

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**MEETING WITH WILLISTON PARK**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Williston Park Village Hall, 494 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, 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, John Mirando, P.E.

Present from Williston Park: Mayor Paul Ehrbar, Deputy Mayor Kevin Rynne, Trustee William Carr, Village Clerk Julie Kain, Village Attorney James Bradley, Village Engineer William Merklin, P.E., Superintendent of Public Works Keith Bunnell.

Also present: Leonard and Ellen Ritz, Anthony Casella, Ann Wadman, Doreen Ehrbar.

The Boards of East Williston and Williston Park met to discuss a proposed agreement for the purchase of water.

Mayor Ehrbar stated that after the discussion of various items this evening, he would like to have the agreement signed within two weeks.

Mayor Tanner stated that he wanted to forward the proposed agreement to the Nassau County Department of Health to seek approval of the emergency chlorination clause contained in the agreement.

East Williston Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff went through each item in the agreement where there were questions or concerns.

The main issue in question was the issue of emergency chlorination.

Mayor Ehrbar stated that Williston Park would not construct any emergency chlorination facility for East Williston.

Mayor Tanner stated that it was never the intent for Williston Park to construction an emergency chlorination facility. The concern of the Nassau County Health Department is to ensure that Williston Park would provide emergency chlorination in the event of an episode in East Williston's system.

Mr. Miranda stated that he and Mr. Merklin had spoken a length with each other and provided wording that can be included in the proposed agreement.

The Boards also discussed the issue of insurance coverage and indemnification.

Mayor Tanner reiterated that East Williston was stilling moving on a parallel path and offering Village residents the opportunity to vote on a bond resolution for the construction of a water well.

Village of East Williston Board members opined on the matter as follows:

Trustee Parente stated that as an elected official, she felt that the Board should vote on the decision to either accept the agreement with Williston Park or pass a referendum to bond for construction of a well.

Trustee Vella agreed in principle, but it was his strong belief that this issue is too large for the Board alone to decide upon.

Mayor Tanner stated that a vote by residents against the construction of a well will make an agreement with Williston Park stronger.

Trustee Iannone stated he supported the agreement that has been discussed this evening. If a referendum is brought up to bond for the construction of a well, he will state that he supports the agreement. He believed that when brought to a vote, a bond resolution will not pass.

Trustee Siciliano agreed with Trustee Iannone and added that the residents should be entitled to vote on the issue

Trustee Iannone wanted to see the revised agreement as discussed tonight, in writing, but believes it is in the best interests of the Village of East Williston.

Mayor Tanner stated that when the final agreement is received, he will submit it to the Nassau County Department of Health to obtain assurance from the County that the chlorination clause in the agreement is amenable to them.

Trustee Vella added that it has always been the intent of East Williston to put a bond resolution to a vote of the residents.

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Mayor Ehrbar thought that the agreement as worked out between the Villages would suffice. He felt that East Williston was playing Williston Park.

Trustee Vella stated that the East Williston Board has told residents it would be putting a bond referendum to a vote.

Trustee Parente reiterated that as elected officials, the Board should come to a decision and vote upon it. She wanted to come to an agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 pm.