

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012**

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, May 14, 2012 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, Treasurer Michael Delury, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Susan Quinn, Barbara Seixas, Carla Strauss, Mildred Clinton, James Sandquist, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Sasso, James Elder.

On the motion of Trustee Parente. Seconded by Trustee Vella, 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 of April 2, 2012.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of April 30, 2012.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for April 2012 as follows: April 3, 2012 vouchers 20110647 to 20110661 \$18,086.32. April 5, 2012 vouchers 20110662 to 20110674 \$38,891.81. April 9, 2012 vouchers 20110675 to 20110685 \$3,883.33. April 12, 2012 vouchers 20110686 to 20110700 \$21,349.27. April 19, 2012 vouchers 20110731 to 20110736 \$2,619.55. April 25, 2012 voucher numbers 20110738 to 20110741 \$4,371.05.

Trustee Parente presented the Fire Department report for April 2012 in absence of Chief Pat Theodore. The Department responded to seven fire calls, seven EMS calls during the month.

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## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE.**

Trustee Parente informed those present that the Village is awaiting the installation of the new generator behind the Firehouse. Once National Grid installs the new gas service, the generator will be put in place.

The roof on the Firehouse will be repaired on June 5<sup>th</sup>, as leaks were detected.

The Teen Safety Committee, in conjunction with the Recreation Committee has instituted some new activities such as an exercise program called "Boot Camp" on the Village Green on Tuesdays, and a runners club and the finalizing of plans to hold a farm stand on the Village Green. There is also a plan to hold an East Williston/Williston Park Fire Department ball game sometime in the future.

Mayor Tanner noted that with the installation of the new emergency generator, the Village will re-vamp its emergency procedures.

### **TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS**

Trustee DeBenedittis presented the Library report. The Senior Committee will meet on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm to hold a sing-a-long. Blood pressure screenings will take place at that time. The next Library Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. The Library will be closed on Memorial Day, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Beautification Committee will be installing plantings at the War Memorial on May 19<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in volunteering that day, please leave your name at the Village office.

The Historic Committee held a successful program in April with guest speakers Joan Fleck and Ethel Kay. The program enjoyed overwhelming attendance by residents. The Historic Committee is starting to plan activities for fall such as the November 2012 tour of the Village by "hayride" and a holiday story time in December.

The Annual Memorial Day 5K race will take place on Monday, May 28, 2012 at 8:30 am.

### **TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.**

Trustee Vella reported that the Village Justice Court received \$875.00 in fines during the month of April 2012.

Trustee Vella noted that the Recreation Committee, together with the Teen Safety Committee, has instituted a new program "Boot Camp" on the Village Green. Residents can go to the web site to obtain the application to join the activity.

The Annual Concert on the Green had to be moved to The Wheatley School due to weather.

Yoga classes continue on Monday mornings and Wednesday mornings and evenings.

**TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO**

Trustee Siciliano stated that the East Williston Little League opening day parade had a great turn out on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Siciliano presented the report of the Department of Public Works. He stated that the road sweeper is back in service after repairs were made to the equipment. He is ensuring that the sweeper is out on a regular basis throughout the Village. Superintendent James Bailey is in the process of sprucing up the Village entrance signs and at Wheatley Acres and the plantings surrounding them. Public Works will be replacing signs on Congress Avenue.

Trustee Siciliano is investigating prices to replace recycling containers for residents.

Public Works also planted a tree at the Toddler Park and at Downing Street, where a tree fell during Hurricane Irene.

Mayor Tanner asked stated that if residents wanted to request the planting of a tree, they should contact the Village office.

**MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER**

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village's sanitation contract expires on June 1, 2012. The Village accepted bids on February 6, 2012 for the three year contract, which is renewable at the Village's option on a yearly basis. The lowest, responsible bidder was DeJana Industries (the current carter). The Village utilized option 5 which is three day per week household waste pick-up from the rear of the house, and three day per week yard waste pick-up from the front of the house.

