Williston, Mineola and Herricks, stating safety concerns when the youths congregate in large numbers at the East Williston train station pavilion. It was hoped that the issue would be addressed with students. Unfortunately, these occurrences happen all over Nassau County.

He added that the police are doing all they can, but they are also dealing with more serious issues.

Trustee Parente stated that when court appearance tickets are issued to youths when congregating in the vicinity after dark, after a fine has been paid, or the matter dismissed, the violation can still remain on a youths' record when applying to the military or to college. A resident attended a Board meeting a few years back and advised the Board of the issue.

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Chief Theodore stated that he saw the youths congregating on Sagamore Avenue all summer, and when the police were called, they were dispatched to the area quickly.

There being no further business, on the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.