

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**AGENDA MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015**

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Bonnie L.S. Parente, Christopher A. Siciliano, James L. Iannone, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Marie Hausner, Village Clerk

Excused from meeting: Robert M. Vella, Jr.

Also present: Joseph Fabrizio, James Clark, Patrick Theodore, Mark Davella.

Chief Joseph Fabrizio of the East Williston Fire Department introduced Assistant Chief James Clark to those members of the Board who may not know him.

Chief Fabrizio stated that he appreciated the members of the Board coming to the Department installation dinner.

Chief Fabrizio informed the Board that one of the bay doors to the firehouse was damaged and will be repaired shortly.

Mayor Tanner asked if the Department was keeping with the truck preventive maintenance plan. Chief Fabrizio stated that the fire trucks have been sent to See Neville and are on track with maintenance. He noted that the Board will see claim forms for signature for See Neville.

The Chief stated that the Chiefs and Commissioners are working to obtain three quotes for the refurbishing of the radio room. As soon as information is compiled, they will come back before the Board of Trustees. He stated there is no risk of losing the grant, even though this project is moving slowly.

Trustee Iannone had spoken with Fire Commissioner Paul Walters who said he wanted to meet on this subject.

Mayor Tanner asked if the MTA got in touch with the Village about placement of Fire Department memorial. Mr. Blinkoff stated that he spoke with Paul Goldstein of the MTA and he expected LIRR approval on the easement any day.

Mayor Tanner asked about any progress the Fire Department had made on the clean-up of the Old Motor Parkway property.

Assistant Chief Patrick Theodore said he spoke with the fire marshal for the LIRR about the property. They have put pressure on the MTA Police and other personnel about closing up the fence that allows youths to go through and congregate on the Old Motor Parkway property leaving large amounts of debris, cans, bottles, furniture and the like. The fencing is the responsibility of the MTA. At this point, Assistant Chief Theodore was looking to have the couch removed at the very least and have the fence repaired to deter people from getting through to the area.

Mayor Tanner asked that Mr. Blinkoff draft a letter to all parties involved with the cleanup of the property.

Mark Davella, the Village's assessor consultant met with the Board to discuss Small Claims Assessment Review cases/certiorari cases.

The case with Verizon was settled with all towns and villages on Long Island due to the court's findings that Verizon's equipment had depreciated over the years and was assessed to high.

Other cases to be examined are the Wheatley Golf Club and 462 Sagamore Avenue.

Mr. Davella gave a brief history of the assessment of the Golf Club. He stated that while the golf course itself is considered "agricultural" and located wholly within the Town of North Hempstead (unincorporated area), the clubhouse which houses a catering facility and administrative offices are within the Village of East Williston. The building is 40,000 square feet. His workup of the assessment would be \$125 per square foot. In reviewing the property, it appears that the property may have been over assessed.

The Golf Club would entertain negotiating a settlement with the Village. Mr. Davella says he would recommend a settlement.

Mr. Davella also addressed the property at 470 Sagamore Avenue which is commercial property with residential apartments on the second floor. This is also true of 462 Sagamore Avenue. Mayor Tanner stated that the Board was considering a zoning change for these properties to possibly allow apartments on the first floor of the commercial buildings.

Mayor Tanner asked Mr. Blinkoff to contact former assessor Paul Wotzak to ascertain what occurred with the assessment of the Golf Club, before moving forward with any settlement.

Trustee Parente asked if this information on the Golf Club assessment is "post budget" (for the 2015-2016 fiscal year).

Mayor Tanner felt that the Village should hold off on any settlement until after a conditional use hearing is held on the property.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that a phone call can be placed to the attorneys asking to settle two to three months down the road (after the conditional use hearing).

Mr. Blinkoff stated that to avoid something like this in the future, the assessor should report back to the Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis. A period "walk-through" inspection of the commercial properties should also be arranged.

The Board asked Mr. Davella to push SCAR petitioners every two years that wish to formulate a settlement, rather than wait five to seven years.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 8:29pm to discuss potential litigation.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the Board re-convened at 9:06pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that he contacted the attorney for Wheatley Golf Club with regard to re-submission of plans for the conditional use application. The Board has not received a resolution yet from the Golf Club Board of Governors, as requested by the Board of Trustees. No further action can be taken until the resolution is received.

Mayor Tanner brought up the subject of water negotiations with the Village of Williston Park. As of this date, he has not heard anything back from the Village of Williston Park. Trustee Parente also stated that she has not heard from anyone from Williston Park since the last meeting.

Trustee Iannone stated that it appeared that residents want the rate dispute to magically go away.

Mayor Tanner stated that Williston Park has not budged from their proposal of a \$4.33 rate to East Williston. He added that prior to the rate dispute, for the last 40-50 years, East Williston paid 78% of the rate Williston Park residents paid.

Trustee Iannone felt that the Village should lock in a rate with Williston Park. He stated that the Village should not be beholden to whatever number comes out of the air, adding East Williston needed to protect itself.

Mayor Tanner stated that he was endeavoring to put the question to a public vote. Mr. Blinkoff advised he was waiting for word from the New York Conference of Mayors on a public vote (if it had to be a permissive referendum on a bond issue).

**RESOLUTION #14-2015 A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER SICILIANO AS AN AUTHORIZED SIGNER TO REPLACE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS ON BANK ACCOUNTS FOR THE VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Iannone all voting aye, the Board approved a resolution to insert Trustee Christopher A. Siciliano as an authorized signer to replace Caroline DeBenedittis on the bank accounts for the Village of East Williston. Trustee Vella was absent from said vote.

**RESOLUTION #15-2015 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND YEAR OF THE CONTRACT FOR SANITATION SERVICES WITH DEJANA INDUSTRIES, INC. AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$335,791.00**

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Iannone all voting aye, the Board approved the second year of the contract for sanitation services with DeJana Industries, Inc. at an annual cost of \$335,791.00 which includes three day per week, rear yard removal of residential waste.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Mayor Tanner, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.