

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, May 9, 2016 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, Police Officer Todd Adkin.

Also present: Hon. Joseph Sperber, Robert and Aline Vella, Caroline DeBenedittis, Joseph Fabrizio, Margaret Casella, Raymond Gaudio, Hal Cronk, Barbara Seixas, Marcia Weiser, Susan Quinn, Lou Theodore, Lou Sasso, Jeff West, Al Testani, Marie Greico, Nicole Russo, Lou Theodore.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the annual organizational meeting and budget hearing of April 4, 2016.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of April 25, 2016.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the abstract of claims for April 2016 as follows: 20150569 - 20150614.

Chief Joseph Fabrizio presented the report of the East Williston Fire Department for the month of April 2016. The Department responded to a total of seven calls during the Month: four automatic alarm calls, and three EMS calls.

Department members attend "fire school" at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy in Old Bethpage during the month of April. The Department is also participating in a drill with the Mineola Fire Department this evening.

Chief Fabrizio stated that the members of the Department will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers on Memorial Day, after the ceremony.

Mayor Tanner thanked the Chief and the members of the Department of their continuing participation on Memorial Day. Providing refreshments after the parade is a big part of the events for the day.

He added that the Department membership will be attending fire school at the Old Bethpage Fire Service Academy during the month of April.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

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

Trustee Parente informed those present that the Senior Group is now an independent group from the Library.

Trustee Parente and Senior Group representatives Carla Strauss and Peggy Abad met with Commissioner Galante from the Town of North Hempstead Department of Community Services and discussed ways the Town can assist the Senior Group with various activities aiding in transportation and the like. The Senior Group did not qualify for a grant this year, but hopes to obtain one next year.

The Village will be assisting the Senior Group by publicizing events via email blasts and fliers in the coming months.

Trustee Parente stated that the Senior's Group will hold its next meeting on May 26, 2016 from 1-3pm. The guest speaker will be Village Clerk Marie Hausner who will give a talk on water conservation.

#### **TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO**

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Department of Public Works completed semi-annual fire hydrant flushing the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>. The Village experienced very few complaints during the flushing.

Village resident Jared Bassman submitted a proposal to the Village a few months back to construct benches on the Village Green as his Eagle Scout project. He will be working on the construction for the next few weekends to have the project completed by Memorial Day.

Trustee Siciliano presented the Library report. The day time book club will meet on May 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss "The Accidental Empress by Alison Pataki. The evening book club

will meet on May 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss “The Martian” by Andy Weir. Local author Hal Bock will discuss his latest book “The Last Chicago Cubs Dynasty – Before the Curse”, on Friday, May 20, 2016 at 7:30p.m. The display in the Library Friends cabinet has been kindly lent by the Sasso Family and is a collection of 1950’s memorabilia.

Trustee Siciliano reminded residents to report street light outages to the Village office for repair.

Lastly, Trustee Siciliano added that construction of the hallway in the basement has been completed. So use of the basement media room is well on the way.

### **TRUSTEE JAMES L. IANNONE**

Trustee Iannone stated that the East Williston Fire Department experienced a light month as far as calls were concerned.

He advised residents as we move into summer that propane grill fires increase and urged residents to practice safe habits when utilizing propane tanks.

The members of the Fire Department will be participating in the Memorial Day parade and ceremony on May 30<sup>th</sup>, as well as cooking hot dogs and hamburgers after the ceremony.

Trustee Iannone stated that the Fire Department is always looking for new members. Prospective members should visit the firehouse on Thursday nights when drills take place and speak to the chiefs.

### **TRUSTEE ANTHONY J. CASELLA**

Trustee Casella urged residents to subscribe to the Village’s email blast on the Village Website to keep abreast of things going on in the Village.

The annual Concert on the Green will take place on May 13<sup>th</sup> performed by the band members at the Willets Road and Wheatley Schools.

For the Recreation Committee, the Village-wide tag sale will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup> with a rain date of May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The annual Memorial Day 5K race will take place on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm. Yoga classes continue to take place on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30am to 11am and Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm. The Come Play With Me program for preschoolers ages 2 and up takes place on Mondays from 10-11am. Fliers for activities can be found in the lobby of the Village Hall.

The Recreation Committee's tent party has been postponed until further notice.

The Justice Court report for April 2016 showed a total of 19 violations: 15 parking, four moving violations and one Village ordinance totaling \$1,210.00 with \$93.00 in New York State surcharges.

