

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2019

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, December 30, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees Christopher Siciliano, James Iannone, Raffaella Dunne, James Lark., Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Michael Delury, Treasurer Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff.

Also present: Patrick Theodore, Commissioner of East Williston Fire Department.

Excused from meeting: Trustee James Iannone, Treasurer Michael Delury, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman.

The Board discussed a proposal from Emergency Communications Solutions for the purchase of Motorola STS2500 radios through the Bethpage Fire Department, at a cost of \$21,380.00.

The radios are slightly used and the cost includes accessories and training.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-37 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSAL FROM EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF 30 EMERGENCY RADIOS FOR THE EAST WILLISTON FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE BETHPAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF \$21,380.00.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Dunne and Lark all voting "Aye", the Board approved the proposal from Emergency Communications Solutions for the purchase of 30 emergency radios for the East Williston Fire Department through the Bethpage Fire Department at a cost of \$21,380.00.

The Board discussed the need to purchase a cap for the new chief's vehicle being purchased for the East Williston Fire Department. The cap separates the gear from the cab for safer access for the occupant.

Assistant Chief Peter Batterson obtained a quote from Trailer City in Hempstead (from the New York State Bid) in the amount of \$5,279.00.

The Board questioned the cost of the vehicle itself. Mrs. Hausner stated she thought the State Contract price for the vehicle was approximately \$31-32,000.

The Board felt that in the absence of Trustee Iannone, the Treasurer should check to see if the original cost of the truck included a cap.

The Board discussed the LED street lighting pilot program.

The Clerk advised that only one resident made a comment about the program stating that the fixtures without the glass looked like something was missing. Board members agreed.

Trustee Siciliano asked the Clerk to see if the glass in the existing fixtures can be installed in the new fixtures, and if not, what the cost of ordering glass in the fixtures would be.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that with regard to the North Side School property, the temporary orange fencing is still present, and sagging in some locations. It could not be ascertained if the bollards were placed back sturdily in the ground. Another call will be placed to the School District's attorney.

The Board discussed the draft traffic calming study of Downing Street near the North Side School. After a brief review, the Board asked that the Clerk contact Russell Scott of Nelson & Pope about expounding upon Option 2 which focuses on speed limit reduction (school zone).

Mr. Blinkoff advised that New York Department of Transportation has certain requirements for implementing a school speed zone. Among them are a monitored crosswalk, certain distances from the actual school building.

Trustee Lark suggested perhaps the installation of a two way stop at Latham Lane and Downing Street.

Mayor Parente asked that Building Inspector Jared Mandel review the Nelson & Pope draft report and see if he had any opinions of the options outlined in the report.

Trustee Dunne questioned any movement on the retaining wall at 15 Oakley Lane.

Mayor Parente reported that the issue was left where the Village would repair its portion of the wall, and the homeowner would repair his portion, at his cost, simultaneously using the contractor that provided a proposal to the Village.

Mayor Parente had spoken at length with the resident at 15 Oakley Lane.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the new wall will be construction of poured concrete with rebar.

The Clerk was instructed to call the resident to advise that the Village is ready to proceed with the repair of its portion of the wall and ask the resident if he is on board with his end of the repair.

Mr. Blinkoff advised that pursuant to new laws that go into effect on January 1, 2020, the procedure for the issuance of court appearance tickets for Village Code violations will change. Due to a timing issue, many Village courts have considered two court dates per month. For some villages, this is not possible.

His suggestion for East Williston is for the building department to first issue a warning or notice of violation to the homeowner where the code violation exists. Then, if the violation is not remediated, an appearance ticket should be issued returnable at a date as soon as possible, but in no event later than twenty days from the date of issuance.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that he will discuss this issue with Building Inspector Jared Mandel.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee and Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Dunne and Lark, all voting “aye”, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 8:42p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

The Board reconvened at 8:57pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-38 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2019.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Lark, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Dunne and Lark all voting “Aye”, the Board approved the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2019.

Trustee Siciliano handed out a proposed commemorative brick order from.

Mayor Parente liked the form and asked the Clerk to draft a cover letter to be sent out in an upcoming flier mailing.

Trustee Siciliano stated that in observing parking on streets during Operation Santa on December 24th, many streets, especially in the Ridge area had cars parked on both sides of the street making it nearly impossible for fire trucks to pass. If a fire occurred, a truck could not get through the street.

He suggested an email blast be sent out occasionally advising residents hosting parties to have guests park on one side of the street to facilitate easy access for emergency vehicles.

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On the motion of Trustee Dunne, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.