

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**AGENDA MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2013**

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, April 29, 2013 at 7:30 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 Treasurer Michael Delury, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

**RESOLUTION #20-2013 A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR SANITATION SERVICES TO DEJANA INDUSTRIES FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2013 TO MAY 31, 2014, WITH THE OPTION OF THE BOARD TO RENEW SAID CONTRACT ON A YEARLY BASIS FOR TWO YEARS THEREAFTER.**

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Siciliano all voting "aye", and Trustee Vella recusing himself, the Board unanimously awarded the contract for sanitation services to DeJana Industries for the period of June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014, with the option of the Board to renew said contract on a yearly basis for two years thereafter.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that she wanted to initiate a set-up change to the Village website. Mayor Tanner stated that this could be done on a trial basis.

Mr. Delury asked for permission to have the 2013-2014 budget posted on the website. The Board stated that the budget can be placed on the site.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that 110 residents had signed up for the Cuatro de Maio event on the Village Green on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Parente stated that there is a possibility for the East Williston Fire Department to obtain a grant for a rescue truck. She stated that Fire Commissioner John Ferro was looking into a combination rescue truck/pumper truck. The members were undertaking measuring the bay doors, and obtaining bid prices on such vehicles in case the possibility of the grant becomes a reality.

Trustee Parente also stated that Kevin Mulrooney asked if the Board could loosen the lines of communication between him and the Chiefs, in relation to obtaining information as to the

needs of the Fire Department where grants are concerned. The current protocol is for Mr. Mulrooney to contact the Fire Department liaison to the Board. After discussion by the Board, it was felt that Mr. Mulrooney can communicate with the Chiefs, but will still contact the Board liaison to advise of any actions on grants that will be undertaken.

Trustee Parente reported that the Teen Safety Committee addressed upcoming activities for the spring and summer season. Discussion of whether or not to have a farm stand on the Village Green was also brought up.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that last Friday on the Village Green (April 26<sup>th</sup>) about 40 or so children were playing touch football. It was a pleasant sight to see all of them having a good time.

Mayor Tanner stated that the bond anticipation note bids are due on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am. He said that the Treasurer will select the lowest bidder and advise Hawkins Delafield. The Treasurer should then work out payment through Hawkins Delafield.

Trustee Siciliano stated that E.W. Blacktop and Concrete is working on the repair of the sidewalks and Belgian blocks. He also noted that the sidewalk in front of 3 Wheatley Avenue was also repaired. He also stated that he was looking for \$3,500 for tree replacement.

Trustee Siciliano informed the Board that Barbara Seixas wanted to purchase four hanging baskets of flowers to be placed around the Village Hall on the street light fixtures. She had purchased them last year. The cost is \$35.00 each.

He also reported on the following items:

- The street sweeper has been going out around the Village after repairs to the machine were made.
- All of the street lights that were damaged and out of service due to Hurricane Sandy have been repaired.
- The generator at the Firehouse is out of service. It does not transfer power to the building. It is being looked at by Albertson Electric and representatives from the manufacturer.
- The new sign for Devlin Field has been ordered. He noted there was some discussion about removing the planter box from the parking lot at Richard Camp Park. Trustee Siciliano stated that the planter was there for a reason; to slow traffic. He felt moving the planter box would do more harm than good.

Trustee Vella brought sample banners for sponsors of the East Williston Little League. The banners are all the same color combination and size.

Trustee Vella also brought proposals for fencing work that were obtained by the East Williston Little League for repairs and alterations at Devlin Field, that the Little League will pay for the costs.. Some of this work includes fencing in the outfield, dugout, left field fence replacement to six foot high, chain link fence and first base side to replace with an eight foot high chain link fence. Trustee Vella recommended replacing the fencing with eight foot fencing, but not less than six foot fencing.

Trustee Vella also brought up the suggestion of closing off the field during the off season, to keep residents from walking dogs in the area, ruining the field.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he is in favor of closing off the field for both cleanliness and safety issues.

The Board discussed emails received from residents after the budget hearing. It was the consensus of the Board to implement an extra step to the budget process next year where a meeting can be held prior to the budget hearing.

Mayor Tanner asked the clerk to send a letter to Mary Ellen Cocchi inviting her to receive the Mayor's award at the Memorial Day ceremony.

Mayor Tanner discussed the Fire Commissioner vacancy.

Trustee Vella felt that the Board should consist of one former chief, one firefighter, staggering the terms.

Mayor Tanner felt that the Board owed it to the residents to have a non-firefighter on the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Blinkoff discussed the contract for the housing of the antique fire truck with the exempt organization of the Fire Department.

Mayor Tanner said he thought that the exempt organization were going to pay the cost of utilities for the structure. Page 3 of the mark up of the agreement needed to be changed relating to the fact that the facility is only for the storage of the antique fire truck, and no other purpose.

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**RESOLUTION #21-2013 A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST WILLISTON FIRE DEPARTMENT EXEMPT ORGANIZATION FOR THE FACILITY FOR THE STORAGE OF THE ANTIQUE FIRE TRUCK.**

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Vella all voting “aye”, and Trustee Siciliano recusing himself, the Board approved the modification to the agreement with the East Williston Fire Department Exempt Organization for the facility for the storage of the antique fire truck.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.