

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees Raffaella Dunne, James Iannone, James Lark, Anthony Gallo, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff.

Also present: Richard and Ann Raab, Anthony and Margaret Casella, Michael Holland, Lucie Decsi, Philip Chappo, Ryan Doan, Connie Hannon, Barbara Seixas, Margaret Abad, Richard Kelapire, Ann Stern, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Arcieri, Mr. & Mrs. John Galvin, Michael Guglielmo.

RESOLUTION #2021-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN AUTOMATIC TIMER FOR THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM FOR DEVLIN FIELD FROM ANLO INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,423.50.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye", the Board authorized the purchase and installation of an automatic timer for the sprinkler system for Devlin Field from Anlo Inc. in the amount of \$1,423.50.

RESOLUTION #2021-26 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE UTILIZATION OF ZOLEZZI AUTO BODY TOWING FOR THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES IN VILLAGE STREETS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye", the Board authorized the utilization of Zolezzi Auto Body Towing for the removal of abandoned vehicles in Village streets on a case by case basis.

The Mayor noted that Pat Theodore had met with Maureen O'Connor at the Nassau County water basin to see the debris and furniture that has been brought in by youths congregating in the area. This may start the ball rolling for both clean up and monitoring of the situation.

The Mayor also advised that the East Williston Fire Department wanted to start holding drills again at North Side School. She felt that with the National Grid project and other issues in the area, that the fire department continue to drill in the village parking lot on Sagamore Avenue.

Trustee Dunne stated that the Girl Scouts working toward their Bronze award wanted to change the drop off station for batteries at the village hall to a compost container.

Mayor Parente stated that the Scouts will have to commit to maintaining the compost, turning it over on a regular basis or if this cannot be accomplished, it will be removed.

RESOLUTION #2021-27 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF FOOD FROM THE WILLISTON RESTAURANT FOR THE ANNUAL TENT PARTY ON THE GREEN IN SEPTEMBER .

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board accepted a donation of food from The Williston Restaurant for the annual tent party on the green in September.

The Board requested the purchase of temporary speed bumps to be placed at various locations within the village to aid in slowing speeding cars.

Trustee Gallo felt that staggering the speed bumps would be a good idea.

The meeting commenced with the Board of Trustees honoring long time Board of Zoning Appeals member Richard Raab. A proclamation honoring Mr. Raab was presented to him.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Gallo, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board approved the minutes the regular meeting of May 10, 2021.

On the motion of Trustee Gallo, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board approved the minutes of the emergency Webex meeting of May 20, 2021.

On the motion of Trustee Dunne, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of June 1, 2021.

On the motion of Trustee Dunne, seconded by Trustee Gallo, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the abstract of claims for May 2021 (20200563 - 2020612).

TRUSTEE REPORTS

MAYOR BONNIE L.S. PARENTE

National Grid donated a tree which their volunteers planted on the village green in memory of James Bailey, Superintendent of Public Works who passed away in February.

Ice cream truck Fridays have started and will continue throughout the summer.

Mayor Parente noted that National Grid staff has been very responsive to requests made by the village for additional flag personnel and signs diverting traffic to Willis Avenue and Glen Cove Road. The Mayor will continue the discussion about traffic issues.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE

RESOLUTION #2021-28 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON HOLD THE ANNUAL VILLAGE WIDE TAG SALE ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 WITH A RAIN DATE OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021.

On the motion of Trustee Dunne, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye", the Board authorized the Village of East Williston to hold the annual Village-wide tag sale on September 25, 2021 with a rain date of September 26, 2021.

Trustee Dunne stated that the Library has completed some capital improvements to the library with needed painting and thorough carpet cleaning taking place.

The Library will hold the annual summer reading program kick-off on Thursday, June 24th. Also, Wednesday evening family events will commence in late June.

The Recreation Committee report noted that the tennis courts will be closed on June 10th for resurfacing and bench installations and will open approximately two weeks after, weather permitting so that work is completed. Summer tennis lessons will then take place after July 4th.

The Recreation Committee is also planning a tent party on the village green for September.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

Trustee Iannone presented the Justice Court report for May 2021. 16 parking tickets were issued with \$1,775 in fines collected for the month.

The East Williston Senior Group enjoyed a boxed lunch on the village green on May 20th. Their next event will be an ice cream social on June 17th.

TRUSTEE JAMES LARK

Trustee Lark reported that the Department of Public Works was working with the Beautification Committee placing plantings around the firehouse and bell memorial.

Public works is also trimming low hanging branches around Devlin Field.

The East Williston Little League are entering finals and after that will take a break until summer baseball begins.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY GALLO

Trustee Gallo presented the East Williston Fire Department for May 2021. There were a total of 26 calls: four general alarms, 22 mutual aid calls to neighboring departments, and four EMS calls.

