

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021

Budget Hearing and Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees Raffaella Dunne, James Iannone, James Lark, Anthony Gallo, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff.

Also present: (via Webex): Ray Gaudio, Rocky Panella, Phil Elefante, John Viscardi, Henry Yuen.

The meeting commenced with a public hearing to consider the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022. A verbatim transcript was taken of said hearing and is on file in the office of the Village Clerk.

RESOLUTION #2021-12 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022,

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022.

RESOLUTION #2021-13 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022,

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Lark, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the final assessment roll for the fiscal year June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022.

At 8:00pm, the Board convened for a public hearing on a proposed local law amending the Village Code Chapter 154 entitled "Water Service" in conjunction with the water meter upgrade program and related fees. A verbatim transcript is on file in the office of the Village Clerk.

RESOLUTION #2021-14 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 154 ENTITLED "WATER SERVICE" IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WATER METER UPGRADE PROGRAM AND RELATED FEES,

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved a local law amending the Village Code Chapter 154 entitled "Water Service" in conjunction with the water meter upgrade program and related fees.

On the motion of Trustee Lark, seconded by Trustee Gallo, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2021.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the abstract of claims for March 2021 (20200443 – 20200516)

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE

Trustee Dunne stated that the Library completed its capital improvements (painting, carpet cleaning).

The Library is looking forward to upcoming summer programs, and hopes to have a Wednesday evening program from 6-7pm.

The Recreation Committee will be meeting in April and looks forward to holding the Memorial Day 5K race. They also want to start the showing of outdoor movies again, as well as a tent party on the Village Green in late summer.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

Trustee Iannone stated that the Senior Committee is planning an event for May on the Village Green and will be announced at a future date.

The Justice Court report for March 2021 had a total of 30 violations issued: 29 parking violations and one Village Code violation. Total fines collected were \$1,180.00.

TRUSTEE JAMES LARK

Trustee Lark reported the East Williston Little League practice is in full swing. There will be no parade this year due to Covid.

The Beautification Committee met with public works to discuss a handful of spring projects.

Public works is busy preparing parks for the spring.

Trustee Lark noted that Trustee Gallo has been working on the project for the resurfacing of the tennis courts.

He noted that the excavation of Roslyn Road by National Grid is complete and temporary paving to maintain traffic

Trustee Gallo added that National Grid is working on punch list items for the project and should be completing them by May or June.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY GALLO

Trustee Gallo presented the East Williston Fire Department for March 2021. There were a total of 21 calls: four general alarms, 15 mutual aid calls to neighboring departments, and two EMS calls.

Trustee Gallo thanked outgoing Chief James Clark for his service to the East Williston Fire Department. Peter Batterson becomes Chief of Department in April.

MAYOR BONNIE L.S. PARENTE

Mayor Parente stated that the Village is looking to strengthen the Village Code in relation to dog leash laws, even when a dog is on private property.

The Village is looking to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Town of North Hempstead for it to take over the duties of registrar for the Village. The Town would be contacted for death or birth certificates when such life event takes place within the boundaries of East Williston.

The Village is also looking into obtaining recycling buckets, and possible security services from North Hempstead through a municipal agreement.

There are Eagle Scout projects taking place in the Village. A car wash will take place in the Village parking lot on April 10th. Scout Tom Dailey will be refurbishing benches around the trees on the Village Green.

Mayor Parente stated that the Board is still reviewing the process by which a resident could opt out of installation of auto-read meters/end points. The Board and Village Attorney are examining the policies of Williston Park, Mineola and Westbury.

RESOLUTION #2021-15 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRO-FORMA RESOLUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022,

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Gallo, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the Pro-Forma Resolutions for 2021-2022. A copy of said resolutions is annexed to these minutes.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The police report from the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct was not received in time for the meeting tonight.

The Building Department Report for the month of March 2021: 15 East Williston Avenue, installation of a central air conditioning unit. 18 Post Avenue, construction of a barbecue island. 75 Robbins Drive, installation of an in-ground swimming pool. 215 Glenmore Street, legalize and maintain a finished basement and first floor bathroom.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Ray Gaudio asked if the Board had considered shortening the hours that commercial landscapers can work within the Village.

Mayor Parente stated that the Village had already shortened the hours in which commercial landscapers could work on Saturdays to 9am to 2pm, and prohibited the use of gas powered equipment from May 1 to October 31. No other changes have been made.

John Viscardi asked if the Village was still considering the institution of an architectural review board. Mayor Parente responded that the Board was still discussing this issue.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Dunne seconded by Trustee Iannone, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.