Mayor Tanner noted that the Town of North Hempstead Solid Waste Management Authority is now strictly enforcing regulations they put in place a few years ago, whereby sanitation trucks are no longer permitted to co-mingle yard waste and household waste. Truck founds to deliver mixed waste to the Solid Waste Management Authority facility is subject to fines.

Two residents expressed dissatisfaction with the service provided by DeJana. Mayor Tanner stated that representatives from DeJana have been attentive to problems in the past. He cited the example of a complaint received about a leaking garbage truck. The Village complained to management at DeJana and they were quick to address the situation. He also noted that DeJana has offered to send representatives to a Board meeting to address residents' concerns.

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Trustee DeBenedittis reiterated that yard waste should be placed in the front of the house and household waste placed in the rear of the house for pick-up. She added that the sanitation employees have had to open black bags placed in front of yards to determine that the contents is in fact, yard waste. She said it is better to use clear bags, so the employees do not have open the bags. She stated that the Village will be receiving a calendar from DeJana of the days yard waste will be picked up.

Trustee Vella stated that the Village needs to ensure that residents comply with rules as to the separation of yard and household waste. Clear plastic bags may be the easiest way to ensure compliance.

Mildred Clinton stated that the Village needs to enforce conformity with landscaping services who work within the Village. Mayor Tanner stated that landscape companies must take away all of the waste they produce. This waste is not left for the sanitation contractor.

**RESOLUTION #15-2012 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE THE DETAILS OF THE SANITATION CONTRACT WITH DEJANA INDUSTRIES AND AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2012 TO MAY 31, 2013.**

On the motion of Trustee Parente , seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting aye, the Board unanimously authorized the Mayor to negotiate the details of the sanitation contract with DeJana Industries and execute the contract for the period June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Memorial Day parade will take place on Monday, May 28, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. and the ceremony will follow at 12 noon on the Village Green. The 5K Race award winners will be announced at the close of the ceremony. The Fire Department will serve hot dogs and hamburgers after the ceremonies.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village is due to receive PEG grants from Cablevision and Verizon in June 2012 in amounts approximately \$10,000.00.

Treasurer Michael Delury added that the Village received the Local Aid to Villages from Nassau County in the amount of \$7,102.00.

**VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. KIMLICKA**

The Village Clerk reported the following building permits issued in April 2012: 55 School Street, installation of Belgian block curbing. 21 Post Avenue, gut interior of existing house and

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demolish rear sun room. 19 Atlanta Avenue installation of central air conditioning. 58 Ridge Road, repave existing driveway.

The report from the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct for March 2012 is as follows: No reports of burglaries or robberies. No parking violations were issued in March. Two moving violations were issued. There were no reports of auto accidents or auto injuries.

There were no grant reports for the month of April 2012.

The Mayor opened the meeting to Village residents.

Louis Sasso questioned if the Village was made aware of two burglaries on Donald Street. Mayor Tanner stated that he did not receive a report about this, and asked the Clerk to contact the Third Precinct.

Residents questioned the status of 8 Sumter Avenue. Mr. Blinkoff stated that the Village received a court order whereby the Village was authorized to enter the property to clear brush and debris, as well as enter the building to assess the structural integrity to determine the need to repair the house. The owners, the Muzio's appealed the decision.

The Muzio's took some steps to clean up the outside of the property. The Department of Public Works went to the property on May 10<sup>th</sup>, but found no violations of the Village Code. The Village is now awaiting the report from the engineer on the status of the structure of the building and accessory structures on the property.

A resident questioned how long tarps can remain on the roof of this premises. Another resident questioned the old fencing (that is falling down), broken flower pots and broken lawn furniture on the property. Mr. Blinkoff stated that if public works missed something on May 10<sup>th</sup>, residents should call the Village office.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that if the homeowner does not make the necessary repairs, the Village will undertake the work and the cost of said work would become a lien on the property.

Mayor Tanner stated that it is the Village's intention to get the work done once the engineer's report is received.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.