

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees James Iannone, James Lark, Anthony Gallo, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff.

Excused from meeting: Deputy Mayor/Trustee Raffaella Dunne

Also present: Philip and Maureen Chappo, Patrick Theodore, Henry Yuen, Ray Gaudio, Michael Guglielmo.

Mayor Parente stated that Trustee Dunne wanted to discuss finance of the library at the February 28, 2022 agenda meeting.

Mayor Parente stated that village code enforcement should issue appearance tickets to those landscapers that do not have the company name on its vehicles.

Mayor Parente updated the Board on water matters.

Mayor Parente advised that Mr. Blinkoff has reviewed the agreement for "Bring My Pet Home" tags provided by Richard Foster.

Trustee Gallo stated that he looked over equipment in the East Williston Fire Department and asked for some guidance as to what items the Board wanted inventoried.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Gallo, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 7:56pm to discuss personnel matters.

The Board reconvened at 8:00pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Lark, and with Mayor Parente, Trustee Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2022.

On the motion of Trustee Lark, seconded by Trustee Gallo, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of January 31, 2022.

On the motion of Mayor Parente , seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Trustees Iannone Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the abstract of claims for January 2022 (20210386 - 20210441).

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE

Trustee Dunne was excused from the meeting.

In Trustee Dunne’s absence, Mayor Parente advised that the Recreation Committee had met on January 17th and came up with some new and continued events for 2022. In April, the annual Easter egg hunt will take place. In May, the village will host a classic car show in the village parking lot. The annual June tent party will take place in June, and there may be another in September. Also planned is a dog show and a music festival in the summer.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

The Village Justice Court for January 2022 reported 30 parking violations, six moving violations and no village ordinance violations. \$1200.00 total fines collected with \$193.00 in New York State surcharges.

Mayor Parente added that Court Clerk Susan Egan procured a JCAP grant for the installation of wooden benches in the second floor hallway for those awaiting court.

The East Williston Seniors will meet on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 1pm for a light lunch and dessert.

In March, the Senior Group hopes to hold a St. Patrick’s Day luncheon.

TRUSTEE JAMES LARK

Trustee Lark stated that he had nothing to report on the East Williston Little League or the Beautification Committee.

The Department of Public Works welcomed its new employee today, Nicholas Ammann.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY GALLO

Trustee Gallo informed those present that an email blast was sent out by the village advising that National Grid will perform odorization testing on the gas main on Roslyn Road on February 15 and 16, 2022.

Trustee Gallo presented the East Williston Fire Department for January 2022. The department responded to a total of 27 calls Six emergency (EMS) calls, three general alarms, and 18 mutual aid calls to neighboring departments.

Fire Commissioner Patrick Theodore was present and stated that members of the department stood standby at the firehouse during the recent storms.

Mayor Parente asked how many fire hydrants had been cleared of snow by residents.

Commissioner Theodore stated that approximately 75% of hydrants were cleared. The department takes into account if a resident may be elderly.

MAYOR BONNIE L.S. PARENTE

Mayor Parente thanked the East Williston Fire Department members for their standby duties during the winter snow storms.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The police report for January 2022 noted no auto accidents, seven aided cases, no reports of burglary, robbery, larceny auto or criminal mischief. Two larcenies non-auto were reported. No moving violations and three parking violations were issued.

Building Department report for January 2022:

24 Atlanta Avenue, installation of a central air conditioning system. 19 East Williston, addition to the home.

Village offices and departments are closed on Monday, February 21, 2022 in observance of Presidents' Day.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents:

Ray Gaudio addressed the Board regarding legislating the use of gas powered landscaping equipment. He advised that many villages and the Town of North Hempstead has banned the use of gas powered equipment from varying from May to September of each year. He hoped that the Board would reconsider and adopt similar legislation.

He also felt that the village noise ordinance include the decibel levels of gas powered leaf blowers, lawn mowers and the like.

He felt that commercial landscapers should have their licenses revoked for violation of the noise ordinance, as well as not issuing licenses to those who have been issued appearance tickets.

Mayor Parente advised that the Board has had significant discussions about this the landscaper issue, and felt there was no need to further legislate landscaping laws. She noted that she provided Mr. Gaudio with her personal cell number to report infractions.

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She added that the village is only two years into the Saturday ban on gas powered equipment, and is still measuring the effectiveness of said legislation.

Philip Chappo questioned the proposed bills before the New York State Legislature pertaining to revisions to local zoning codes requiring them to permit accessory housing units on each parcel where the municipalities have transit hubs (Part AA Senate bill 8006 Assembly bill 9006 and Part EE Senate bill 8006 Assembly bill 9006). He was concerned about the effect on the village should this be adopted into law.

Mayor Parente advised that she had sent letters to Assemblyman Ed Ra, Senator Anna Kaplan and copied Assemblyman Fred Thiele and Senator James Gaughran addressing her concerns about this legislation and its effect on the village's zoning laws. She had already received a response from Assemblyman Theile.

Mr. Chappo thought it may be a good idea to ask residents to also contact their local New York State officials about this issue.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee, Gallo seconded by Trustee Iannone, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.