

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022

Agenda meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, June 27, 2022 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 Lark Anthony Gallo, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Treasurer Michael Delury, Deputy Clerk William Basel, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff.

Also present: Mitch Pitnick.

Ms. Kreisman presented a comprehensive report on the water meter installation program. Out of 857 parcels, there were 50 homes that are still in need of attention in the following: technology upgrade needed, inventory issues, plumbing and or water shut off issues, reprogramming required, timing issues (by the resident), construction related, special situations, unresponsive to contact by village and/or contractor.

Mayor Parente asked that a letter be drafted by Ms. Kreisman and passed by her (except construction related).

Ms. Kreisman also stated that there are 121 end points in homes that are not reporting (to the village system). The village has a tool that public works can utilize to reset the endpoint.

Mayor Parente asked that the village purchase another tool so public works can have the one and the village office can have a backup.

Ms. Kreisman noted that “no install fees” are not being charged to those where the village needs to remedy the situation.

Trustee Dunne asked if the village’s percentage of annual “lost water” will go down now that the new meters are installed.

Mrs. Hausner stated that by time the 2022 annual water supply statement is produced next year, the amount of lost water will decrease significantly.

Mayor Parente brought up issues of bushes/trees that over grow onto the sidewalks, making people walk in the street. The corner of Sagamore Avenue and Ogden Avenue is an example.

Mayor Parente suggested changes to the village code with regard to the trimming of bushes, where it would state to trim behind the sidewalk, not to the sidewalk.

Ms. Kreisman also mentioned that the height of bushes at the corner of a property be limited so as to aid in visibility when turning onto another street.

Mayor Parente followed up on correspondence from East Williston Firefighter James Hanel about the computer room in the village hall not being up do date, Also noting that the servers are outdated.

Ms. Kreisman stated that the wiring and most connections were installed many years ago. Ryan Woltering of Cross Island Computers has been performing manual updates. He is also in the process of updating the computers. Wireman is also currently working on updating the surveillance cameras which is also located in the computer room.

Mayor Parente asked for a bullet item report on what has been done and what needs to be completed.

With regard to the air conditioning/ventilating of the computer room, Ms. Kreisman had a proposal from Riteway Air Systems, the company that installed the central air conditioning in the village hall, and also does repairs.

Trustee Lake felt that the village should get proposals from three companies for an annual contract for air conditioning services.

Suggested companies to request quotes are Five Star Mechanical, Ideal Air and Riteway.

Mayor Parente discussed the Juneteenth holiday and paying hourly employees holiday pay for the day. It was the intention of the Board for the village to continue to be open on that day (June 19th).

RESOLUTION 2022-21 A RESOLUTION WHEREBY THE VILLAGE WILL BE OPEN ON JUNETEENTH, BUT HOLIDAY PAY (OVERTIME) WILL BE PAID TO HOURLY VILLAGE WORKERS

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Lark, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board approved a resolution whereby the village will be open on Juneteenth, but holiday pay (overtime) will be paid to hourly village workers.

Mayor Parente checked to ensure that the Gold Tree Lighting for Pediatric Cancer Awareness will be ready for August 31, 0222 at 7pm. She also asked that Trustee Iannone be reminded to contact Anthony Leva about the ceremony.

Mayor Parente asked that the clerk inquire into clergy attending the ceremony.

Mrs. Hausner suggested Rev. Choe of Young Nak Church. Mayor Parente also asked if Rev. Choe's wife could play the clarinet at the ceremony.

Mayor Parente questioned the conditions at 15 East Williston Avenue. Ms. Kreisman stated that building inspector Jared Mandel is working on the issue.

It was noted that the Historic Commission receives guidance from the US Department of the Interior. The external structures are to be maintained by directives in the village code.

Ms. Kreisman stated that former Trustee Christopher Siciliano would be interested in becoming the Village Historian.

Mayor Parente asked Ms. Kreisman to contact Mr. Siciliano.

Mayor Parente asked about receiving the fire truck from Syosset Fire Department.

Trustee Gallo stated that Syosset is still waiting for the delivery of their truck, and East Williston is still trying to sell its truck.

Mayor Parente asked about the progress of the East Williston Fire Department radio room grant from Nassau County.

Mr. Delury stated that the radio room work was approved to go forward by the Board at a cost of \$34,000. It is the same work, still under the grant.

Mayor Parente stated that she spoke to Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Philipps who said she is waiting for the village to follow up and that the monies are awaiting payment to the village.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne, the Board adjourned into executive session at 9:04pm to discuss personnel matters.

The Board reconvened at 9:04pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Mayor Parente stated that the village office point person for the radio room grant is Mr. Delury. All email correspondence should be copied to Tom Devaney, Pat Theodore,

Mayor Parente asked about the status of claim forms submitted by the Fire Department.

Mr. Delury was only in possession of one claim form for contractual payment for the 4th quarter of 2002-2002. There was a June 15, 2022 email about this issue stating they had forwarded both the 4th quarter of 2021-22 and the first quarter of 2002-23.

Mayor Parente noted that the Fire Department did not receive a contract for the 2022-23 fiscal year for their signature.

Mr. Delury stated he will work on getting it to the Fire Department.

Mr. Delury stated that the contractual fee to the Fire Department was budgeted at \$20,000 for the year.

Mayor Parente stated that when replying to matters for the Fire Department all correspondence should be sent back to “reply all”.

Mayor Parente asked that an email blast be sent to village residents this week advising that the village hall will be closed from July 2 – 4 for the refinishing of the floors.

Mayor Parente questioned the status of the installation of the speed bumps.

Mr. Basel advised that due to the rain today, Mr. Blanco felt it not wise to put the large spikes in the road where the water may undermine the speed bumps.

Mayor Parente stated that she received a call from a resident about the tree installed at the Community Church on Roslyn Road. It was stated that it may have to be relocated, as it blocks view of cars turning out onto the road.

Mayor Parente asked the Board to review the proposed changes to the tree ordinance, and comments received from the Zoning and Planning Boards.

Mr. Blinkoff went through the proposed changes. Comments made include:

- Tree warden to place on the report if the tree is in fact dead.
- Fees for certified arborist.
- Replacing in the right of way by the village
- Minimum of three inches.
- Board to choose the number of trees for replacement.
- Resident not responsible for replacement if a tree should fall during a storm
- Remove the word living from proposed legislation
- Wording not to be overly burdensome to construction of a home.

- Debate of replacement of trees if a 22” (circumference) tree is removed.
- Approved tree replacement list
- Approved list of arborists.
- Appeal process

Mitch Pitnick noted the following:

- Did not like the word “discretion” as used in the wording allowing the tree warden to render a decision. He preferred it to be based on criteria or reasonable judgment based on a “dead tree”.
- Question about replacing trees “one for one”. The size of the property would determine this and there would be a limitation as to the density of trees on any given property.

Mr. Blinkoff will revise the proposed legislation and circulate to the Board.

Trustee Gallo was excused from the meeting at 9:52 pm.

Mr. Delury circulated a proposed resolution to finance the tractor and new public works vehicle in the amount of \$175,000 with Greene County Bank at 3.5%.

RESOLUTION 2022-22 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVING THE FINANCING OF A TRACTOR AND NEW PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000 WITH GREENE COUNTY COMMUNITY BANK AT A RATE OF 3.50%

On the motion of Trustee Dunne, seconded by Mayor Parente, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, and Lark all voting “aye”, the Board approved the financing of a tractor and new public works truck in the amount of \$175,000 with Greene County Community Bank at a rate of 3.50%.

There being no further business, on the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm