

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**AGENDA MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:30 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 Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman.

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 moved to adjourn into executive session at 7:45pm to discuss potential litigation.

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 voted to come out of executive session at 7:52pm.

Mayor Tanner stated that with regard to the budget, he will be sending final revisions to Michael Delury to finalize.

Mayor Tanner also stated that an email blast should be sent out to residents about the cancellation of the preliminary budget meeting on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Vella will be meeting with the Fire Department next week on a Department. Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff will be attending with him.

Trustee Parente stated that perhaps Mr. Blinkoff should not attend the meeting, as in doing so; he could turn himself into a potential witness. She said there is case law on this matter.

Trustee Siciliano stated that Amport is completing the brick work on the salt shed garage door at the Public Works garage.

The Board discussed the parking issue in front of 4 Prospect Street, next to the Village Hall. The resident, Mr. Duffy wants a no parking sign placed in front of his home because he has difficult parking in his driveway.

Trustee Vella stated he would not be opposed to placing an "Active Driveway" sign in this area, alerting people to the activity of ingress and egress to the driveway.

Ms. Kreisman stated that either she or the village clerk have been parking their cars in front of the house so as to discourage library patrons, or those using the Village Hall from parking in front of Mr. Duffy's house, as they were taking care to park correctly and not blocking his driveway.

Trustee Siciliano felt that a sign stating "Parking for Village Clerk Only" would be a good way to discourage parking by the general public.

The Board was generally opposed to an overall "no parking" sign placed in front of 4 Prospect Street.

Trustee Parente stated that Second Assistant Chief Patrick Theodore is having the lights taken off his personal vehicle by Extreme Lighting, so they will be able to be used again.

Trustee Parente brought up the issue of installing plaques on the planters in front of the Village Hall that were fabricated by Eagle Scout Liam Fraser. She stated that she had no problem placing the plaques on the planters.

Trustee Vella agreed, however he feels biased in his opinion because his son was an Eagle Scout. He said that the efforts and work put into these service projects by young people are monumental. The requirements for Eagle Scout and other similar projects are rigorous and a tremendous undertaking. This may be a good way to encourage these types of projects. The placing of plaques spreads good will; if something is constructed, then it should be acknowledged.

Trustee Siciliano felt that the Village should have recognized the Eagle Scout when the planters were installed.

Trustee Vella stated that placing a plaque on the planter will be something lasting, something that everyone can view and acknowledge.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Scouts do not perform these projects for recognition, but for altruistic endeavor.

Trustee Parente felt that the size of the plaque should be regulated, perhaps 3" x 5" to be affixed to a tangible project. Before the plaque is affixed to the planters, it can be present at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Mayor Tanner stated that plaques displayed at various hospitals for donations made end up look cheesy.

Trustee Vella stated that (the Eagle Scout and like projects) and the subsequent recognition with a plaque is for actual work done, not a monetary donation which is easy.

**RESOLUTION #4-2014 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF A PLAQUE RECOGNIZING THE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT OF LIAM FRASER ON PLANTERS INSTALLED AT THE VILLAGE HALL, IN A SIZE NOT TO EXCEED 3" X 5".**

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Vella voting "aye", and Mayor Tanner and Trustee Siciliano voting "nay", the Board approved to install a plaque on the planters in front of the Village Hall acknowledging the Eagle Scout project by Liam Fraser, in a size not to exceed 3" x 5".

Bonnie Kreisman advised the Board that a letter was sent to resident Richard Perna regarding the results of the test of his water meter. He was informed that the tests show the device registering properly, and that the amount owed on the water account stands.

Michael Delury stated that he has compiled a list of proposed fees for finalizing (closing out) building and plumbing permits, as many residents fail to complete the permit process, even after receiving letters from the building inspector instructing them to do so.

Ms. Kreisman gave an example of a house that is now being sold, and has numerous permits that must be closed prior to sale. The resident was advised of this many times but failed to act. Now there is rush for inspections, etc. due to the closing date.

Mr. Delury stated that placing a late fee on closing a building permit that was not done on time, will encourage people to complete the permit process in a timely manner.

Trustee Vella stated that some people do not finalize a permit for assessment reasons, but charging a penalty fee if a permit is not closed out within a reasonable time period makes sense.

Trustee Parente stated that the Board should review "boiler plate language" to require a final inspection to close out a permit.

Ms. Kresiman also stated that the Village Code has not penalty for performing plumbing work without a permit.

Mr. Blinkoff was instructed to review this matter to see what can be done to correct the Code.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.