

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
JUNE 25, 2012
AGENDA MEETING

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 7:30p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Bonnie L.S. Parente, Caroline DeBenedittis, Robert M. Vella, Jr., Christopher Siciliano Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman.

Also present: Robert L. Campagna, Village Justice Joseph J. Sperber, Chief Patrick Theodore, John Mirando.

Robert Campagna met with the Board to discuss the curbing installed by Mr. Azzara at 55 School Street. Two residents in the area complaining that the curbing it too far out into the street. He stated that he met with Frank Cashin at the site. All streets in the northeast section are "sub-par", about 21-22 feet wide. There is an eight to ten foot right-of-way.

The Village has the ability to issue permits for (Belgian block curbing) on the Village right-of-way. A permit was submitted for this curbing.

Mr. Azzara had contacted Mr. Campagna in the middle of last week and said he would remove the curbing. Two days later he called back, stating he had spoken to an attorney and said he will not remove the curbing.

Trustee Vella stated that the Village should speak to Mr. Azzara to see if he would be amenable to moving the last 30 feet of curbing.

Mr. Campagna said the fire hydrant to curb in the area is not less than two feet from the street.

Mr. Campagna stated that he is working with representatives of Wheatley House on the drainage issues near Devlin Field. He also stated that he is working with Jim Igoe on the leaks in the roof at the Village Hall.

Village Justice Joseph Sperber attended the meeting to discuss parking fines in the Village. He stated that those issued summons don't often show up in court or pay the parking fine. It will be helpful if the fines had a penalty attached to them. Other villages provide that if payment is

not received within 30 days of the issuance of the summons, the fine is increased by "X" amount of dollars on the 31st day.

Trustee Vella stated that this is a fine for default judgment.

Justice Sperber also expressed concern over the size of signs for "no parking overnight".

Mayor Tanner said that the Board will set a public hearing for the August 13th Board meeting to consider revising parking fines.

Chief Patrick Theodore informed the Board that Rescue Truck 812 requires much needed maintenance/repairs. The amount quoted for the repairs is \$3,400, but he feels he can bring the repairs down to \$2,000. Chief Theodore listed the repairs as being drive belts, a broken panel shield, and a problem with the doors. He also said the vehicle cannot pass inspection.

The Board asked Chief Theodore to come back with budget figures, as to where the transfers will come from to pay for the assistant chief's car.

Chief Theodore reported that the automatic fire alarm at 416 Congress Avenue goes off often, causing false alarm calls to the residence. The owner is aware of the problem. Mr. Blinkoff stated that the Village can set up its own permit system where fines can be issued (for example, a warning letter can be sent for the first two false alarm calls. The third false alarm would subject the resident to a fine). The Board will have to hold a public hearing to enact a local law for code violations.

Mr. Blinkoff will draft resolutions to authorize the Village to hold public hearings in August.

Chief Theodore advised the Board that the Fire Department held a personal safety class for bail out system training. The first part was classroom instruction; the second part will be practical instruction. The Chief added that three years ago, the Fire Department procured a grant to purchase repelling ropes.

Trustee Siciliano wanted the Board to be aware that Nassau County is looking to charge fire departments for the use of the Fire Service Academy in Old Bethpage.

Trustee Parente was excused from the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

John Mirando attended the meeting to apprise the Board of water issues. He stated that the he and Mayor Tanner met with Bill Varley of Long Island Water Corporation. He will know more about the outcome of the meeting by Wednesday, June 27th.

Mr. Mirando reviewed the Dvirka & Bartilucci prepared for the Village of Williston Park. He stated that the report kept the information from the Guastella report that was beneficial to Williston Park, but left out other pertinent information. He noted that the PILOT fee should be based on property minus the water plant. Also, "unaccounted for" water should not be in the equation. He further stated that new budgetary costs should be "plugged" into the Guastella report information.

Mayor Tanner and Trustee Parente met with Mayor Ehrbar recently to discuss the water issues between East Williston and Williston Park. They reported that the meeting ended amicably.

Jeff Blinkoff said that John Guastella will be reviewing the Dvirka & Bartilucci and providing his response to the report.

Trustee Vella stated that if the Village does not receive the response from Guastella in a reasonable amount of time, the Board should issue a response.

RESOLUTION #21-2012 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO GUASTELLA ASSOCIATES FOR REVIEW OF THE DVIRKA & BARTILUCCI WATER REPORT DATED JUNE 2012, PREPARED FOR THE INC. VILLAGE OF WILLISTON PARK.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously authorized to make payment to Guastella Associates for review of the Dvirka & Bartilucci Water Report dated June 2012 prepared for the Village of Williston Park.

Trustee Vella stated that he will report on the Williston Park water hearing at the July 9th Board meeting.

John Mirando reviewed the costs of different meter reading systems for the Village. A fixed system will cost approximately \$265,000, and a migratable system will cost about \$240,000 to retrofit the entire Village. He said that when the Village decides what type of system they want to implement, the Board will need to adopt a resolution to standardize the type of meters.

Mr. Mirando thought that two to four meters could be installed each day. It would take approximately 1,000 hours (an entire year) to outfit the entire Village with new meters. He said that Jim Bailey should start locating curb boxes for each residence.

The Board also discussed an emergency chlorination assembly for the East Williston side of the water system (east side of Long Island Railroad tracks). Marie Hausner stated that this issue had been discussed years ago with the Nassau County Health Department. Because of the location of the interconnect (at the LIRR tracks); the area is not conducive to constructing a stable chlorination system.

Mayor Tanner stated that he will call Robert Gramman to discuss the new system of rotation of plumbing inspectors.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he will ask William Wynperle of DeJana Industries to come to the next Board meeting on July 9th.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he has received revised information from the Town of North Hempstead that they do not supply recycling bucket to residents in incorporated Villages. He said the cost of buying buckets from the manufacturer is \$1,787.52. The Board may want to consider a "sign up list" to see how many residents would require buckets.

RESOLUTION #22-2012 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF ORCHID CONTRACTORS TO REPLACE THE LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE AT 520 ROSLYN ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,400.00.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board approved the proposal of Orchid Contractors to replace the lead water service line at 520 Roslyn Road in the amount of \$8,400.00.

Mayor Tanner asked the Clerk to procure bonding for the Village and Acting Justice, the Court Clerk, the Village Clerk, Treasurer and Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Vella brought up a suggestion he received about holding a Village-wide garage sale. At the present time, the Village Code only allows a resident to hold a garage/yard sale at the time they are moving out of the Village. The Board weighed the pros and cons to holding it on the Village Green (or vicinity) or at individual homes within the Village on the same day. Trustee DeBenedittis stated she was a long-time proponent of holding a Village-wide garage sale day, once a year. Concerns expressed if the sale was held at individual homes were traffic congestion, streets blocked with parked cars, and the like. The Board did not make a determination on the matter.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that Atlanta Avenue had many trees where branches need to be trimmed. On a relatively calm day in the past week, a large branch came down. She advised Jim Bailey about the situation. Mayor Tanner stated that Jim Bailey had two lists (Fire

Department list of low hanging branches that interfere with the traverse of emergency vehicles and Public Works list of those branches that need to be pruned).

Bonnie Kreisman brought up the two properties with very high water bills; 8 Prospect Street and 18 Meadow Lane. The Board felt that since the residents did not have actual water meter readings taken by Public Works employees within the Code mandated time, that the bills would continue to stand at the current water rate, but would have penalties waived for non-payment at this time. A letter will be sent to each resident, after they are reviewed by the Board and Mr. Blinkoff.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.