

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, May 13, 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 Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Daniel Cramblitt, John Ferro, Barbara Seixas, James Sandquist, Carla Strauss, Al Testani, Thomas Devaney, Michael Guglielmo, Michael Kelapire.

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 Annual Organizational Meeting and Budget Hearing of April 1, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee DeBenedittis seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", and the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of April 29, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", and the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for April 2013 as follows: 20120592 – 20120654.

Chief Theodore presented the March 2013 report for the East Williston Fire Department. The Department responded to a total of 13 calls during the month; four fire calls, eight EMS calls and -one mutual aid call.

Chief Cramblitt presented his first monthly report as Chief of the East Williston Fire Department. During the month of April 2013, the Department answered a total of 17 calls of which there were nine fire calls, 11 EMS calls, one motor vehicle accident and one mutual aid to a neighboring fire department.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE**

Trustee Parente stated that as liaison to the Fire Department, she looks forward to working with Chief Cramblitt over the coming year.

Trustee Parente reported that the Teen Safety Committee is exploring ideas for new programs for the summer months and will report further on their efforts next month.

**TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS**

Trustee DeBenedittis thanked all of the participants who sewed of the pillow cases for children in hospitals. Over 100 pillow cases were created during the session, and there may be another session held in the near future.

Trustee DeBenedittis thanked the members of the Recreation Committee, especially Stephanie Keys and Lauren Shannon for all of their work in making the Cuatro de Maio and Fiesta on the Green celebrations on the Village Green an overwhelming success. The children enjoyed the DJ and pizza at the Fiesta on Friday afternoon, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and the adults enjoyed the music of “5 Stone” and Mexican food on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

The “Annual Concert on the Green” will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The Memorial Day 5K Race and Parade will be held on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. The Village-wide yard sale will take place on July 13<sup>th</sup> between 9am and 2pm. A flier will go out to residents shortly, along with an email blast.

The Historic Committee will meet on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

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

Trustee Vella presented the Justice Court report for the month of April 2013. The court collected a total of \$2,235.00 in fines for parking, moving and Code violations.

Trustee Vella gave the Library report. The Library will hold a special author event on May 14<sup>th</sup> with Ron Bownbach. The Senior Committee will meet on May 16<sup>th</sup>, at noon. Blood pressure screenings will take place that day. The book clubs will be reviewing “The Book Thief” on June 11<sup>th</sup> and “Loving Frank” on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO**

Trustee Siciliano reported that the East Williston Little League parade was a great success. Mayor Tanner threw out the first pitch that day.

The Village has completed sidewalk repair from damage due to Hurricane Sandy.

Public Works continues to send the road sweeper out to clean roads of sand from the winter. The Village is looking to purchase a new sweeper sometime in the future.

Lastly, Trustee Siciliano stated that Boy Scout Troop 201 will be holding an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Residents Robert Vella, Jack Giunta and Gregory Cocchi have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

**MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER**

Mayor Tanner stated that the Sanitation Contract has been awarded to DeJana for a period of one year, with an option to renew at the next fiscal year. John Mangano from DeJana will be present at the Village Hall one morning per month to address resident complaints and concerns regarding sanitation service. When the Village Board met with Mr. Mangano, he stressed that he wanted to be more engaged with this process to address problems that residents encounter. The Board was impressed by his gesture to meet with residents directly.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Annual Memorial Day 5K Race will take place on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. The Memorial Day parade will take place at 11:30 am, with the ceremony commencing at 12 noon.

**VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER**

The following building permits were issued in April 2013: 201 Dickson Circle, installation of a backyard terrace. 4 Orchard Meadow Drive, roof and rafter replacement. 22 Hewlett Drive, installation of a central air conditioning system. 396 Andrews Road, modification of driveway. 24 Meritoria Drive, generator installation. 32 Donald Street, installation of in-ground pool. 39 Atlanta Avenue, removal of in-ground pool.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report for March 2013 showed no reports of burglaries or robberies, three parking violations and one moving violation were issued. There were eight auto accidents with three auto injuries. The report for April 2013 showed no burglaries or robberies, four parking and three moving violations, and five auto accidents with one auto injury.

There were no reports of grants for April 2013.

Mayor Tanner asked Mr. Blinkoff to report on the status of 8 Sumter Avenue. Mr. Blinkoff stated that the Planning Board met on May 2<sup>nd</sup> to consider the application to subdivide the property. The Planning Board did not render a decision, and will continue the matter when the transcript of the hearing is received and Board member Roger Cocchi (who was not present at the meeting) can review said transcript. When a decision is reached by the Planning Board, if the subdivision is granted, the matter may go before the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Trustee Vella stated that the Village must move forward in accordance with the Court order. If the Planning Board decides not to grant the partition of the land, the Village will move forward with the demolition of the building, but stressed that if the demolition of the building does occur, the property does not become Village owned property. It still belongs to the Muzio's, and will have to comply with the Village Codes and ordinances.

John Ferro stated that the situation at 8 Sumter Avenue has been going on for many years. He asked if the Board of Trustees has any say in the granting of the subdivision. Mr. Blinkoff explained that the Board of Trustees does not have any say in the decision process of the Planning Board. Mr. Ferro felt that the granting of the subdivision will be a financial gain for the Muzios.

Trustee Vella stated that the Board of Trustees has no control over the granting of a subdivision. He urged residents to attend the hearings and express their opinions, thoughts and concerns on the record at any future meetings on 8 Sumter Avenue.

Mayor Tanner stated that if the Board moves forward with the demolition of the buildings on the property, the Village will be responsible for the contents in the home. The Village will have to arrange for the contents to be removed and stored, if the Muzios do not undertake the removal of personal items.

Trustee Vella stated that Mr. & Mrs. Muzio will be given notice to remove the contents of the personnel property in the structure by a certain date. Anything left in the house and garage will have to be removed and stored by the Village.

Mr. Ferro asked if the Board of Trustees is the proper venue to discuss the demolition of the property. Trustee Vella replied that the Board is on the verge of making a decision, once the Planning Board renders a decision.

Barbara Seixas asked if only one builder has approached the Village for work on the property. Mayor Tanner replied that the Village has no say in which the Muzios contract with to possibly sell the land.

Mrs. Seixas stated that she wants the whole matter to be fair in regard to the subdivision and possible construction on the property.

Carla Strauss felt that the Village should send out an email blast and post future Planning Board meetings on 8 Sumter Avenue on the web site. Michael Kelapire agreed, as the issue of 8 Sumter Avenue is very important.

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John Ferro asked if the Village was considering the purchase of a new or used street sweeper. Trustee Siciliano stated that the next sweeper purchased will be new.

Carla Strauss asked if the Board was going to address the bamboo issue.

Mayor Tanner stated that existing legislation has been undertaken by New York State, and the Village is reviewing that information to see how this is applied in Villages. He stated that the Village will address this issue at the next meeting Mr. Blinkoff added that there is a list of various types of species, both invasive and non-invasive.

Carla Strauss asked if the Village will be planting trees to replace those Village trees that have been lost during Hurricane Sandy.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he is looking into purchasing trees in bulk in conjunction with other municipalities to save money.

Mr. Kelapire asked if the Board will be answering the questions he had posed in his email regarding the budget.

Mayor Tanner replied that the Board will try next year to have a “budget workshop” of sorts to discuss the budget, prior to the actual budget hearing to discuss the draft budget.

Mr. Kelapire stated that he was requesting data information, as well as budget information. Mayor Tanner stated that the protocol to be followed is to file a Freedom of Information request.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.