

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, March 14, 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: Joseph Fabrizio, James J. Daw, Jr., Susan Corsello, Anthony Casella, Leonard and Ellen Ritz, Mildred Clinton, Michael Guglielmo, Louis Sasso, Joseph Masters, Ray Gaudio.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-8 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF FUEL FROM THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD FOR VILLAGE OWNED VEHICLES

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board approved to purchase fuel from the Town of North Hempstead for Village owned vehicles.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 2016.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, 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 February 29, 2016.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the meeting with Williston Park on March 3, 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: 20150412 - 20150514.

Chief Joseph Fabrizio presented the report of the East Williston Fire Department for the month of February 2016. The Department responded to a total of 13 calls during the

month: three fire calls, eight EMS calls and two mutual aid calls to the neighboring department of Albertson.

The Chief thanked Trustee Christopher Siciliano for procuring another home, slated to be demolished, for fire drilling purposes for Department members.

He further advised that the Department will commence weekly fire drills on Thursdays, utilizing a fire hydrant near the North Side School. Members will also be attending fire school at the Nassau County Fire Academy in Old Bethpage.

Mayor Tanner asked that the Chief ensure that residents in the area of the North Side School be advised of the drilling, and the opening of hydrants.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente stated that the Senior's Group will hold its next meeting on March 24, 2016 from 1-3pm. The group will celebrate a belated St. Patrick's day and Purim.

Trustee Parente also advised that the Village office received word from the Town of North Hempstead that the Office of Community Services is reviewing the grant application from the East Williston Senior Committee. It is hopeful that a grant will be obtained this year to further enhance the activities of the group.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano reported that the Department of Public Works is working to get the ball field and adjacent properties in shape for the spring. The covering surface material for the toddler park is also being replaced. Lastly, when the weather gets a bit warmer, the commencement of the replacement of street trees will take place.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella reported that the Justice Court collected a total of \$1,000.00 in fines from 21 parking violations, two moving violations and no Village ordinance violations in February 2016. There was \$25.00 in New York State surcharges for the month.

For the Recreation Committee, the annual Easter egg hunt will take place on the Village Green on Saturday, March 19th at 10am, with a rain date of Sunday, March 20th. Spring tennis classes will begin April 9th. 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. Fliers for activities can be found in the lobby of the Village Hall.

TRUSTEE JAMES L. IANNONE

Trustee Iannone did not have much to add to the Fire Department report presented by Chief Fabrizio.

Trustee Iannone thanked the members of the Fire Department for their help during the snow storms this winter. He also thanked residents for shoveling out fire hydrants after the storms.

Lastly, he added that the Department is always looking for new members. He urged anyone who is interested to stop by the firehouse on Thursday evenings from 8-10pm and speak with one of the Chiefs.

MAYOR DAVID TANNER

Mayor Tanner reported that he and the Board of Trustees met with the Board of Trustees of Williston Park on March 3rd. He said East Williston is waiting for the written agreement discussed that night from their Village attorney. Right now, it is in the hands of the Williston Park Board for review. After it is received, it will be sent to the Nassau County Department of Health to ensure that the wording regarding emergency chlorination is in compliance.

Trustee Vella added that East Williston is not yet in possession of the document.

Library Director Susan Corsello gave the report. The "daytime" book club met last week to discuss "The Rosie Project", by Graeme Simsion. The "evening book club" also met last week to discuss the book "Driving Mr. Yogi", by Harvey Araton.

The Library Friends display cabinet is featuring the art work of the second and fourth grades of the North Side School, created under the direction of teach Kiki Kyrrou.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in February 2016: 388 Feather Lane, installation of a generator. 216 Auburn Street, interior alterations. 43 Meritoria Drive, construction of an addition to the home. 470 Sagamore Avenue, construction of a two bedroom apartment. 417 Sagamore Avenue, installation of solar panels.

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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 February 2016 was not received in time for the meeting from the Nassau County Third Precinct.

The Village election will be held tomorrow, March 15, 2016 from noon to 9pm in the Village Hall.

