

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Tuesday, February 12, 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, Robert M. Vella, Jr., Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Patrick Theodore, Joseph Masters, Pat and Judy Buonocore, Lisa Feimer, Carla Strauss, Barbara Seixas, Alexandra Blach, Patricia Blach, Nancy Kirk.

Alexandra Black gave a presentation on the sewing program she offered to young residents for her Girl Scout Gold Award. The participants learned to lay out fabrics and patterns, cut the materials and learned the proper use of a sewing machine and related techniques. They made knapsacks, aprons and bean bags.

Mayor Tanner administered the oath of office to Judy Buonocore as the Village Historian and Lisa Feimer as co-chairperson of the Beautification Committee.

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 minutes of the agenda meeting of January 9, 2013.

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 minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2013.

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 unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for January 2013 as follows: 20120409 – 20120474.

Chief Theodore presented the January report for the East Williston Fire Department. The Department responded to a total of 10 calls during the month; three fire calls, five EMS calls and two mutual aid calls. He added that members of the Department were on stand-by at the firehouse for a 24 period during the recent snowstorm.

The Chief reminded residents that in the event of snow, to clear fire hydrants so that in the event of an emergency, precious time is not wasted by firefighters trying to extinguish a fire.

The Chiefs and Fire Commissioners met with some members of the Board regarding the upcoming fiscal year's budget for the Fire Department.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

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

Trustee Parente reiterated that members of the Department were on standby at the firehouse for 24 hours during the February 8<sup>th</sup> snowstorm. She thanked them for their selfless dedication to the community in leaving their own families during the storm to be on call for the community.

Trustee Parente also thanked the Chief's and Commissioners for their hard work on the upcoming budget for the Fire Department. She said it was impressive how the Department sticks to the necessities they need in order to operate properly.

#### **TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS**

Trustee DeBenedittis thanked Judy Buonocore for taking over the post of Village Historian. She thanked outgoing Historian Thomas Mohrman for his many years of service to the Village.

Trustee DeBenedittis noted that the Historic Committee presented Reverend Forrest Parkinson with a plaque thanking him for all of the help he gave to the Historic Committee and Village during his tenure as pastor of the Community Church of East Williston.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that the Historic Committee will be hold another "Living History" event on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Recreation Committee report included information on the planning of a "Cinco De Mayo" party on the Village Green on May 3, 2013. Another event in the works is a scavenger hunt, the date of which has not been determined.

Trustee DeBenedittis informed those present that the Town of North Hempstead will be hosting an event where residents married 50 years or more can renew their wedding vows on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at Clinton G. Martin Park at 1pm. More information can be obtained by call 311.

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, the Village of East Williston Senior Committee will have a cardio wellness session featuring healthy heart choices.

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

Trustee Vella presented the Justice Court report for the month of January 2013. The court collected a total of \$1,985.00 in fines for parking and moving violations.

Trustee Vella gave the Library report. The evening book club meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. For information contact the Library at 741-1213 or email them at [ewpl@ewlibrary.org](mailto:ewpl@ewlibrary.org). The day book club will meet on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. On Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Library will host the AARP 55 Alive Driving Course. The cost is \$17 for members of AARP and \$19 for non-members. Pre-school story time continues to take place on Thursdays at 11:30 am, and Toddler story time continues on Fridays at 11:30 am. The Shoes for All project continues its collection in the Library.

**TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO**

Trustee Siciliano acknowledged the work of the Department of Public Works for their wonderful job at clearing the snow during the recent storm. They went out to clear the snow twice during the storm to keep ahead of the buildup on roads. He added that residents should avoid parking cars in the street during storms as it make it difficult for plows to efficiently clear the snow, and can be dangerous if a car cannot be seen by the snow plow drivers. The Village Code mandates that if there are four or more inches of snow, cars should be removed from roadways. He also added that the Village Code states that sidewalks must be cleared by residents within 48 hours after a snow fall has ended. Residents should not blow snow back into the road, but rather face snow blowers onto grassy areas of their own property.

The Village experienced a water main break during the storm on Ridge Road. The repair included the replacement of a valve on Hillside Avenue.

Trustee Siciliano stated that during the Memorial Day parade, the Village was looking for owners of antique cars to drive the veterans in the parade.

**MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER**

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village re-bid the sanitation contract for the collection of garbage. A preliminary review of bids shows the apparent low bidder to be DeJana Industries. The Village will be holding a public hearing on March 11, 2013 regarding the sanitation issue.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6-2013 SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND DETERMINATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE COLLECTION REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF ACCEPTABLE WASTE AND RECYCLABLES FROM THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye" the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston ("Board") has received bids in accord with the General Municipal Law section 103 of the State of New York for the collection, removal and disposal of acceptable waste and recyclables from the Incorporated Village of East Williston ("Village"), and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it necessary to hold a hearing to assess the status of the bidders in order to determine the lowest responsible bidder as that term is defined by statute,

BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing is to be held on MARCH 11, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. in the Village Hall at 2 Prospect Street East Williston, New York to make such assessment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Village of said public hearing at least three days prior thereto.

Mayor Tanner stated that he toured the Village after the recent snow storm and was pleased with the cleanup undertaken by the Department of Public Works.

**VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER**

The following building permits were issued in January 2013: 205 Dickson Circle, interior renovations. 5 Coleman Drive, installation of a natural gas generator. 11 Hewlett Drive installation of a central air conditioning unit. 15 Meritoria Drive installation of a natural gas generator. 19 Robbins Drive, installation of a natural gas generator.

Nassau County Police Department (Third Precinct) report for January 2013: No reports of burglaries or robberies. Eight parking violations and no moving violations issued. Three auto accidents reported with auto injuries.

No report of grants for January 2013.

Mayor Tanner opened the meeting to the residents.

The Mayor asked Mr. Blinkoff to update the matter of 8 Sumter Avenue. Mr. Blinkoff stated that bids for the renovation or demolition of the structures on 8 Sumter Avenue will be opened on February 22, 2013. So far, only one contractor picked up a bid for this project.

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Joseph Master, Chairman of the Library Board stated that a leak still remains in the Library emanating from the second floor. The Clerk was instructed to speak with Building Inspector Robert Campagna about having this repaired.

Mr. Masters also questioned whether the Board will consider the bids to be received regarding the disposition of 8 Sumter Avenue, as there are rumors that the property has gone to contract for sale. Trustee Vella stated that the Village is proceeding as planned.

Carla Strauss questioned if there was any progress on proposed local laws controlling the planting of bamboo. Mayor Tanner stated that it was the Village's intent to "piggy-back" off the New York State legislation

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.