

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Caroline DeBenedittis, Christopher A. Siciliano, Robert M. Vella, Jr., Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman.

Also present: Robert L. Campagna, Chief Daniel Cramblitt, Chief Joseph Fabrizio, Chief Patrick Theodore, John Mirando.

Residents from Shadow Lane and vicinity: Mr. & Mrs. Henry Decsi, Susan Corsello, Ellen Berkery, Stephanie Keyes, Dr. & Mrs. Greg Spisak, Chris Marzo, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hoffman.

Excused from meeting: Deputy Mayor/Trustee Bonnie L.S. Parente.

The meeting commenced with a discussion about the island on Shadow Lane. Mayor Tanner stated that the Village's arborist confirmed that the tree in the middle of the island is dead and has to be removed. Since the roots will also be removed, the Village felt it best to refurbish the island and make it slightly narrower to enable fire trucks and sanitation vehicles to pass. The narrowing will also allow snowplows to clear snow more efficiently in the area.

Greg and Diane Spisak stated that they would prefer that the island be removed entirely, as they are directly across from it. They advised that due to the position of the island, snow is plowed into their driveway making ingress and egress to their property nearly impossible in the winter.

Dr. Spisak also stated that when the island was last repaired, the work performed was not professional and did not look aesthetically pleasing.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Village will employ the work of a mason so the job will be done professionally.

Mayor Tanner stated that the island will be narrowed just a bit.

Robert Campagna stated that Shadow Lane is a very pretty street and a unique block. It was the Village's hope to enhance the street by making the refurbishing the island.

Mr. Campagna asked if anyone was against keeping the island, other than the initial comments from Dr. and Mrs. Spisak.

Dr. & Mrs. Spisak stated that if the island will be narrowed, they would be in favor of keeping it on Shadow Lane. In addition, as requested by Trustee Siciliano, the large tree limb overhanging Shadow Lane from the their property will be removed by the Spisaks.

Stephanie Keys stated that maybe the island can be shaped more like an oval and have a wall of bricks where people can sit.

Trustee Siciliano stated that creating a wall where people can sit would be dangerous since it is in the middle of road and not an ideal spot to congregate. He further stated that the island will remain the same with the same stones, after the tree and stump are removed. He also stated that reflective signs will be placed on the island so it will be visible at night.

The next time the group meets; Mr. Campagna will have a sketch to show to the residents.

The Board and Mr. Campagna discussed several letters sent from resident Kathleen Rittel of Ridge Road relative to deliveries made to the Wheatley Hills Golf Club. She states that the service entrance to the club is now being used by large trucks that remain idling during the delivery.

Mayor Tanner asked if there was any change of use at the club.

Mr. Campagna stated that at this time, no change of use has taken place.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that beyond changing the delivery schedules or asking the trucks not to idle, the Village cannot preclude the club from having deliveries made to their property.

Mr. Campagna stated the he has been advised by a representative of the club that at some point in the future, they will be submitting an application for an addition to the clubhouse on the west side of the property, but he has not yet seen the plans.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that when plans are submitted, the application will have to be presented to both the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Campagna discussed the Board of Zoning Appeals application by Paul Patacca at 470 Sagamore Avenue. The premises formerly occupied by a dry cleaner is now refurbished into office space. When Mr. Patacca went before the BZA, he proposed five or six additional parking spaces in the rear of the building. The BZA requested that a traffic study be undertaken, but have not ruled on the application. Mr. Campagna felt it was a "no lose" situation for the Village.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the type of business had to be considered. It was his understanding that Mr. Patacca was looking to have a pediatricians office move into the space and rent to only one tenant. The traffic consultant should be asked what the total use of parking lot will be.

Mr. Campagna and the Board discussed attendance at Board of Zoning Appeals meetings. Mr. Campagna felt that the Board should have at least two alternate members for times when the full Board cannot be present, or when a member has to recuse his or herself because they are within the 200 foot radius of an application.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 8:40 pm to discussion litigation.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board reconvened at 9:05 pm.