The Village office will be closed on Friday, March 25th in observance of Good Friday.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

James Daw stated that the Rotary Club met with representatives of the POP Cop program of the Nassau County Police Department. He suggested the Village contact them to see if they can come to a Village meeting and address their success in burglary arrests made recently.

Michael Guglielmo asked if the Board could outline a timeline for receipt of the agreement with Williston Park.

Trustee Vella stated that the Williston Park Board is in possession of the written agreement, as discussed on March 3rd. It hoped to be sent in the coming weeks and that there are no further changes to the agreement, other than what was discussed and negotiated.

Mayor Tanner stated that the next step would be to send it to the Nassau County Department of Health for their review, as stated earlier in the meeting. After that, it was the intent of the Board to put the bond referendum out to a vote of the residents. This way, everyone can weigh in on this very monumental decision. The 7.5 million dollar bond referendum is a yes or no vote.

Trustee Vella stated that the decision by residents through a vote will go well beyond 25 years. He added that the Village is not permitted to have the vote as a choice of "building a well or choose an agreement with Williston Park". He felt strongly that this issue be put to the vote of the residents.

Mayor Tanner stated that the vote on whether or not to build a well is about democracy and will bring the issue to a closure, one way or another.

Trustee Parente stated that if the referendum goes to a vote, the Village will disseminate information to clearly describe what the vote entails.

Mr. Guglielmo felt that this was opening the issue to some confusion.

James Daw stated he felt the Village should build a well. The Village should explain that once built, everyone in the Village now owns this well.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that after discussion with bond counsel, the only way the issue can be put to a vote of the constituency is through a bond referendum. The Village cannot legally have a vote which give the choice to either construct a well, or sign an agreement with Williston Park. The vote put before the residents would be the granting of authority for the Village to pursue the funding for the construction of a well. It does not, however, obligate the Board to building anything. Just because there is authority, does not necessarily mean it will happen.

Mayor Tanner added that pro forma language is used in the bond resolution.

Ray Gaudio asked if the Board would consider an addition to the Village Code whereby landscapers would have to certify that their equipment is below a certain decibel level before they could be granted a landscaper license in the Village.

Mayor Tanner said the Board will discuss the issue and consider his request.

Lou Sasso stated that he is against the well.

Trustee Iannone stated that the hallmark of the agreement with Williston Park is to have a price lock in place where Williston Park cannot raise East Williston's water rate without raising the rate for their own residents, adding that East Williston cannot vote on the water rates they set. He supports the agreement because East Williston will be locked into what Williston Park residents pay.

Trustee Parente stated that she supported the well at first and that Mayor Tanner did an amazing job in researching the project. We now have an outline of an agreement with Williston Park. We are locked into the same rate increases for the entire length of the agreement. The East Williston Board was always committed to follow parallel paths (working on an agreement with Williston Park and endeavoring to construct a well in East Williston).

Trustee Vella stated again that he is a proponent of building a well. He has grave concerns about the water infrastructure of Williston Park's system (for example, their

elevated storage tank is 80 years old). He noted that recently in Newsday, Port Washington residents were facing a similar situation with an aging water storage facility and its effect on the water system and water rates. He felt it was in the best interests of East Williston to have its own water source. He noted that East Williston pays more for water, but we get fewer services than that of Williston Park residents. East Williston maintains its own water mains, meter reading, water testing. Williston Park does not provide those services to East Williston.

Trustee Vella continued that both Boards came to an agreement on terms that added up to greater rate stability, but he did not feel it was his decision to make, nor should it be for the Board of Trustees alone. He commended Mayor Tanner, the rest of the Board and staff for all of their hard work on the facilitation of both options (well or agreement). He stated he shuddered to think what would happen when Williston Park faces problems with its infrastructure.

Joseph Masters asked if Williston Park had to replace the elevated storage tank could they charge East Williston some portion of the cost.

Trustee Vella stated that as part of the agreement, each Village will be responsible for its own individual infrastructure, so while Williston Park cannot charge East Williston for the cost, they could raise the water rate to pay for the replacement.

Mr. Guglielmo asked how long the \$4.33 rate will be in effect between Williston Park and East Williston.

Mayor Tanner stated that the agreement will hold this rate until June 2018.

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