**MAYOR DAVID TANNER**

Mayor Tanner stated the Village has received the second revised water agreement from Williston Park. The Village Attorney is reviewing the document. After it is reviewed, the agreement will be forwarded to the Nassau County Department of Health to ensure that the verbiage dealing with emergency chlorination is acceptable to them.

**VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER**

The following building permits were issued in April 2016: 15 Sumter Avenue, demolition of house and garage, construction of new single family home, garage, driveway and central air conditioning system. 409 Sagamore Avenue, construct new portico and expand driveway. 388 Feather Lane, install central air conditioning system. 191 Bengueyfield Drive, installation of brick barbecue with pizza oven. 437 Roslyn Road, finishing of basement. 17 Donald Street, expansion of driveway. 423 Congress Avenue, installation of solar panels 48 Meritoria Drive, expansion of Driveway.

The Nassau County Police Department report for March 2016 indicated one report of a burglary on Roslyn Road. Three parking violations and no moving violation were served. There were three reported auto accidents and one auto related injury.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Hal Cronk stated that he experiences puddling in front of his house on Atlanta Avenue after it rains. The situation has been going on for quite some time.

Mayor Tanner stated that years ago, when repaving of the southwest quadrant was taking place, the Village Board met with residents at an informal meeting where the engineers had advised because of the large trees lining the block, there was no clear way to alleviate the puddles, unless the trees were removed.. At the time, the residents expressed that they were adamant about not removing the trees.

Mayor Tanner stated the Village can check with the engineers to see if there may be another solution.

Trustee Parente added that there is a problem, as she lives on the block and sees the puddles after rain storms. Perhaps the Village should revisit the issue to see what new options may be available.

Robin Silverberg stated that the drain at High Street and Bengeyfield Drive is clogged. The clerk noted this will be reported to the Department of Public Works.

Ray Gaudio asked if the Board was able to look into revising the landscaper noise ordinance to require landscapers to certify that their equipment does not exceed a certain decibel level.

Mayor Tanner stated that such a law is difficult to enforce compliance.

Mr. Blinkoff stated he sought to obtain samples of legislation, but very few Villages have such legislation and those that do have full time code enforcement.

Trustee Parente stated that while she is sensitive to Mr. Gaudio's concern, a proper balance of landscapers being able to do their work and being able to enforce a law come into play when enacting legislation. The Village has limited resources where code enforcement is concerned.

At this time, Police Officer Todd Adkin from the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct, Problem Oriented Policing Unit gave a presentation about police services, the POP unit and recent burglary reports.

Police Officer Adkin handed out pamphlets on preventing and reporting crime and offered his contact number of 516-573-6370 or email at [tatkin@PDCN.org](mailto:tatkin@PDCN.org).

A resident asked about any updates on the water agreement with Williston Park. Mayor Tanner stated that the agreement is being reviewed by the Nassau County Department of Health for language dealing with emergency chlorination. Once it is back from them, he felt it was important for the community to have a say on the issue, by placing a bonding referendum (to construct a well) to a vote. This way, future generations will know why the choice (for the construction of a well, or entering into an agreement with Williston Park for the purchase of water) was made.

Trustee Casella stated that he ran on a forum to have an agreement with Williston Park in place. He congratulated the Mayor on all of the hard work he has put into negotiations with Williston Park. He said it was his intent to make a motion to do away with the referendum and sign the agreement with Williston Park.

Lou Theodore stated that for some time now, he has had an ongoing disagreement with the East Williston School District. He feels that the School Board does things and makes decisions in closed door sessions where the public is not privy to what is going on.

He wanted to know if the Village sends a Village Board member to School Board meetings. He wanted a person from the Village to get involved with School Board proceedings.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board designates a liaison to the School Board who attends meeting when an issue of mutual interest comes up. It was his recollection that this issue had come up in the past. The Village does not have a capacity to have a roll in another government. He added that any Village government where he was aware that got involved in the proceedings of another separate government became extremely problematic.

Mayor Tanner stated again that when something directly involving the School District and the Village arose, the liaison attends a School Board meeting, but this is on a case-by-case basis.

Robert Vella stated that it is unlawful for a village to involve itself with a school district on many levels.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the Village of East Williston and the East Williston School District are separate government entities and cannot get involved with the respective proceedings of the other.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.