

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, December 14, 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, Robert M. Vella, Jr., James L. Iannone, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Excused from Meeting: Marie L. Hausner, Village Clerk.

Also present: Joseph Fabrizio, Daniel McGill, Kieran Duffy, Michael Gugliemo.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, 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 November 9, 2015.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, and seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes from the agenda meeting of November 30, 2015.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for November 2015 as follows: 20150221 - 20150279.

Chief Joseph Fabrizio presented the report of the East Williston Fire Department for November 2015. The Department responded to a total of 10 calls during the month: four rescue calls, and six general alarms.

Chief Fabrizio noted sadly that the concept of one gift being donated for each gift distributed for the Operation Santa program has been lost during the past few years. Residents are signing up but only bring one gift for the various charities, but have a list of several children to have Santa visit on Christmas Eve. The concept of the program is for each child Santa visits in the Village the same number of gifts are donated.

Chief Fabrizio asked if an email blast to residents can be sent to remind them of the procedure and concept of the Operation Santa program. He said that he will draft a letter.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente stated that the Senior's Group will hold its holiday party on December 17th from 1-3pm.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano wished those present happy holidays. He stated that the Department of Public Works has completed its sidewalk work for the winter. Further work will resume in the late spring, early summer.

In the absence of Library Director Susan Corsello, Trustee Siciliano presented the Library report.

Library Book Clubs: The "Day Time Book Club" met last week to discuss "The Orchardist" by Amanda Coplin. They will meet next in February to discuss "The Little Paris Book Shop" by Nina George. The "Evening Book Club" also met last week to discuss "The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion. They will discuss "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin in January.

Author Jim Smith will be at the Library on Sunday, January 24th at 2pm to discuss his new book "Heroes to the End".

The Friends of the Library display cabinet in the lobby of the Village Hall features the artwork of the students from The Willets Road School.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella reported that the Justice Court collected a total of \$3,172.00 in fines from 24 parking/moving violations, and no Village ordinance violations in November 2015. There was \$716.00 in New York State surcharges for the month.

Trustee Vella presented the Recreation Committee report:

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.

TRUSTEE JAMES L. IANNONE

Trustee Iannone stated reiterated Chief Fabrizio's report that the East Williston Fire Department will once again sponsor Operation Santa. Residents should come to the Firehouse on Thursday evenings from 8-10pm to sign up. Residents should bring new, unwrapped gifts for donations to local charities.

He thanked the Department members for their participation in the first annual drumstick dash after Thanksgiving and the tree lighting ceremony on December 4th.

Trustee Iannone stated that the Department is still trying to recruit new members. Anyone interested should stop by the Firehouse on Thursday evenings during drill night.

MAYOR DAVID TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board will meet with the members of the Williston Park Board of Trustees on Thursday, December 17th at 7:30pm to discuss the water issue with them.

Trustee Siciliano thanked the members of the Beautification Committee for decorating the Village Hall for the holidays.

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BONNIE KREISMAN

The following building permits were issued in November 2015: 44 Meritoria Drive, construction of a new patio and driveway. 80 Bengueyfield Drive, enclosing of a porch. 215 Derby Street, construction of a new driveway. 111 William Street, construction of a retaining wall and replacement of an in-ground swimming pool. 15 Fairview Avenue, installation of a central air conditioning unit. 201 Howard Street, finishing of a basement. 19 Wheatley Avenue, addition to home and interior renovations.

The Nassau County Police Department report for November 2015 showed the following activity: There were no reports of burglaries during the month. No parking violations and no moving violations were issued. There was one auto accident and one auto injury reported.

Ms. Kreisman stated that the Village office will close at noon on December 24th and December 31st, and will be closed all day on December 25th and January 1st.
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Kieran Duffy of 4 Prospect Street implored the Village to do something about the parking in the area of the Village Hall on Prospect Street when Village events take place. He claimed the parking problem is a constant one, and is often trapped in his house.

Mayor Tanner responded that it is hard to regulate civility. He stated he has reached out to the members of the Senior Group about dropping off and picking up people during events, asking them to perform drop offs/pickups at the ramp in the parking lot, rather than the east door of the Village office.

Mr. Duffy stated that he pays his taxes only to have to put up with the constant nuisance.

Trustee Parente stated that accommodations have already been made to hopefully ease the situation.

Mr. Duffy stated that he wanted his assessment lowered because of this situation.

Trustee Parente stated that the change of assessment will not fix the parking situation.

Mayor Tanner informed Mr. Duffy that he has spoken to the Village's assessor/consultant and Mr. Duffy's property is already under assessed.

Mr. Duffy stated that the "No Parking" signage painted on the street did help, but not enough.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village will repaint the "No Parking" sign on the road in front of the Village Hall near Mr. Duffy's house.

Mr. Duffy stated that when the Village Hall was being built, the Village offered to install an electrified gate. He wants a gate of this type installed. He felt that he should be compensated for the hardships he says he endures.

Trustee Parente stated that she was not interested in compensating him.

Trustee Iannone reiterated the statement that the parking sign painted on the street did help, so re-installing it should deter people from parking/dropping off people in this area.

Mr. Duffy wanted the Board to reconsider electrifying the gate in front of his house.

The Board said they will discuss the matter.

Dan McGill addressed the Board again about a ticket his son received from the Nassau County Police Department a few years ago for crossing the Village Green after sunset. The fact that the ticket was dismissed is not being overlooked by the Marines for which his son is endeavoring to join.

Mr. McGill was in contact with Court Clerk Susan Egan about this issue.

Both Jeffrey Blinkoff and Trustee Vella tried to clarify the process of the issuance of tickets.

Trustee Vella stated that Mr. McGill's son will have the full cooperation of the Board of Trustees, and will help with any letter of recommendation that may be needed by him for entrance into the Marines.

It was noted that the Nassau County Police Department keeps a record of every ticket ever issued.

Mr. McGill stated that many years ago, he was against the Village ever instituting a Village Court. He stated he was frustrated that his son has to carry a letter around to show that this summons was dismissed.

Trustee Iannone stated that no agency would look at this violation as a misdemeanor, that it is very minor.

Mr. McGill stated that he wasted two days trying to work with the Nassau County, but found that records/summons system does not delete the record, but also does not attach a notation that a summons is dismissed.

Mayor Tanner stated he wished he could do more, but there isn't anything further the Board could do for Mr. McGill.

Michael Guglielmo thanked the Board for the holiday tree lighting on December 4th, and holding it on a night when there was not a school meeting or event.

Mr. Guglielmo questioned the meeting with Williston Park on December 17th. He was informed by the Board that both Boards will meet to discuss the continued purchase of water to see if an agreement between Village's can be reached.

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Mr. Guglielmo questioned the local law on solar panels.

Mayor Tanner informed him that the moratorium is over. The Board addressed issues of safety and aesthetics in the installation of the panels. For further information, he was advised to speak with Building Inspector Robert Campagna.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.