

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013

Annual Organizational Meeting and Budget Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, April 1, 2013 at 8:00 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 Caroline DeBenedittis, Christopher A. Siciliano, Robert M. Vella, Jr., Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Patrick Theodore, Barbara Seixas, Carla Strauss, Ursula Harbacher, Lorraine Natalsky, Marcia Weiser, Mildred Clinton, Mr. & Mrs. Lou Sasso, Michael Kelapire, James Sandquist, Ray Gaudio, Linda Funsch, Connie Leonick, Anthony Core, John Mangano.

The meeting commenced with a public hearing to consider bids received for the collection, removal and disposal of waste in the Village of East Williston. A verbatim transcript of the public hearing is on file in the office of the Village Clerk.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board moved to close the hearing and reserve decision.

RESOLUTION NO. --- 2013 Local Law No. 2 of the year 2013 Village of East Williston, County of Nassau - A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c
Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of East Williston to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing 2013 and concluding in 2014 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The City Council/Board of Trustees of the Village of East Williston, County of Nassau, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing in 2013 and concluding in 2014 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", and the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of February 5, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", and the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", and the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of February 21, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", and the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of February 25, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for February 2013 as follows: 20120475 – 20120517.

Chief Theodore presented the February report for the East Williston Fire Department. The Department responded to a total of 11 calls during the month; five fire calls, five EMS calls and - one mutual aid call.

Chief Theodore added that the Commissioners and Chiefs have been diligently working with the Board on the 2013-2014 budget.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente stated that she is very impressed with the enthusiasm displayed by the members of the East Williston Fire Department, as she has witnessed firsthand, the drills held each Thursday. She was also pleased with the Department’s participation in the events hosted by neighboring fire departments. Just recently, the Mineola Fire Department’s Juniors held an event and East Williston members attended.

Trustee Parente stated that the Teen Safety Committee is working with the Recreation Committee on issues of teen and resident safety.

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that the Recreation Committee has been busy working on planning upcoming events. On May 3rd, a “fiesta” for children is being planned on the Village Green. A “Quatro de Mayo” celebration for adults will be held on May 4th on the Green. Other upcoming events will be the annual concert on the Green and the Memorial Day 5K race. The spring tennis program will be starting up soon, and boot camp and the yoga program continue.

The Historic Committee will host another “Living with History” series on March 23rd at 2pm. Former Mayor Tony Casella will be speaking.

Lastly, any residents with antique cars who would like to volunteer to drive veterans in the Memorial Day Parade should leave their name and phone number at the Village office.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella presented the Justice Court report for the month of January 2013. The court collected a total of \$2,475.00 in fines for parking and moving violations.

Trustee Vella gave the Library report. Continuing Library programs include Pre-K story time on Thursdays at 11:30am and Toddler story time on Fridays at 11:30am. An AARP defensive driving course will be held on March 19th. The cost is \$17 for AARP members and \$19 for non-members. A spring break interactive concert for children will be held on March 28th at 2pm.

The Senior Committee will hold its St. Patrick's Day party on March 21st at 12:30pm. Blood pressure screens will be available that day as well.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated that he hoped the March 8th snow storm will be the last of the season. The Village will now turn his attention to pruning trees and replacing the sidewalks damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The street sweeper is now going out through the Village.

He also reminded residents to change the batteries in their smoke alarms.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village had previously held a public hearing to modify the Code with regard to garage/yard sales. The East Williston will be holding a Village-wide garage sale on a date yet to be set.

TREASURER MICHAEL DELURY

Treasurer Michael Delury informed those present that the Village received the Audited Financial Report for the year ended May 31, 2012. The Board has reviewed the reported, and at this time he recommended acceptance of said report.

RESOLUTION NO.9 -2013 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2012.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella, all voting "aye", the Board unanimously voted to accept the Audited Financial Report for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2012, prepared by Satty, Levine & Ciacco, CPAs, PC.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in February 2013: 219 Howard Street, the legalization of a wood deck. 31 Robbins Drive, installation of a natural gas generator. 201 Dickson Circle, interior renovations and the installation of a natural gas generator. 21 Sumter Avenue, modification of driveway.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct did not submit a report for the month of February.

No report of grants for February 2013.

Mayor Tanner asked Mr. Blinkoff to update those present on the status of 8 Sumter Avenue. Mr. Blinkoff was advised by the buyer's attorney, Mr. Walsh, that the property has gone into contract. No application has been made to the Planning Board or the Board of Zoning Appeals with regard to this property. Mr. Blinkoff said the Village will continue along with its plans for remediation or demolition of the buildings on the property.

Michael Kelapire asked if the Village will recoup monies spent on this property. Mr. Blinkoff stated that there will be a lien on the property for the amounts owed.

Mayor Tanner opened the meeting to the residents.

A resident asked how often the streets are swept and questioned the need for the purchase of a new sweeper.

Connie Leonick asked if the sanitation contractor could sweep the streets.

Mrs. Funch felt that the employees of the Department of Public Works will take more care in the sweeping of streets.

Mrs. Funsch asked if the trees that were removed due to damage during Hurricane Sandy will be replaced. She is requesting a replacement tree, but does not want a locust tree planted.

John Azara stated that in respect to the Village sweeper, the Village should weigh the cost of buying the equipment or bidding out the services. He felt that perhaps the Boy Scouts could perform this work.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Village has not picked up leaves for a number of years now, but we perform street sweeping duties and cleaning of the street gutters.

Mr. Sasso asked if 470 Sagamore Avenue can be used as a store. Building Inspector Robert Campagna will have to check the Code on the perspective uses of the property.

Mildred Clinton stated that she still has a Verizon cable hanging since Hurricane Sandy. The Clerk advised her she is working on getting Verizon to address these issues, as there is another location in the Village with the same problem.

Ray Gaudio stated that he spoke with Congressman Steve Israel. He was informed that aircraft legislation (airplane traffic and noise) is out of the question and will not go anywhere in Congress.

Ray Gaudio expressed concern about the Village wide garage/yard sale. He stated that a house on his block recently had a sale and people parked on both sides of the street, making passage of cars difficult. Also, people arrived at 7am for a 10am scheduled sale and were talking and drinking coffee in the street. He asked the Board to consider the safety hazards.

Carla Strauss asked if the Board will move ahead with its determination to demolish the house at 8 Sumter Avenue, even if the potential buyer does not apply to the Planning or Zoning Board. Mayor Tanner stated that the Board of Trustees will move along regardless if an application to the other Boards is filed or not. Trustee Vella added that the Board of Trustees will not wait forever on this matter.

Mrs. Funsch expressed her dismay that residents are leaving Christmas lights on their homes. She asked if the Village can legislate against this practice. She felt the classiness of the community is slowly eroding and the tenor of the Village is changing.

Lorraine Natelsky asked why the Village did not allow for larger driveways in the Code, or allow parking on the street overnight. With so many cars in her family, it causes a hardship.

Mrs. Funsch stated that allowing large driveways would make the Village look like Queens.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.