

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2013

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, December 30, 2013 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 Caroline DeBenedittis, Christopher A. Siciliano, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman.

Also present: East Williston Fire Commissioners John Ferro and Thomas DelaPorte.

Trustee Robert M. Vella, Jr., Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff and Village Clerk Marie Hausner were excused from the meeting

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis and Siciliano all voting "aye", the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 7:40pm to discuss potential litigation.

The Board re-convened at 7:55pm.

The Board discussed check signing responsibilities for the Fire Department account. There should always be two signatures on each check. It was decided that Assistant Chief Patrick Theodore and Commissioner Thomas DelaPorte, as well as Treasurer Michael Delury will be the signatories on the account. The dual-signature will be set up by Mr. Delury.

Mayor Tanner asked if the Fire Department is keeping up with preventive maintenance as called for in the budget. Chief Theodore replied that all work is proceeding on schedule.

John Ferro stated that he has asked clerk Marie Hausner to look into possible new chief's vehicles on the New York State bid list.

John Ferro also stated that Operation Santa went very well this year. Morale among the members in the Department is high and fire call attendance remains good.

Commissioners Ferro and DelaPorte left the meeting at 8pm.

The Board discussed the issue of the property at 8 Sumter Avenue. At this time, since the sale of the property is not going forward, the Board wanted to proceed with the demolition of the structures on the property, pursuant to the order of the Supreme Court.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2013 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON TO PROCEED EXPEDIENTLY WITH DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 8 SUMTER AVENUE, EAST WILLISTON, NEW YORK, WITH ALL ADDITIONAL FUNDS EXPENDED TO BE ADDED TO THE TAXES FOR SAID PROPERTY.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis and Siciliano all voting "aye", the Board authorized to proceed expediently with the demolition of the structures at 8 Sumter Avenue, East Williston, New York, with all additional funds expended for said demolition to be added to the taxes for said property.

Mayor Tanner explained that Paul Wotzak was present to explain the tax assessment grievance process, as it relates to various claims received by the Village.

Mr. Wotzak gave a brief overview of the grievance process on the part of the Village.

Mayor Tanner suggested that the Village defer payment of the grievance claims until the next fiscal year. He also asked if Mr. Wotzak was too aggressive during the grievances. Perhaps it may be better to know assessed valuations before a tax rate is set instead of after the rate is in place, to avoid the filing of grievances.

Mr. Blinkoff, via telephone conversation into the meeting, suggested that Mr. Wotzak could request, as a part of the grievance settlement, to defer payment until the next budget (fiscal) year. The Board liked that idea and this request will be pursued for future cases.

Mr. Wotzak left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Tanner stated that he wanted to have a pre-budget public meeting.

Trustee DeBenedittis suggested that the draft budget be placed on the website or have the preliminary budget available for inspection at the Village Hall.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Treasurer with the Board should set up tentative budget meeting dates. Dates for finalizing and mailing should look to March 18 for finalization, March 20th for Mailing in preparation for the budget hearing on April 7th. The Mayor added that he wanted the final document to be proof-read line by line, so that it goes out without any typographical errors that all grids line up, etc.

Mr. Delury stated that the preparation of the budget should be relatively easy this year.

Mayor Tanner asked that the Village explore alternative health benefits for employees. The firm of Marshall & Sterling was suggested for a contact on costs, options, deductibles. etc.

Trustee DeBenedittis suggested that the Village employ a part-time, "on-call" employee to remove snow around the Village Hall.

The Mayor asked Jeff Blinkoff to follow up to see if Civil Service has seasonal, "on call", titles.

Mayor Tanner asked that the Village office ask Lisa Feimer to attend the next agenda meeting to discuss Beautification Committee spending.

Trustee Siciliano suggested that all Village Committees submit suggested spending lists to the Treasurer as soon as possible so that the budget work can commence for the next fiscal year. A letter will be sent out to all committee chairpersons.

The Board reviewed three bids received to move the piano from Jamie Cutinella's home to the Village hall. The piano was donated to the Village by Jamie, and acceptance was approved at the November agenda meeting. Bids were received as follows:

Christopher Siciliano Moving Inc. \$210.00. Kalfur Bros. Inc. \$250.00. Men on the Move: \$306.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2013 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO MOVING INC. FOR THE MOVING OF A PIANO DONATED BY RESIDENT JAMIE CUTINELLA.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, and DeBenedittis all voting "aye", and Trustee Siciliano abstaining, the Board accepted the proposal of Christopher A. Siciliano Moving Inc. for the moving of a piano donated by resident Jamie Cutinella.

Trustee Siciliano stated that a meeting with North Hempstead Highway Superintendent Thomas Tiernan to discuss sweeper and other town services will be scheduled in the first part of January 2014.

Mayor Tanner asked that the Village Clerk follow up on a traffic study status for Bengueyfield Drive, near 41 Bengueyfield Drive.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-2013 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO MOVING INC. FOR THE MOVING OF A PIANO DONATED BY RESIDENT JAMIE CUTINELLA.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, and DeBenedittis all voting “aye”, and Trustee Siciliano abstaining, the Board accepted the proposal of Christopher A. Siciliano Moving Inc. for the moving of a piano donated by resident Jamie Cutinella.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2013 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH MORWOOD OAKS MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC TO AUDIT GROSS RECEIPTS UTILITY TAX PAYMENTS TO THE VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Mayor Tanner, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis and Siciliano all voting “aye”, the Board approved the agreement with Morwood Oaks Management Associates, LLC to audit gross receipts utility tax payments to the Village and authorized the Mayor to execute said agreement.

Ms. Kreisman asked if resident Dan McGill had contacted Trustee Siciliano yet, as she had received a phone call from him, and Mr. McGill said he would be calling Trustee Siciliano.

There being no further business, by the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.