

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BUSINESS MEETING /WORK SESSION
VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
March 25, 2024

A business meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston, New York, was held in Village Hall, at 2 Prospect Street, on Monday, March 25, 2024. The mayor opened the meeting at 7:03pm. All Board members were present. Also present were Trustee-elect Rushi Vaidya, Blank Slate reporter Taylor Herzlich and village office staff members Bonnie Kreisman, Mike Delury and Elissa Jansen.

Mayor Parente spoke about her upcoming appointments and that Trustee-Elect Vaidya will be the Board's liaison to both the Beautification Committee as well as Air Traffic advisory. She attended a meeting last Thursday with several local government and civic leaders and concerned citizens regarding the increased number of low flying planes over our immediate communities. More meetings will be scheduled soon to determine how to combat this growing noise issue.

The mayor also advised the Board that the Village received the executed contract to purchase a utility vehicle to be used by for many tasks, but especially for the beautification and recreation committees to assist them with an array of general tasks and transportation of supplies and irrigation.

The mayor announced that John Signorelli will be the new appointed Fire Commissioner and that they have asked him to administer the SAFER grant that the Village has been awarded to procure an electronic sign to aid in fire department recruitment and retention and placed on a village property; location to be determined.

Trustee Gallo advised the Board that newly elected Town Councilman Dennis Walsh attended the East Williston Fire Departments meeting last Thursday and indicated that he was trying to introduce legislation that will cover the costs for our fire fighters to use the Town's fitness facility.

Concerned with the growing trend and promotion on Tik Toc of homeless and migrants taking up residence in privately owned, unoccupied houses, the mayor suggested that we encourage residents to advise the Village Office when they may be away for extended periods of time so that public safety can monitor their homes during their absence.

Mayor Parente announced that the first Village Court Experience in March was a tremendous success, having seven participants on its inaugural night and an additional candidate recently signed up. She also mentioned that the first building department forum was held last week, and it too was well attended and very successful. Residents sat with the building inspector and building department coordinator in an informal, round table setting and were able to ask questions about future building plans and closing out open permits.

A motion that the Board of Trustees close the public meeting go into Executive session to discuss payroll and personnel matters in accord with Public Officers Law section 105(f); was made at 7:49pm was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to arrange for the separation of a Village employee was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Lark. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion that the Board of Trustees close Executive Session was made at 8:55pm by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Lark. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

A motion to close the public meeting was made at 8:56pm by Trustee Dunne, seconded by Mayor Parente. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Minutes by: Joanna E. Palumbo, Village Clerk

Approved by the Board of Trustees: _____

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