

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 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 A. Siciliano, James L. Iannone, Anthony Casella, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman.

Excused from meeting: Village Clerk Marie Hausner.

Also present: Detectives Brew and Decaro, Police officers Steven Grasick and George Pfeifter, and Cooper, James J. Daw, Jr., Walter Rivera, Leonard Ritz, Carol Bertali, Marcia Weiser, Dan Roper, Michael Guglielmo, Stephan Leccese, Tony Cici, Stephanie Keys, James Reichman.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of January 16, 2018.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Iannone, and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of January 29, 2018.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the abstract of claims January 2018 as follows: 20170409 - 20170479.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente reported that the East Williston Senior Group will meet on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 1pm to celebrate Valentine's Day and hear a speaker from NY Bancorp who will address the issue of scams.

Trustee Parente added village clerk Marie Hausner was not present this evening due to the passing of her father.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated the village has experienced six water main breaks in recent weeks due to the extreme temperature changes that have taken place. While repairing the breaks, the village has been replacing valves at the same time, which will save both time and money during future main breaks. The additional valves will allow for shorter sections of streets to have water shut off during water main breaks, inconveniencing fewer residents.

Mayor Tanner added that it was hoped that this will limit the impact during future breaks. He also said that public works has also set up a program to exercise the valves to ensure they are in working order.

Trustee Siciliano presented the library report: For Women's History month, the library will host a performance of "Love, Loss and What I Wore" by Nora Ephron on Saturday, March 2 at 1pm. On Thursday, March 22, at 7pm, Winter Brook a psychic medium will be presenting tips on mediumship and reaching out to loved one's March 15, at 6:30pm, a "Monster Hunt" will take place in the library for ages 7-14. March 2nd at 7pm, ages 13-18 can participate in Cake Wars in which teams can build a cake.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

Trustee Iannone presented the East Williston Fire Department report for January 2018. There were a total of 16 calls during the month: 12 mutual aid calls, 1 auto accident and three general alarms.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY CASELLA

Trustee Casella presented the Justice Court report for January 2018. There were 10 parking violations, two moving violations and no Village ordinance violations totaling \$1,073 in total fines collected, and \$118.00 in New York State surcharges.

The Recreation Committee report advises that yoga classes continue on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11am and gentle yoga classes take place on

Wednesdays from 5:45 – 7:15pm. Come Play with Me classes will commence in February. The day of the week has not yet been set.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner had no further reports for this month.

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BONNIE KREISMAN

The following building permits were issued in January 2018: 383 Feather Lane, installation of solar panels. 6 Hewlett Drive, installation of foundation to expand mudroom, and install handicapped bathroom. 209 Concord Street, construction of an addition, reducing the size of the garage, construction of a finished basement. 36 Downing Street, construction of an addition. 18 Meritoria Drive, installation of a split air conditioning system.

The Nassau County Police Department report for December 2017 stated three auto accidents, 11 aided cases, no reports of burglaries, robberies, or criminal mischief, and one report of larceny (other than auto).

The Board advised that the police officers were present at the Board meeting in response to a burglary that took place on Glenmore Street this afternoon.

A photo of the alleged perpetrator was placed on Facebook. The police explained that the back door of the home was left unlocked and it is believed the home was “targeted”, quite possibly being an “inside job”. They have some good leads in the case and may have possible DNA left on gloves that were dropped near the site. Testing of the DNA can take two weeks.

It was also reported that the residents of the home fired their cleaning crew about seven months ago after noticing things had gone missing. The same issue happened with their neighbor.

Detective DeCarlo advised resident to always lock doors and windows of homes. Do not leave service people alone in homes; the resident should always be present. Catalog your valuables (take photographs and videos). Basically, you have to go by the premise that you cannot trust anyone.

P.O. Pfeiffer stated that the precinct received a report about a mini-van traveling around soliciting cleaning jobs in the area.

Stephan Leccese asked if the police had contacted neighbors of the resident whose house was burglarized. The police stated that they had contacted the neighbor.

Walter Rivera asked about the incident that took place in the library a few weeks back where a patron became disruptive with staff.

The police stated that Officer Cooper from the POP unit has and will continue to be involved with any issues that take place in the East Williston Library.

Trustee Siciliano stated that a letter was sent to the individual involved in the incident informing him that he is banned from using the library. Library staff was advised to call the police if he shows up, as he will be arrested. He added that the library has a “panic button”, that they can use in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the Library Board and Director compiling a policy as to disruptive behavior. He added that now, all patrons must produce identification to use the library computers.

The policy will allow library staff to know what should be done in certain situations.

The Library Board met with police officers who offered suggestions as to some measures that can be taken, which is under consideration.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the residents.

Stephan Leccese asked about the timing of the library incident and did the Board plan to announce the incident.

Mayor Tanner stated that the event occurred a few weeks back, no direct announcement was made. Discussion about the incident is ongoing, and the village will decide on this on a case-to-case basis.

James Daw stated that he was a prosecutor. He was quite surprised that the police have allowed so much information about these incidents out to the public.

Stephanie Keys stated that as a new member of the library staff, she did not think too much about the incident. If the Board made a big deal about it, she would be concerned.

Michael Guglielmo asked what is going on with the road markings on Roslyn Road.

Trustee Siciliano stated that East Williston Avenue is slated to be repaved by Nassau County, but he is not sure if Roslyn Road is also scheduled for repaving.

James Reichman stated that, as discussed at a recent fire department meeting, social media needs to be used with thought. Posting something immediately on social media can make the village look as being alarmist.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.