

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, February 8, 2016 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 Christopher Siciliano, Robert M. Vella, Jr., James L. Iannone, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Patrick Theodore, Marcia Weiser, Ellen and Leonard Ritz, James Sandquist, Carla Strauss, Anthony and Margaret Casella, James J. Daw, Jr. Carol Batali.

Mayor Tanner advised the Board that John McWhirk announced that he will be retiring as the trustee and administrator of the East Williston Fire Department's LOSAP program.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of January 25, 2016.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, and seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for January 2016 as follows: 20150381 - 20150411.

Assistant Chief Patrick Theodore presented the report of the East Williston Fire Department for the month of January 2016. The Department responded to a total of 15 calls during the month: Six fire calls, seven EMS calls and two mutual aid calls to the neighboring departments of Mineola and Carle Place.

The Department was on standby during the January 23<sup>rd</sup> snow storm. The Chief complimented the Department of Public Works for keeping the roads in East Williston clear and safe.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

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

Trustee Parente stated that the Senior's Group will hold its next meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. The topic of discussion will be health, exercise and nutrition.

### **TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO**

Trustee Siciliano thanked the employees of the Department of Public Works for their hard work during the January 23<sup>rd</sup> snow storm. They worked 26 hours straight.

He also thanked residents for shoveling fire hydrants after the snow stopped falling.

Library Director Susan Corsello gave the Library report.

The "Day Time Book Club" will meet tomorrow to discuss "*The Little Paris Book Shop*" by Nina George. The "Evening Book Club" will meet on Thursday to discuss "*To Kill a Mockingbird*" by Harper Lee.

Upcoming Library events include:

- Bill Bleyer will discuss his book, "*Long Island and the Civil War*" – Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- *Valentine's Day Cookies and a Movie for Children*- Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm
- Charles Berman will present, "How to Appeal Your Property's Annual Assessment" – Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

The Library Friends Display Cabinet is featuring a display to mark the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Monkey. It features an exhibit of Chinese objects, both functional and decorative.

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

Trustee Vella reported that the Justice Court collected a total of \$2,010.00 in fines from 34 parking violations, three moving violations and two Village ordinance violations in January 2016. There was \$93.00 in New York State surcharges for the month.

Yoga classes continue to take place on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30am to 11am and Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm. The Come Play With Me program for preschoolers ages 2 and up takes place on Mondays from 10-11am.

**TRUSTEE JAMES L. IANNONE**

Trustee Iannone thanked the members of the East Williston Fire Department for standing by for over 24 hours at the firehouse during the January 23<sup>rd</sup> snow storm. He noted that January was a busy month with 15 calls including two mutual aid calls, as reported by Assistant Chief Theodore.

**MAYOR DAVID TANNER**

Mayor Tanner stated that there has been no further progress with Williston Park since the last meeting. Part of the ongoing discussion deals with the issue of emergency chlorination. The Nassau County Health Department requires emergency chlorination in the event of a positive e coli sample (which has never occurred in the Village). He stated that it was the Board's opinion that Williston Park treat East Williston like any other customer.

Trustee Vella stated he shared the Mayor's concerns. He said it is very clear to the Board that Williston Park will take care of all chlorination in the water system. There were other issues with the draft agreement where items that were not discussed at meetings were included in the agreement. East Williston sent a letter to Williston Park outlining those items that were included and needed review. He added that he was disheartened, as he was hoping for a more concrete agreement.

Trustee Parente stated that it appeared that both Villages seem to be "bargaining in reverse". The proposed agreement seemed to take away a term, but added another restriction.

Trustee Vella agreed, feeling the negotiation was moving backward.

Mayor Tanner stated that he will be reaching out Mayor Ehrbar shortly, to schedule another meeting with Williston Park. He thought that after meeting with Williston Park, they had the "meat and bones" for an agreement, but when items not previously discussed had been added, this did not seem to be the case.

**VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-6 RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR THE EAST WILLISTON VILLAGE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016.**

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye" the Board unanimously approved the following individuals as election inspectors for the Village election to be held on March 15, 2016, pursuant to Election Law Section 15-116(1): Margaret Abad, Sylvia Tong, Robin Hirsch, Gloria Carrao and Rosemarie Chase.

The following building permits were issued in January 2016: 215 Derby Street, installation of an HVAC unit. 19 East Williston Avenue, expand and construct new driveway. 47 Meritoria Drive, demolish residence and detached garage. Construct new home, driveway, stone patio and install generator and HVAC unit.

The Nassau County Police Department report for December 2015 indicated now reports of burglaries or robberies. No traffic tickets were served. There was one reported auto accident and 1 auto related injury.

The police report for January 2016 reported no incidents of burglaries or robberies. No traffic tickets were served and there were five auto accidents and one auto related injury.

The Clerk advised those present that Grievance Night will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 from 7-8pm in the Village office.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Marcia Weiser asked that in the future if the notice about the Village election can be placed on the website. The Clerk advised that the date of the Village election is on the calendar for March 15, 2016.

Trustee Parente stated that the Village had published the required legal notice in the Williston Times. She added that the Village had to be careful in summarizing the election law. It follows all required legal notices and postings as required by law.

Margaret Casella asked if the Village could explore installing a better surface in the Toddler Park on Prospect Street. The current wood chip version gets into children's sandals and bothers small feet.

Anthony Casella commended outgoing Trustee Robert Vella on the wonderful job he has done for the Village of East Williston.

James Daw asked if the chlorination of the East Williston water system could involve the construction of a building, and if the residents of the Bengeyfield condominium would see it.

The Board advised that if a chlorination building needed to be built, it could be placed in the area of the condominium, but exploring other options is the direction being taken at this time. More than likely, an agreement with Williston Park will alleviate the need for the construction of emergency chlorination facility.

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There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.