

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**AGENDA MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013**

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, June 24, 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 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.

Excused from meeting: Trustee Caroline DeBenedittis.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village has obtained the services of a certified, licensed water operator with a "D" Distribution License. His name is Artie Hall. The Health Department has been advised of this issue and a copy of Mr. Hall's license has been provided to them.

Mayor Tanner asked that the clerk email information of Jeffrey Blinkoff regarding the times and days for the parking legislation requested by the Town of North Hempstead in front of the Sagamore Ball Field. The public hearing will take place on July 8, 2013.

Trustee Vella stated that the problem with the lock on the parking lot has been resolved.

The Board discussed appointments to the Board of Fire Commissioners, and whether there will be three or five members.

In her absence, Trustee DeBenedittis wrote a memo to the Board stating that if the Board decides to have a three member Board of Commissioners, two should be from the Fire Department and one from the outside, with a fire department background. If a five member board is decided upon, the Board should consist of the two current members (John Ferro and Tom DelaPorte), two new members (Bill McLean and Paul Walters) and one additional member, not from the East Williston Fire Department. Of the two options, Trustee DeBenedittis felt that a five member Board is the best.

Trustee Parente stated that she will not vote for a five member Board. She stated that she wants a three member Board. She also wanted the Board to appoint former Chief Bill McLean to a three member Board.

Trustee Parente stated that John Ferro is not a member of the Fire Department.

Trustee Siciliano stated John Ferro had been a member of the East Williston Fire Department, but is not a member now.

Trustee Vella stated that there are possibly three additional candidates worthy of consideration.

Trustee Parente added that the Board of Fire Commissioners is not an oversight Board.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he would like to see Paul Walters, Bill McLean and Larry Monachelli appointed to the Board and increase the number of members to five.

Mayor Tanner asked if the number of Board members remained at three, would this Board (Board of Trustees) consider Larry Monachelli as the third member.

Trustee Parente and Trustee Vella stated that they would support Bill McLean if the consideration was for a third member.

Mayor Tanner put the question out for consideration if the Board of Fire Commissioners is increased to five members, if Mr. Monachelli agrees to become a member?

Trustee Siciliano stated that the terms of Fire Commissioners are staggered to expire in different years.

The Board discussed the upcoming Village-wide tag sale on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Parente expressed concern that she thought the monies collected for the tag sale was to be put toward the purchase of a tree, bench or checkers table for the Village Green, not for just advertising the sale. She hoped that the Village was not renegeing support for this contribution.

Trustee Parente stated that the Fire Commissioners signed the contract for the fiscal year 2013-2014. Mayor Tanner asked that Mr. Blinkoff review the contract before he signs the document.

Trustee Parente stated that member Kevin O'Donnell of the Fire Department was injured during a drill at fire school at the Old Bethpage Training Academy. Chief Cramblitt will be providing information to the Clerk.

Trustee Parente also advised that Chief Cramblitt was holding a barbecue this Thursday night (June 27<sup>th</sup>) since the membership had been working very hard of late. He wanted to promote camaraderie among the ranks.

The Board was in receipt of a letter from Chief Cramblitt providing a roster of Fire Department members who have qualified for a year of credit under the Service Award Program for 2012. A year of credit is granted to any firefighter who has satisfied the fifty point requirement as specified in the General Municipal Law Article 11-a, Section 217-c. Trustee Parente will present this for a resolution by the Board at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to accept the roster as reported.

Trustee Siciliano stated that there has been an issue with the bleachers at Devlin Field. They have been moved, to a location near the backyard of 2 Bengeyfield Drive. The resident has complained about people looking over her fence into her backyard.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the lower rail on the fence in Devlin still needs to be installed, so the fence will not curl up.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he attended a seminar at Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding bamboo. The representative from Cornell Coop. Extension noted two types of bamboo: clumping and running. For “running” bamboo, a barrier must be installed, going down three feet to ensure that the species does not spread to adjoining properties.

Mayor Tanner stated that when the Village considers a local law, it should be a requirement to contain the bamboo on the property where it is planted, so it does not spread to adjoining properties.

Trustee Vella stated that the local law must include something where it will be mandatory for anyone who plants bamboo to install a barrier to adjoining properties. Also, if the bamboo has already spread to adjoining properties, the resident must restore the neighbor’s property if it has in fact, encroached on the adjoining land.

Trustee Parente questioned about penalties imposed if residents do not comply.

Jeffrey Blinkoff apprised the Board about recent Village Justice Court actions. David Shea was fined \$3,500 for storing a boat on his property, without benefit of proper screening, and parking on his lawn. He will pay half of the amount in August and the second half in September.

The Alfieri’s failed to appear in court to answer the summons relative to failure to tend to overgrown grass. This matter will be followed up by the Court Clerk.

Mayor Tanner stated that the he has arranged for a “Meet the Candidates” night at Wheatley High School on October 8<sup>th</sup> for those running for County Executive.

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Michael Delury gave a presentation to the Board on the status of the 2012-2013 year end budget. He will also provide information to the Board on the amount of CHIPS monies available for drainage and road projects not undertaken last year.

Mayor Tanner asked for a final (written) plan for the Village-wide tag sale.

Mayor Tanner asked the clerk to have Robert Campagna provide a map to him and the Board as to where the signs will be placed on the east side of Sagamore Avenue for parking restrictions near the Sagamore Ball Field requested by the Town of North Hempstead.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.