Trustee Gallo stated that the National Grid project is continuing on Roslyn Road south of East Williston Avenue, with trenching and excavating taking place.

The East Williston tennis courts are now closed for resurfacing for approximately the next two weeks, weather permitting.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The police report from the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct for May 2021 stated two auto accidents, six aided cases, one report of burglary at a residence (Wheatley Hills Golf Club employee quarters), no reports of larceny or criminal mischief. No moving violations were issued and five parking violations were issued.

The Building Department Report for the month of May 2021: 382 Charles St. driveway expansion, 2 Robbins Dr. installation of new driveway, mailbox and Belgian block curbing. 107 Weeks Rd. additions to home, pool and patio. 22 Downing St. two central air conditioning units. 18 Meritoria Dr. replace patio. 411 Latham La. generator. 419 Latham La. generator. 31 Post Ave. Legalize and maintain driveway and rear patio. 03 High St. demolish shed. 103 Bengueyfireld Dr. install air conditioning condenser. 40 Orchard Dr. barbecue island and patio.

Tax bills for the fiscal year 2021-2022 were mailed on June 1st and are due without penalty until July 1st.

The Village office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Ann Stern addressed the Board about various traffic issues on Sagamore Avenue. Among them, speeding cars, 18 wheelers, vans and other commercial traffic has increased on this residential street.

She noted that the “No Commercial Traffic” signs at each end of Sagamore Avenue are either blocked or facing the wrong direction. They are also faded and not obvious to drivers.

There as also a problem with youths congregating in the street, walking down the middle of the road and being disruptive, especially at night.

A suggestion that an unmarked car from the Third Precinct be placed in the area.

Mayor Parente has been in constant communication with the Third Precinct about issues on Sagamore Avenue. They explained that their resources have been stretched thin since the expansion of the precinct's area (from Westbury/New Cassel to Great Neck).

Trustee Iannone stated that the reduced staff at the precinct makes it difficult for the police to have a constant presence in one particular area.

Mayor Parente stated that the village has hired a person to handle security and has met with Nassau County Clerk Maureen O'Connell about youths congregating in the drainage sump at the corner of Lee Avenue and Roslyn Road. They have brought furniture into the sump.

Suggestions from residents to the Board to aid in slowing/reducing traffic were speed bumps, police presence, making Sagamore Avenue a one-way street.

One resident stated that when the little league is playing traversing the street is difficult because people park on both sides of the streets.

Mr. Arcieri stated that the road was once closed between East Williston and Mineola, but the barrier had to be removed because it was deemed not to be legal.

He also noted that the parking lot adjacent to the Sagamore Ballfield has become an overnight parking lot.

Mr. Arcieri also noted that the Crossfit Gym on Roselle Street runs relays early in the morning making noise up and down Sagamore Avenue. The men also run without shirts.

Mayor Parente stated that she will address the issues raised and will send emails to the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct, as well as Mayor Scott Strauss of Mineola about this.

The Theresa Cunny who lives at the curve of Sagamore Avenue just past the firehouse, stated that drivers never stop at the stop sign there. Also, the youths that congregate in the area are always fighting, using foul language, and sometimes sounds of fire crackers are heard being set off.

Mayor Parente stated that the village has given the Third Precinct cars key fobs to the firehouse so they could use the restrooms if need be. Perhaps the placement of police cars in the area will help in this regard.

Ryan Doan was present before the Board to give a presentation of his proposed Eagle Scout project.

He wanted to construct game tables on the village green. He would also construct a lock box with game pieces inside.

He stated he will be doing fund raising for the project and wanted to maintain quality of the equipment while keeping the cost low. The expected cost is still to be determined.

The Board looked forward to working with Mr. Doan on this project.

Mr. Guglielmo asked why there was still work (or a staging area) north of East Williston Avenue, on Roslyn Road.

Mayor Parente stated she will follow up with National Grid to find out the answer to this question.

Mr. Guglielmo asked if the next stage of National Grid work will include closing Roslyn Road to traffic.

Mayor Parente stated that she believed this will be the case but will confirm this information.

Mr. Kelapire asked if the village was still replacing street trees.

The Mayor stated that the village still intends to replace trees that came down in storms in recent years, however the number of trees at nurseries is in short supply. For example the tree that was planted in James Bailey's honor came from eastern Suffolk.

Mr. Kelapire also stated that he notices that no one seems to stop at stop signs anymore.

Mayor Parente stated that the Board is looking into temporary speed bumps.

There being no further business, on the motion of Mayor Parente seconded by Trustee Dunne, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.