

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 8:00 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, Trustee Robert M. Vella, Jr., Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Marie L. Hausner, Village Clerk.

Also present: Patrick Theodore, Marcia Weiser, Carla Strauss, Mildred Clinton, Michael Guglielmo, Al Testani.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano, and Vella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2013.

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 agenda meeting of November 25, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", and the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for November 2013 as follows: 20130299 - 2013083.

Second Assistant Chief Patrick Theodore presented the November 2013 report for the East Williston Fire Department. The Department responded to a total of 18 calls during the month; seven fire calls, eight EMS calls and three mutual aid calls to neighboring fire departments. One of the mutual aid calls was to the Great Neck Alert Fire Department for a large brush fire in Kings Point Park.

Chief Theodore stated that the Department was still signing up families for Operation Santa. Residents should come to the Firehouse on Thursday evenings after 8:30pm to drop off new, unwrapped presents for children at Winthrop Children's Hospital, St. Christopher Ottillie Home and the Mary Brennan Inn. At that time, residents leave their name and address for Santa to visit their respective homes on Christmas Eve, after 6pm.

Chief Theodore reminded residents to clear snow from around fire hydrants to aid the volunteers in the event of a fire.

Michael Guglielmo informed the Board that there is a bent fire hydrant flag across from 501 Roslyn Road. The Clerk said she will report this to public works.

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DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Bonnie Parente stated that the members of the Fire Department were out in full force for the annual tree lighting on the Village Green. She thanked the members of the department for preparing hot chocolate. She also thanked Trustee DeBenedittis and the members wives and girlfriends for helping guide the flow of children through the Village Hall to Santa, and then onto the Firehouse for refreshments.

Trustee Parente stated that the deadline to place an advertisement in the East Williston Fire Department 125th Anniversary Journal is the first week in January (2014).

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

Trustee DeBenedittis thanked Beata Wroblewski for her work on the annual photos sessions for residents. If anyone missed the date, they can contact Trustee DeBenedittis to make an appointment with Ms. Wroblewski for this upcoming weekend.

Game night will take place on Friday, December 13th and movie night will take place on Friday, December 20th. Pre-registration is required.

Trustee DeBenedittis thanked the Beautification Committee and the Friends of the Library for the exhibition of the snow globe collection in the lobby of the Village Hall.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella stated reported that the Justice Court collected \$3,566.00 in fines during the month of November 2013. There were 35 parking violations, five moving violations and no Village ordinance violations during the month.

Trustee Vella presented the Library report. The daytime book club will meet on December 10th at 1:30pm to discuss the book "Don't Sing at the Table" by Adriana Trigiani. The evening book club will meet on December 12th at 7pm to discuss "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn". Pre-K story time will take place on Thursdays at 11:30pm and toddler story time will take place on Fridays at 11:30pm. The Seniors Group will meet on December 19th for its annual holiday party. The Library will be presenting a program

on January 11th, 2014 at 1pm entitled "The History of the Little Rascals". The Library continues to collect slightly worn or new shoes for "Shoes for All" The Library will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25 in observance of Christmas, and on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 31 and January 1, 2014 in observance of the New Year.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Village Public Works Department. The Village experienced a water main break on School Street on November 25th. The break was repaired within hours of it being reported.

Trustee Siciliano met with representatives from PSE & G, the company that will be taking over LIPA on January 1, 2014. The two and half hour meeting promised better communication between municipalities and the utility, as well as the designation of a government liaison.

Leaf bags are still available at the Village office.

Trustee Siciliano reminded residents that during a snow event, if four inches of snow or more are predicted, the Village Code mandates that residents remove their cars from Village streets so plows can effectively remove the snow and salt/sand the roadways.

Lastly, he reminded residents to look out for their elderly neighbors during inclement weather, and wished everyone happy holidays.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The following building permit was issued in November 2013: 370 Charles Street, major renovation to structure.

The Village was in receipt of the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report for October 2013: There were no reports of burglaries or robberies. Five parking violations and one moving violation was issued, and there were four auto accidents with one auto injury reported during the month.

