

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, December 11, 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, Paul Walters, James J. Daw, Jr., Leonard Ritz, Stephan Leccese, Coaches and Members of the East Williston Little League.

The Mayor and Board presented proclamations to the members and coaches of the East Williston Little League for winning the District 28 title for majors and minors.

On the motion of Trustee Casella, 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 November 13, 2017.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, and Casella all voting "aye" and Trustee Iannone abstaining, the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of November 27, 2017.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, 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 November 2017 as follows: 20170307 to 20170360.

Chief Patrick Theodore presented the report for the East Williston Fire Department for November 2017. The department responded to a total of 21 calls during the month: five general alarms, 12 EMS calls, and three mutual aid calls to neighboring departments and one auto accident.

The Fire Department will once again be holding Operation Santa. Residents can sign up at the firehouse on Thursday nights between 8pm and 10pm. For each child receiving a gift from Santa, residents should drop off the same number new, unwrapped gifts when signing up. The department then takes the donated gifts to the St. Christopher Otilie Home, The Mary Brennan INN, and Winthrop Hospital Children's cancer ward.

Chief Theodore reminded residents to clear snow from around fire hydrants to aid in rapid response time during an emergency. He also asked that residents check those of elderly neighbors to ensure that the hydrants in front of their homes are clear as well.

Paul Walters stated that the East Williston Fire Department is one of the last departments to sponsor the Operation Santa program. The members of the department take the time on Christmas Eve to visit homes and deliver gifts to those in need.

Mayor Tanner stated that he and the Board recently received an email from a former village resident who was visiting the grave of a veteran who had lived in East Williston and noticed the recognition of a flag and East Williston Fire Department shield on the grave. He said sometimes, it is the little things the Village does that makes so much of a difference. The person expressed that he was touched by the gesture of kindness.

Trustee Parente stated that the Department did a very nice job during the annual inspection on December 9th.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente reported that the East Williston Senior Group will meet on Thursday, December 21st at 1pm to share holiday memories and traditions, and enjoy holiday snacks and desserts.

In January 2018, the Senior Group will welcome the Golden Age Chinese Dance Group.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano reported that public works is preparing the trucks for winter weather, installing plows and road sanders onto the equipment. Sand and road salt has been delivered for the impending snow. Flags were placed on the fire hydrants throughout the Village.

He reiterated Chief Theodore's request to clear fire hydrants of snow to save precious time in the event of an emergency.

Trustee Siciliano noted that the village experienced a water main break two weeks ago and it was repaired quickly. Residents were advised via email blast about the break and to be alert to discolored water.

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

Lastly, Trustee Siciliano wished residents a Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

Trustee Iannone echoed Chief Theodore's words to keep hydrants clear of snow during the winter. He added that residents should check their CO2 and smoke alarms to ensure they are in proper working order.

He noted that as a trustee of the Village and a member of the fire department, the annual inspection of the department revealed that the equipment is well maintained, and volunteer personnel prepared to handle the emergencies that arise.

Trustee Iannone thanked residents who participated in the annual "drumstick 5K dash", which is hosted by the Recreation Committee for the benefit of the fire department.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY CASELLA

Trustee Casella presented the Justice Court report for November 2017. There were 20 parking violations, one moving violation and no Village ordinance violations totaling \$900.00 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. Fliers for all activities can be obtained in the lobby.

Library Director Emily Willis reported that that the Library held a balloon twisting workshop on December 2nd and will be holding an "imagination workshop" for children on December 28th. Lastly, Charles Berman, Receiver of Taxes for the Town of North Hempstead will give a presentation on property tax assessments in January. A defensive driving course is also scheduled for January.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner thanked the members of the fire department for their participation in the annual tree lighting ceremony that took place on December 6, 2017.

Mayor Tanner expressed that the community is truly blessed with the efforts of its volunteers.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in November 2017: 9 School Street, installation of a generator. 43 Robbins Drive, demolition of the dwelling, construction of

a new home and two car detached garage. 71 High Street, construction of a first floor addition, interior alterations and installation of a generator.

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

The Mayor opened the meeting to the residents.

Leonard Ritz asked what costs East Williston will incur for the construction of a new elevated water storage tank in Williston Park (as East Williston purchases water from Williston Park).

Mayor Tanner stated that pursuant to the contract between East Williston and Williston Park, other than water rates, East Williston will not incur any direct costs for the new water storage tank. He added that Mayor Ehrbar informed him that he was misquoted in the article about the new water storage tank in the Williston Times.

There being no further business, on the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.