

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Bonnie L.S. Parente, Caroline DeBenedittis, Christopher Siciliano, Robert M. Vella, Jr., Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Joseph Fabrizio, Susan Corsello, James J. Daw, Jr., Barbara Seixas, Carla Strauss, Kathleen Rittel, Michael Guglielmo, .

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye" the Board approved the minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2014.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the agenda meeting of November 24, 2014.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for November 2014 as follows: 20140273 – 20140294.

First Assistant Chief Joseph Fabrizio presented the Fire Department report for November 2014. The Department responded to a total of four calls during the month: three general alarms, and one EMS call.

Chief Fabrizio stated that the Department will once again hold the annual "Operation Santa". Residents who want Santa to visit their homes on Christmas Eve, should stop by the Firehouse on Thursday nights from 7-9pm and sign up. They should also bring a new, unwrapped gift to the Firehouse for each child Santa will visit. These gifts will be given to the Winthrop Hospital Children's Cancer Ward, St. Christopher O'tillie Home, and The Mary Brennan Inn. New baby clothes and disposable diapers are also welcome.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente thanked and the members of the East Williston Fire Department for their participation in Operation Santa. Fliers for this event are being mailed out this week.

The tree lighting ceremony went well in spite of the weather. The event was well attended by the members of the Fire Department who helped serve hot chocolate and cookies to the attending crowd. Many of the young firefighter's girlfriends also helped out with the festivities.

Trustee Parente reported that Second Assistant Chief Patrick Theodore relayed the following information to her with regard to a recent automobile accident. A Village resident was in an accident and aided by the Fire Department. The steering wheel of the vehicle crushed against the driver bending it. The driver declined to go to the hospital, even though the EMS volunteers encouraged him to do so. It ended up that the driver experienced a ruptured kidney, but did not know it. Had he not gone to the hospital, the circumstances may have turned tragic. Chief Theodore stated that people who are in a car accident should always consider being examined in a hospital after an accident, as they may not know of an injury that they have sustained.

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that fliers are being mailed announcing Recreation Committee classes such as "Mommy & Me", yoga, and dance classes that commence in January. She urged everyone to check the website for the events and activities.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella reported that the Justice Court collected a total of \$2,071.00 in fines from 45 violations in November 2014. The violations consisted of 37 parking violations, seven moving violations and one Village ordinance violation. The New York State surcharge amounted to \$156.00.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Department of Public Works is preparing for the winter months. They have attached plow mechanisms to trucks, readied salt and sand, and placed markers on fire hydrants throughout the Village.

The Village solicited bids for a new road sweeper on November 24, 2014. Long Island Sanitation submitted a bid for an Elgin sweeper. After the Board approves the purchase by resolution, the sweeper can be ordered with an approximate delivery date of February 2015.

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RESOLUTION NO. 33-2014 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AN ELGIN ROAD SWEEPER AT A COST OF \$188,815.00 FROM LONG ISLAND SANITATION CO. AND FINANCING THROUGH SIGNATURE BANK.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of an Elgin road sweeper at a cost of \$188,815, and financing through Signature Bank. Said purchase is the result of bids received on November 24, 2014.

Trustee Siciliano urged residents to check on elderly neighbors during the winter months.

He wished everyone happy holidays.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner thanked the East Williston Fire Department for their participation in the annual tree lighting ceremony.

The Mayor also thanked those present for attending the meeting this evening.

Jeffrey Blinkoff apprised those present of the status of the property at 8 Sumter Avenue. He has been informed by the attorneys of the purchaser that they expect to go to closing before Christmas. They also hope to submit plans to the Village Building Inspector for renovations to the residence. At the time of closing, the Village would collect the monies owed to it from the owners of the 8 Sumter Avenue.

Mayor Tanner stated that the plan of the purchaser is to rehabilitate the structure at 8 Sumter Avenue, rather than demolish the building. First and foremost, he stated that the Village wanted to ensure that the structures are made water-tight (closing all holes in the roof) and safe, as soon as practicable after the sale of the home.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the matter of the conditional use application for the Wheatley Hills Golf Club was put over until tonight to set a date for further consideration of a continued public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2014 A RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A DATE OF JANUARY 13, 2015 FOR SCHEDULING A CONTINUANCE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION BY THE WHEATLEY HILLS GOLF CLUB FOR A DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the date of January 13, 2015 for scheduling a continuance of a public hearing on the conditional use application by the Wheatley Hills Golf Club for a date to be determined.

Library Director Susan Corsello presented the Library report. Story time for toddlers and pre-school will meet two more times this year on Thursdays December 11th and 18th and Fridays, December 12th and 19th at 11:30am. The Senior’s group will hold a holiday party on December 18th at 1pm. A babysitting class will be held on December 18th from 7-9pm.

The Friends of the Library have a display of Santa figurines in the showcase in the lobby of the Village Hall for the month of December.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in November 2014: 41 Sumter Avenue, major renovations to residence. 7 Meadow Lane, demolition of dwelling and construction of a new, one-family residence. 408 Congress Avenue, installation of a generator. 35 Atlanta Avenue, the finishing of a basement.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct reported the following activity in the month of October 2014: One report of burglary at 489 Roslyn Road. Traffic tickets served: No parking violations and two moving violations were issued. There were three auto accidents and no auto injuries were reported.

For the month of November 2014: Two reports of burglary: 21 Orchard Meadow Road and 1 Bengeyfield Drive, Apt. 2G. Traffic tickets served: two parking violations and six moving violations were issued. There were five auto accidents, with two auto injuries reported.

The Clerk stated that the Village office will close at noon on Christmas and New Year’s Eves and all day on Christmas and New Year’s Day.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Michael Guglielmo questioned how real the expectation of a sale of the 8 Sumter Avenue property is. Mr. Blinkoff spoke to both attorneys and feels this is as close as it has ever been to coming to fruition. He noted that the Judge in this case has posed the same question.

James Daw asked if the building at 8 Sumter Avenue is too fouled to be remediated. Mr. Blinkoff stated while the engineer had determined and recommended to the Village that the building should come down because it would be too expensive to rehabilitate the structure, the potential owners are willing to do just that, rather than demolish the premises.

Mr. Daw stated that after having attended the meeting on the proposed water well in November, he felt that the Board of Trustees did a tremendous job in exploring options and working to find a solution to the question of purchasing water from Williston Park. He felt that the “fault does not lie in this room” for not looking at all avenues to pursue for an affordable water supply. It was his hope that the Williston Park Board of Trustees has the fortitude to meet with East Williston, and their mayor be damned if he does not wish to attend with the entire Board.

Carla Strauss asked if the Village can supply a portable sound system next year for the Veterans Day ceremony. Mayor Tanner stated that one will be in place next year.

Kathleen Rittel stated that she held the East Williston Fire Department in high regard for taking time out of their own holiday celebrations to perform Operation Santa each year on Christmas Eve. Her daughter who is now 32, thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Santa as a child.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.