Chiefs Dan Cramblitt, Joseph Fabrizio and Patrick Theodore came before the Board to discuss fire department drill procedures when using fire hydrants. Chief Cramblitt prepared a draft procedure and distributed it to the Board.

Mayor Tanner stated that he asked John Mirando, a former chief from Rockville Centre Fire Department present at this meeting to discuss hydrant use. Mr. Mirando is also a water engineer.

Chief Cramblitt stated that April through November is considered "burn season"; a term used at the Fire Academy for when training takes place.

Mr. Mirando stated that the flow of water in East Williston goes from west to east. The Village should confine use of hydrants to one or two spots in close proximity to one another. Opening another hydrant in another location will reverse the flow and may cause discolored water.

Mayor Tanner asked why the hydrant on Todd Court was opened in early April.

Chief Cramblitt stated that driver training was taking place. When one of the officers saw the new hydrant with the tag still on it, he decided to open the hydrant to ensure it was working properly. When the hydrant was opened, the water coming out was heavily rusted, and someone in the group said the Village is going to get phone calls tomorrow.

Chief Cramblitt said they clearly made a mistake and did not report this to him.

The Board stated that they were informed a former Trustee had made the comment about the Village getting rusty water complaints.

Mr. Mirando stated that when the firefighters see rusty water, they should run the water and use a gate valve and slow the flow to approximately 100 gallons per minute for three to five minutes.

Chief Cramblitt said this suggestion will be added to item number six on the procedure for using fire hydrants.

Trustee Siciliano stated that Public Works will be flushing hydrants the week of May 19th.

Mayor Tanner had heard that former chief Patrick McWhirk was not originally invited to the Fire Department Installation Dinner on April 26th.

Patrick Theodore stated that when he was chief, he was criticized for inviting former members so the practice was stopped.

Dan Cramblitt stated that members were upset that Patrick McWhirk received a proclamation. He asked that when the Village intends to issue a proclamation at the installation dinner in the future, that they communicate that to the Fire Department before the dinner.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye" the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 9:30pm to discuss potential litigation and personnel issues.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board reconvened at 10:31pm.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that fliers will be mailed out about the Memorial Day 5K race, the Village-wide tag sale and the events on the Village Green.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that the cost of the Village-wide tag sale will remain at \$20.00.

Trustee Vella stated that the Board needs to ascertain the description of commercial vehicles as outlined in the Code. The Code reads that commercial vehicles are not to be parked in driveways overnight, and must be placed in a garage. However, many residents now have pickup trucks and small vans that may have commercial plates, but are not considered commercial vehicles. If there is not lettering or advertising, these vehicles should not be ticketed. If there is a box truck or a vehicle with the name of a company, a ticket is warranted.

Trustee Vella also addressed parking in driveways where cars hang over the apron. Due to the Villages restriction on the size of driveways and the number of cars in each household, residents can only fit all cars in their driveways overnight if one car hangs over the apron. Since in many cases this cannot be avoided, the Village should not penalize residents by ticketing them. During the day when pedestrians are out using sidewalks, vehicles should be ticketed for blocking the sidewalk, since residents can park on the street.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Village is getting quotes and recommendations on a new street sweeper.

Michael Delury stated that he is awaiting quotes from Dan Cramblitt for lights and lettering on the new chiefs vehicle.

Bonnie Kreisman addressed the new minimum water billing of \$50 for those residents who have extremely low usage. The first issue deals with residents who have two meters (one for water to the house and the second to the sprinkler system). She wanted clarification as to whether only one meter should be charged the minimum fee. The Board agreed that only one minimum charge per household should apply.

On a second issue, some residents have consumption credits because they had been overestimated in the past (and not sending back reading cards/no physical meter readings by Public Works personnel). The office manually adjusts the \$50 charge until the credit amount is depleted. There are only about 15 to 20 households that have this issue. She noted that now that the Village mandates a physical meter reading once a year, this issue will be non-existent in future billing cycles. Those who do not comply will be issued a court appearance ticket.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05pm.