

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 28, 2013

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, May 28, 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.

Also present: James Bailey, Superintendent of Public Works.

Prior to the agenda meeting, the Board met with James Bailey and Marie Hausner separately, regarding personnel matters.

Trustee Vella discussed the fencing installed at Devlin Field. He felt that while the six foot fence is okay, the eight foot fence will be better. More than two people have been hit by balls in the last year.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that she is not in favor of the new higher fencing. She feels that the fence that is currently in place is fine. Pop flies are higher than an eight foot fence and will not make a difference.

Trustee Siciliano stated that a bottom rail must be installed on the fencing to keep it from curling and balls from going underneath.

Trustee Vella also discussed the East Williston Little League hosting the "Minors Tournament". He said this is a great event and it is the Little Leagues turn to host tournament. The Little League will have a "porto-potty" temporarily placed on the first base side of the field for the event.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 7:55pm to discuss potential litigation.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board re-convened at 8:20pm.

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RESOLUTION #22-2013 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF JOIN THE LONG ISLAND WATER CONFERENCE.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously authorized the Village of join the Long Island Water Conference.

Bonnie Kreisman apprised the Board on information provided by Badger Meter relative to the proposed meter replacement program. With the automatic meter reading system proposed by Badger, 40-50 foot pole would have to be installed somewhere in the Village to construct the antenna to pick up the auto-read data from the hand-held devices. It would take a public works employee two hours to ride around the Village to obtain all of the meter readings. The system they presented to the Village includes a Gateway laptop computer which is waterproof, shatter proof making it very expensive. She also noted that the Village would not be utilizing all of the aspects the system has to offer, as much of the applications will not apply to the Village’s water system. Unfortunately, the system cannot be broken down into separate components therefore, the Village still has to purchase the entire reading system. The cost of the handheld device is \$6,000. Ms. Kreisman also said Neptune Meters has a system that could be considered.

The Board discussed a possible minimum charge to water bills. The Board was advised that approximately 70 – 100 households pay less than \$100 per six month billing cycle. The Board asked Ms. Kreisman to report the number of households and addresses that have water bills under \$150 per billing cycle, so the Board can decide how to proceed in this regard.

Trustee Vella stated that the cost of supplying water should be evenly distributed among all residents.

The Board discussed the issue of the planting of bamboo. Mr. Blinkoff stated the Malverne just passed a local law with regard to bamboo. He also distributed a copy of the memorandum from New York State passed in January 2013 amending the Environmental Conservation Law. In accord with the statute, the Department of Environmental Conservation has been involved in the rulemaking process and will be preparing a list of invasive species and protocol for controlling them. The list should be prepared by September 2013.

Mr. Blinkoff said the Village could propose a local law to control bamboo and list those species which are highly invasive.

The Board discussed possible candidates for the open position of Fire Commissioner. Those suggested were Paul Walters and William McLean, both former Chiefs.

Trustee Siciliano suggested a retired member of the New York City Fire Department (a non-member of the EWFD).

Trustee Parente stated that the Teen Safety Committee is looking to start up the Running Committee once again.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Board has to decide what the proceeds of the Village-wide garage sale will be put toward.

Mr. Blinkoff discussed the proposed agreement with the East Williston Fire Department Exempt Organization for the garage to house the antique fire truck. In the event of the building being destroyed, the Exempt Organization wanted an amount equal to 10 years. The Village did not want an amount equal to more than five years. After discussion, the Board agreed on seven years.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that the group who had sewed pillow cases for children in hospitals will be setting another date to undertake the same event.

Trustee DeBenedittis felt that for Memorial Day celebrations in coming years, perhaps the Board could promote residents decorating their homes along the parade route. The Recreation Committee is also looking to start up the “Fun Run for Kids” again, prior to the 5K race for adults.

Michael Delury reported that the budget projections for the end of the fiscal year May 31, 2013 looked favorably at this time, but will be reporting further after bills for May are received in June.

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