

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, May 12, 2014 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: Daniel Cramblitt, Patrick Theodore, Joseph Hoffman, Susan Corsello, James Sandquist, Carla Strauss, Barbara Seixas, Lou Sasso.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the annual organizational meeting and budget hearing of April 7, 2014.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", and Trustee Parente recusing herself, the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting on April 28, 2014.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for April 2014 as follows: 20130644 – 20130717.

Chief Cramblitt presented the April 2014 report for the East Williston Fire Department. The Department responded to a total of 20 calls during the month; three fire calls, 11 EMS calls and five mutual aid calls and one motor vehicle accident.

Chief Cramblitt once again reminded residents of the importance of ensuring that their house numbers are clearly displayed on the front of their residences.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente stated that the East Williston Fire Department has obtained a \$40,000 grant procured by Nassau County Legislator Richard Nicoletto for upgrade to the Department's radio communications room. Chiefs Cramblitt and Theodore stated it is

100% reimbursement grant, where by the Village will expend the monies and then be reimbursed through the grant.

Currently, the outdated room has a map on the wall where members have to locate the address of an emergency call. The updated radio room is critical to the safety of the community.

Chief Cramblitt added that new radios will be purchased. The current radio is 25 years old and is “low band”. The new radio will have an LCD screen that will work in conjunction with the Department’s Fire Tracker system. The new system will also provide the nature of the call (fire, EMS, etc.), monitor weather conditions and events like Hurricane Sandy.

Trustee Parente stated that the Fire Department has revised and enhanced the fire hydrant use policy to avoid discolored water or low water pressure. When an emergency calls for the use of a fire hydrant, you cannot predict or prevent discolored water, however when scheduled training takes place, the Fire Department wants to ensure that the public is notified and precautions are taken to lessen the effect on residents.

She noted that during a fire training drill in April, a tagged fire hydrant in the northwest area of the Village was opened the same night as a drill took place near North Side School. Residents in the area encountered rusty water while doing laundry and cooking. The Village and the Fire Department endeavor to prevent such occurrences from happening in the future (prevention being the optimal goal).

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that the Recreation Committee will be sending out fliers for summer yoga, boot camp and tennis. The Concert on the Green will be held on May 13th at 6:30pm. In the event of rain, the concert will be held at the Wheatley School.

Trustee DeBenedittis remarked that the Public Works Department power washed the tennis courts and they look great.

The annual Memorial Day race will be held on Monday, May 26, 2014 at 8:30pm. The second annual Village-wide tag sale will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 9am to 2pm.

The tent party on the Village Green will be held on June 14th from 7-11pm. The youth party will be held on June 13th at 6:30pm.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella presented the Justice Court report for the month of April 2014. The court collected a total of \$935.00 in fines during the month.

Trustee Vella informed those present that the Library has hired a new supervisor since Susan Quinn left the employ of the Village.

Library Board Chairman Joseph Hoffman stated that 16 candidates were interviewed for the position. Resident Susan Corsello was hired by the Board after interviews were completed. He introduced Mrs. Corsello to those present.

Mrs. Corsello reported that Pre-K story time continues on Thursdays at 11:30am and Toddler story time is held on Fridays at 11:30am. The Senior Group will hold a session of bingo on May 15th. The “Friends of Library” continue their display of “Gone with the Wind” memorabilia in the showcase in the Village Hall lobby. The annual summer reading program will commence in June. Lastly, the Library is still collecting new or gently worn shoes for “Shoes for All”.

Trustee Vella welcomed Susan Corsello to her new position.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano hoped everyone had a very nice Mother’s Day.

Trustee Siciliano reported that the Little League parade held on April 26th enjoyed nice weather and wonderful time.

The Department of Public Works will be flushing fire hydrants Village-wide beginning the week of May 19th. An email blast will be sent out to those who subscribe to the Village website emails and a flier with instructions for clearing rust and mineral deposits from the water will be included. The flushing of hydrants must be performed periodically to ensure that all hydrants are in proper working order and to release minerals and rust from the system.

The Department of Public Works is finishing up the planting of trees for the spring. Tree planting will cease for the summer and resume in the fall.

Trustee Siciliano reiterated the statement by Trustee DeBenedittis that the tennis courts are in great shape and are ready for play by Village residents.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Board met with residents of Shadow Lane relative to the island in the middle of the street and the tree that is dying at the location. The tree will soon be removed and the island will be narrowed to make the area safer for drivers.

Building Inspector Robert Campagna is creating a rendering of what the island will look like.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner informed those present that the Memorial Day parade and ceremony will take place on Monday, May 26, 2014. The parade starts at Downing Street at 11:30am and ends at the Village Green where the ceremony takes place. He invited all residents to take part in the ceremony at 12noon.

Mayor Tanner stated that the 2014 Mayor's Award will be given to Building Inspector Robert Campagna at the Memorial Day ceremony.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in April 2014: 61 Bengeyfield Drive, an addition to the home and installation of central air conditioning. 100 Bengeyfield Drive, replace roof structure. 1 Coleman Drive, demolition of rear deck. 43 Orchard Drive, installation of generator and central air conditioning. 40 Orchard Drive, installation of a generator. 14 Post Avenue, installation of a generator.

Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report for the month of March 2014: No reports of burglaries or robberies. One parking violation and no moving violations were issued. There was one auto accident and no auto related injuries.

The Clerk noted that the Village office will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2014 in observance of Memorial Day.

Mayor Tanner asked Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff to apprise those present about the status of the 8 Sumter Avenue matter.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that Judge McCormack adjourned the matter on April 21st and asked the homeowners to come back with either a contract to sell the house or a report from an engineer disputing the Village's engineers report that the house should be demolished. At the next court appearance, John Muzio's son appeared in court stating that Mr. Muzio was ill and Mrs. Muzio could not appear. He had power of attorney for his father, but not his mother. The Judge adjourned the case once again.

Mr. Blinkoff argued that the case has been pending since 2009, and the Village is ready to proceed with demolition. The Judge wanted to allow extra time for the Muzios to show they have sold the house, or produce a report. The matter was put over to May 19th.

Mr. Blinkoff added that he was told that the property may potentially be up for sale tomorrow, May 13th, as there is a foreclosure auction pending on the property, unrelated to the Village.

Mr. Blinkoff also apprised those present on the water issue with Williston Park. Mr. Blinkoff stated that there are two separate cases involved in the issue. The first case was ruled in favor of the Village of East Williston, whereby it was deemed that Williston Park had not held an appropriate public hearing on the increase in its water rate charged to East Williston. Williston Park appealed the decision.

The second case addresses the issue that Williston Park had not appropriately or rationally applied a new rate to East Williston.

Both cases were argued in the Appellate Division on May 5th, 2014. He expects a decision sometime in June.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Louis Sasso asked why trees were being removed on East Williston Avenue near the Community Church.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Church had called the County of Nassau, which has jurisdiction of the roadway, sidewalks and trees along this area. The trees were lifting the sidewalk causing a tripping hazard. If the roots were removed only, the tree would be in danger of falling.

Mayor Tanner added that he was upset that the Village was not notified first about the removal of the trees.

Carla Strauss asked if the Village could coordinate future budget hearing dates with the School District.

Mayor Tanner stated we can advise the School District, however our meeting dates are set by the proforma resolution each April at the Annual Organizational Meeting.

Trustee Vella stated that residents should also call the School District about their meeting dates, as the Village follows a strict schedule.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.