The Third Precinct also forwarded the report for the month of November 2013. There were no reports of burglaries or robberies. Two parking violations and one moving violation were issued. Four auto accidents with three auto injuries were reported.

The Village office will close at noon on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that News 12 Long Island had been at the Village and filmed the Maxim Pumper antique fire truck this past week. They will air program as a part of their year-end segment around the end of December.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board wanted to hold a public hearing in January 2014 regarding the frequency of reading water meters. He entertained a motion for the resolution to hold said hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2013 A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella voting "aye", the Board approved to hold a public hearing to consider proposed Local Law No. 1 – 2014 amending section 154-20 (c) of the Village Code to require that water meters in the Village be read at least once each year on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Michael Guglielmo stated that the annual tree lighting that took place on December 3, 2013 was held the same night as parent-teacher night in the East Williston School District. He asked if the Board could reference the school calendar to avoid conflicts.

Mr. Guglielmo stated at the intersection of Roslyn Road and East Williston Avenue, drivers at the northwest corner cannot make a right on a red light.

The Mayor informed Mr. Guglielmo that the traffic lights and patterns on both East Williston Avenue and Roslyn road are controlled by the County of Nassau. Both of these thoroughfares are owned by the State of New York and maintained by the County of Nassau (snow plowing, street cleaning, traffic control devices, etc.). The Village cannot make changes to these routes.

Mildred Clinton stated that many of the sidewalks along East Williston Avenue are uprooted by trees on the north side of the street. Mayor Tanner stated that he will look into whether "CHIP's " monies can be used to repair the sidewalks. The Clerk added

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that this may not be possible since East Williston Avenue is not a "Village maintained road", but will check with the New York State Department of Transportation.

Mrs. Clinton also stated that traffic on East Williston Avenue has greatly increased over the years from Glen Cove Road to Roslyn Road. Drivers have "plowed into trees on her property".

Mayor Tanner stated that he has spoken to the police about this matter. Drivers cut through East Williston to avoid Jericho Turnpike. He has also been advised that the curtailing of truck traffic is unenforceable.

Carla Strauss asked if there was anything new to report about 8 Sumter Avenue. She wanted to know if BNL Construction was still interested in purchasing the property.

Jeffrey Blinkoff stated that he was informed that there was still some type of contract for sale of the property, but that a letter will be sent to the attorney for the Muzio's informing him that they will have ten days to finalize the agreement and closed on the property, or the Village will proceed with a final inspection and subsequent demolition of the structures on the property at 8 Sumter Avenue.

Michael Guglielmo asked if the Village is planning to have a more open budgeting process this year, rather than holding the public hearing in April where the budget is already set for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mayor Tanner stated that while the exact process has not yet been set up, it was hoped to have one or more work sessions prior to voting on the budget.

Mildred Clinton stated that the East Williston School Board holds several meetings and take into account comments from the public. She felt that having a budget already in place that is not malleable and have it presented at a public hearing does not encourage public comments.

Mayor Tanner stated that there will be additional meetings, and that the public should have confidence and faith in the Board that this will occur.

Trustee Parente stated that the budget has always been malleable, and that it has been "tweaked" up to the night before the vote took place on the budget.

Trustee Vella suggested that residents attend both regular Board meetings and agenda meetings. The meetings are held the second and last Mondays of each month (unless a holiday falls on that day). The process is always open to residents but there are those who do not avail themselves of the process. The Board needs to create a workshop-type meeting where residents can attend.

Trustee Parente reiterated that the Board has not yet talked about how the process will be undertaken.

Trustee Vella stated that residents have to feel comfortable with the process and give residents more information and input into the process.

Mayor Tanner stated that he wanted to shed light on the budget process and make it better. Perhaps the institution of an extended period of time for the preparation of the budget.

Mr. Guglielmo stated that the School District sends out mailings with information about its budget and holds five or six meetings on the budget where residents are invited to attend.

Carla Strauss stated that perhaps at upcoming Village Board meetings, a designated "open time" can be placed on the agenda where a section of the budget can be discussed and then take comments from residents.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.