

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, May 8, 2017 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 Christopher Siciliano, James L. Iannone, Anthony J. Casella, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Patrick Theodore, Peter Batterson, Paul Walters, Stephan Leccese, Michael Guglielmo.

On the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the annual organizational meeting and budget hearing of April 3, 2017.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of April 25, 2017.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Mayor Tanner, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the abstract of claims for April 2017 as follows: 20160635 - 20160656.

The East Williston Fire Department Chief Patrick Theodore reported that the Department responded to a total of 13 calls during the month of April 2017. There were two fire related calls, nine EMS calls and two mutual aid calls to Carle Place and Westbury.

Chief Theodore introduced Second Assistant Chief Peter Batterson who was newly elected.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente reported that the East Williston Senior's Group will meet on May 18th at 1pm at the Village Hall for an afternoon of patriotic music honoring veterans. A light lunch of sandwiches and salads will be served.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano reported that the department of public works will flushing hydrants the week of May 15th from 11pm to 4am.

Public works will also be replacing sidewalks lifted by Village trees, and will be planting trees during the spring.

Trustee Siciliano presented the Library report in the absence of Susan Corsello. The Library book clubs continue to meet on a monthly basis. The library will continue to host a series of computer training courses made possible by New York State Bullet Aid obtained by Senator Jack Martins. Local author Hal Bock will discuss his latest book “Banned: Baseball’s Blacklist of All Stars and Also-Rans” on Saturday, May 20th at 2pm.

Trustee Siciliano thanked Susan Corsello for her service to the Library, as she will be leaving the employ of the Library on June 2nd.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY J. CASELLA

Trustee Casella gave the Justice Court report of April 2017: A total of \$683.00 in fines from 12 parking violations, no moving violations and no Village ordinance violations in April 2017. There were \$93.00 in New York State surcharges for the month.

Trustee Casella presented the report of the Recreation Committee. The annual Concert on the Green will take place on Friday, May 12th at 6:30pm.

The Village-wide tag sale will be held on Saturday, May 20th from 9am to 2pm. The rain date is May 21st.

Yoga classes take place on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:15am. Gentle yoga takes place on Wednesdays from 5:45-7:15pm.

Come Play with Me, pre-school program takes place on Fridays at 10:00am.

TRUSTEE JAMES L. IANNONE

Trustee Iannone stated that the East Williston Fire Department will be entering “burn season” where training drills utilizing fire hydrants near the North Side School take place (April through and including October). Members of the Department will attend “fire school” and the Old Bethpage Fire Service Academy in June.

Trustee Iannone said he had been in contact with a resident who was concerned about rusty water during fire department training drills. He noted that the East Williston Fire Department is an all-volunteer fire department. The hours chosen are coordinated so

that the volunteers can come home from work and be in time to attend training. It was his hope that the flushing of hydrants next week by public works will alleviate the discolored water problems

MAYOR DAVID TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that the annual Memorial Day Race will take place on May 29th, followed by the Memorial Day parade and ceremony.

He added that the ceremony, along with the participation of the East Williston Fire Department members providing hot dogs, hamburgers and refreshments is the unofficial kick-off to summer. This annual event imbues a strong sense of community in East Williston.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 22 A RESOLUTION AWARDDING A BID FOR SANITATION SERVICES TO MEADOW CARTING CORP. FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD, RENEWABLE IN ONE YEAR INTERVALS, FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JUNE 1, 2017.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously awarded the bid for sanitation services to Meadow Carting Corp., renewable in one year intervals, for fiscal year commencing June 1, 2017.

The following building permits were issued in April 2017: 46 East Williston Avenue, installation of a central air conditioning unit. 22 Summit Avenue, construction of a driveway. 201 Dickson Circle, addition to house. 17 High Street, installation of a master bath suite.

The Nassau County Police Department report for March 2017 had no reports of burglaries or robberies. One parking violation and no moving violations were issued. There were two auto accidents, and no auto injuries reported.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Stephan Leccese asked if the Village was aware that the East Williston School District is considering installing a perimeter fence around the North Side School. He felt that the Village should develop a point of view on this subject. He said the topic of a fence is being funded in the context of a master plan, which includes re-doing fields and placement of pavers.

Mayor Tanner said he had reached out to the president of the school board. The Village does not have jurisdiction in the permitting process, as this is between the New York State Education Department and the East Williston School District.

The Board of Education are duly elected officials who are in charge of district properties. The construction of a fence is a school district issue, and the Village has never taken positions involving school district matters.

Trustee Iannone stated that he is very interested in the plans for improvements at the North Side School, as his children attend the school, but anything undertaken on the property is outside the jurisdiction of the Village.

Trustee Parente stated that the (Village) Board has not discussed the topic of a fence.

Stephan Leccese asked that the Village Board take a position on this matter.

Stephan Leccese stated that previously, he had circulated crime/security statistics to the Board. He asked if the Board had any reaction to the information forwarded.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board had no comments, and that Mr. Leccese should contact the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct.

Mr. Leccese stated that the data he submitted supports a dramatic increase in burglaries. He felt that the Village was not telling residents that crime has increased.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village receives a monthly report from the Third Precinct, and it is reported upon at each meeting. The Village has asked and received additional support from the Third Precinct, as far as police presence is involved.

Stephan Leccese addressed the issue of tax assessments. He stated that the Village assessment system is flawed. He obtained information from the Nassau County website, as well as Village assessment information. Almost every house is incorrectly assessed. Half of the houses in the Village are over taxed.

He felt that the Board should undertake a detailed review of assessments. He wanted to know how this issue can be treated fairly.

Mayor Tanner stated that the assessment grievance process is in place for those who feel their assessment is high.

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There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Casella, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.