

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees Christopher Siciliano, James Iannone, Raffaella Dunne, James Lark, Marie L. Hausner, Village Clerk, Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Michael Delury, Treasurer Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff.

Mayor Parente was advised by residents of 179 and 204 Bengeyfield Drive that they had yellow water over the weekend. She asked that public works superintendent James Bailey look into this issue.

Mayor Parente felt that an email blast should be sent out reminding residents to call or email the office if they experience discolored water and advise of the location, date and time.

Mayor Parente was following up on the interview that the Board had with Joseph Galante for a code enforcement position and him getting back to East Williston about Code adoptions for a public safety position.

Ms. Kreisman had forwarded Mr. Galante's email to both Mayor Parente and Mr. Blinkoff for review. She said she will re-send the email.

There have been recent posts on Facebook about residents not picking up after their dogs, and some letter dogs run at Devlin Field.

The clerk was asked to see if a license plate number could be gleaned from the photo of the vehicle on Facebook and to send a letter to the person who is letting their dog run on the field.

Mayor Parente questioned the use of the hand scanner by the East Williston Fire Department. It was her understanding that the fire department had purchased such a device a few years back, but apparently it was never set up and activated.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Mayor Parente, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss to discuss personnel matters at 7:47pm.

The Board re-convened at 8:01pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Mayor Parente stated that with regard to the bids for the new sanitation contract, she would like to meet with Anthony Core and Chris Reyes of Meadow Carting to discuss certain issues and complaints prior to the awarding and signing of the contract.

The Mayor also wanted in writing that Meadow is recycling cardboard.

Mr. Blinkoff said that the Village can send an inspector along the routes that the sanitation company takes to ensure that they are complying with the contract.

Mayor Parente discussed upcoming liaison assignments after the Village election on March 18th.

The following are suggested assignments:

Trustee Iannone: Fire Department, Seniors, Village Justice Court, Zoning and Planning Boards. Trustee Dunne: Library, Recreation Committee, Teen Safety Committee. Trustee Lark: East Williston Little League, Public Works and Beautification Committee. Newly elected trustee: Public Works, sanitation.

Mayor Parente questioned the report on LED lighting from RealTerm Energy. Mrs. Hausner said she has asked RealTerm for a simplified version of the information and the bottom line of the costs for the program so it can be budgeted.

Mrs. Hausner distributed a copy of the response from Nelson and Pope with regard to the Downing Street traffic study.

The Board felt that installing two stop signs at Downing Street and Latham Lane will aid in solving the problem of speeding. The clerk was asked to advertise for a public hearing for the May 11, 2020 meeting.

It was also suggested to schedule a public hearing for the placement of a stop sign on Sumter Avenue at the intersection of Sagamore Avenue. This will also be on the May 11th agenda.

Ms. Kreisman advised that 26 people have placed orders for commemorative bricks as of this date.

Mr. Blinkoff advised that he is working on the Village Code changes as presented by Jared Mandel at the January agenda meeting.

The Board questioned the “standard drainage” for pavers.

The Board also wanted the New York State Building Code checked to see if an alarm is required for pools.

The Board stated that the Village Code already required a perimeter fence around a pool, and it should stay that way.

Trustee Dunne stated that a perimeter fence should be sufficient since no one will close the cover to a pool when just going inside of their home for a short time.

Mayor Parente stated that some people want the Zoning Board to use the house as a means of a perimeter with a fence.

Ms. Kreisman stated that the Zoning Board cannot grant a variance to the New York State Building Code.

He added that many of the existing pools in the Village were installed before the Code was instituted.

Mayor Parente questioned the need to have more of a barrier around a pool.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that he will do more research on codes with regard to the issue of pools.

Mr. Blinkoff also stated that he needed to look at major/minor project differentiation with regard to changes to the Code.

He will be preparing a revised draft of the proposed changes to the Code.

Mayor Parente asked the Board how they felt about the creation of an architectural review board.

The consensus of the Board at this time, was not to institute such a Board.

Trustee Dunne mentioned lighting on a home on Latham Lane. The lights are very bright, almost too bright. She wondered if the Code address exterior lighting. She also wanted to know if the lighting was on the plans for the home.

Ms. Kreisman would review the building permit file.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that perhaps the Code should be “tightened up” with regard to lighting installation.

Trustee Siciliano is working to obtain quotes for electric installation at Devlin Field.

Trustee Siciliano stated that in the refurbishing of the tennis courts, the berm will be removed and the benches from the dugouts will be installed for seating areas.

Trustee Dunne asked if lines for pickleball can be painted on the courts.

Mr. Delury passed around a sample of the new windscreen to be installed in the tennis courts. It was noted that since they are opaque, the newly installed cameras will not capture activity on the courts, so it was suggested that the screens only be installed half way up the fencing.

Mr. Delury noted that since the Village is undertaking substantial improvements to the courts, that the fee structure for the tennis instructor be revised for 2020. At this time, the instructor receives all of the fees, except from those of non-residents, where those fees go to the Village. He feels that a percentage of the instructor fees go toward the improvements to the courts.

Mayor Parente agreed that the fee structure needs to be changed. She asked Mr. Delury to formulate a suitable fee structure for tennis.

There was concern that should the current tennis instructor leave, that the Village will have to bid for a new instructor.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that this is a professional service, so the Village would not need to solicit bids.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-6 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF A “STOP AHEAD” SIGN ON SAGAMORE AVENUE ADJACENT TO THE STOP SIGN AT SAGAMORE AVENUE AND OGDEN AVENUE.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Mayor Parente, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Dunne and Lark all voting “Aye”, the Board approved the installation of a “stop ahead” sign on Sagamore Avenue adjacent to the stop sign at Sagamore Avenue and Ogden Avenue.

Trustee Dunne stated that the Teen Safety/Recreation Committee wanted to meet with the Board at the March 30th agenda meeting to present plans for events for the coming year.

Ms. Kreisman distributed a worksheet on the costs of installation of remote-read water meters. She noted that she has been doing this for 11 years now, and at this time, the installation of these meters have to be performed for the entire Village or not at all.

The rough estimate of cost is \$450 per installation which includes the meter and the installation. She added that some meters have already been installed.

Trustee Dunne stated that some residents have claimed a hardship with regard to the cost of having the new meters installed.

Mayor Parente stated that perhaps payment for the meters could be done in two installments over two billing cycles.

Ms. Kreisman stated that Badger Meter advised the Village that contract prices for meters will increase as of April 1st.

Ms. Kreisman also advised that the surveillance camera at the Train Station Pavilion is not working. It is an old analog camera, so she is getting a quote for a replacement.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58pm.