

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday February 10, 2014 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, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Daniel Cramblitt, Patrick Theodore, Joseph Fabrizio, Joseph Masters, Daniel McGill, Marcia Weiser, Carla Strauss.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, 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 regular meeting of January 15, 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 approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of January 27, 2014.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", and the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for January 2014 as follows: 20130450 - 20130519.

Chief Daniel Cramblitt presented the January 2014 report for the East Williston Fire Department. The Department responded to a total of 18 calls during the month. There were six fire calls, seven EMS calls and five mutual aid calls to other fire departments.

Chief Cramblitt expressed the importance for residents to have their house numbers clearly visible in the event of an emergency. Having your home clearly identified saves precious time and may save a life.

Chief Cramblitt also reminded residents to clear fire hydrants of snow and ice during the winter months.

Since the resignation of Patrick McWhirk, former Chief Joseph Fabrizio has once again taken the reins as first assistant chief of the East Williston Fire Department. The Mayor and Board welcomed Chief Fabrizio to the meeting.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

#### **DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE**

Trustee Bonnie Parente stated that the East Williston Fire Department aided the Albertson Fire Department in a mutual aid call on January 24, 2014. A major fire occurred in a town house complex on I.U. Willetts Road. The East Williston Fire Department was stationed at the rear of the building. Chief Cramblitt noticed a major problem which might have resulted in a total collapse of the building. He reported it to the Albertson Fire chief whereby evacuation of firefighters took place. This act may be responsible for saving the lives of firefighters in the building. The Department was called back at 4am, when the fire flared up again. During the blaze, three turnout coats were burned by melting metal at the fire.

Trustee Parente noted that neighboring fire departments are there for us (East Williston) when we need them during emergencies.

#### **TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS**

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that 100 pillow cases were sewn last week for children in local hospitals on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

The combined work of the East Williston and Williston Park Historic Committees resulted in a very successful presentation on the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway over the weekend. A display about the Parkway and the races that took place on it is in the display case in the lobby of the Village Hall. There were many people in attendance at the presentation.

#### **TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.**

Trustee Vella stated reported that the Justice Court was cancelled in January due to a snow storm, however, the Court collected \$1,052.00 in fines during the month. There were 10 parking violations and two moving violations disposed during the month.

Trustee Vella presented the Library report. Pre-K story time will be held on Thursdays from 11:30am to 12 noon. Toddler story time will be held on Fridays from 11:30am to 12 noon. The seniors' Group will meet on February 20<sup>th</sup> for a program "Lullaby of Broadway". Children ages six and up can participate in the making of Valentine's Day cake pops on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. A program to learn the downloading of library e-books will take place on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The Library continues to

collect gently worn shoes for "Shoes for All" and empty ink cartridges for recycling. The Library will be closed on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day. The Library Friends Group is presenting a display of Pinewood Derby Cars from Boy Scout Pack 8 and information on the Old Motor Parkway from Al Velocci.

**TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO**

Trustee Siciliano presented the Department of Public Works report. He thanked the staff of Public Works for their continued efforts during the numerous storms that have taken place this winter. He added that residents should remove their vehicles from Village roadways so plows and get through and perform a more efficient job in clearing snow from streets. Cars that remain on the streets will be ticketed.

Trustee Siciliano asked that residents aim their snow blowers back toward their lawns when blowing snow off driveways and sidewalks, so the snow does not get thrown back onto the roadway, causing dangerous conditions.

The Village office has received complaints of residents not picking up after their dogs in various areas of the Village. Please be a good neighbor and pick up after pets.

Lastly, Trustee Siciliano wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day, and safe travels during the remaining winter months.

**VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER**

The last day to file a grievance for the 2014-2015 tentative assessment roll is Tuesday, February 18, 2014. The Village office will be open from 7pm to 8pm to receive last minute grievances.

The following building permit was issued in January 2014: 29 Lee Avenue, removal of an in-ground pool. 43 Orchard Drive, major renovations and an addition to the home. 392 Roslyn Road, installation of a generator. 5 Donald Street, installation of a heat pump condensing unit. 201 Howard Street, addition to home. 65 High Street, installation of a generator.

The Nassau County Police Department 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct reported no cases of burglary or robbery for December 2013. There was one parking violation served, and no moving violations. Eight auto accidents with no auto injuries reported.

The Village office will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2014 in observance of Presidents Day.

**MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER**

Mayor Tanner informed those present that the Village received a favorable report from the New York State Comptroller's office relative to municipalities showing signs of "significant fiscal year". After performing the test for fiscal stress, the Village received a "no designation", indicating no stress. In this set of values, "zero" represented the highest rank, with the lowest being 100. The Village achieved a rank of 19.

The audit for the year 2013-2014 has been completed.

Mayor Tanner met with Inspector McCarthy and Deputy Inspector Conti from the Nassau County Police Department 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. They will be attending four Board meetings per year to address any concerns residents may have, or questions that come up.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village has finally found a tree expert from Lynbrook who will be attending a future meeting to address the Village's formal guidelines on trees and shed some light as to proper care of trees.

Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff updated those present on the status of 8 Sumter Avenue. The Board has attempted to perform an interior inspection of the building prior to demolition. The Village has been prevented by the Muzio's from entering the premises, even with a court order. The Village now has an administrative warrant to enter the premises. The court has requested that an engineering report be submitted after the inspection.

Patrick Theodore asked why the recent prior attempts to enter the premises were not assisted by the police department, as they had in the past when the Village had been able to gain entry for inspections.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the first court order was issued by Justice DeStefano. This time, Justice McCormack has issued an administrative warrant. If the Muzio's refuse entry, they may be arrested.

Mayor Tanner opened the meeting to residents.

Dan McGill, a resident of Sagamore Avenue, stated that he wrote letters to the Village of Mineola and attended a Mineola Board of Trustees meeting to speak about the fitness center that opened on Roselle Street its impact on parking on Sagamore Avenue. He also addressed the Mineola Board about Hi Tone Auto Body, which opens each morning at 5:00am, and operates an enormous ventilation fan that is very noisy. When he attended the meeting he was told that inspector went to the area, but did not

witness anything. He was not told the name of the inspector. Mineola told him to go to the East Williston Board of Trustees.

The Board asked the Village Clerk to contact Mineola Village Clerk Joseph Scalero to obtain information on this situation.

Carla Strauss complimented the Department of Public Works for the wonderful job they did clearing roads during the storms..

Mrs. Strauss also complimented the Historic Committee on the presentation about the Vanderbilt Motor Parkway.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.