

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, June 13, 2016 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 Siciliano, James L. Iannone, Anthony J. Casella, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner, Police Officer Todd Adkin, Sgt. Ciacco.

Also present: Caroline DeBenedittis, Philip Chappo, Patrick Theodore, Susan Corsello, Tara Siciliano, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Leccese, Mr. & Mrs. David Temkin, Connie Hannan, Hal Cronk, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Baltzer, Barbara Seixas, Marcia Weiser, Mildred Clinton, Carla Strauss, Carol Bertali, Tom Connolly, Stephan Leccese, Timothy Kelly, Lucille Walters, Michael Guglielmo, Raymond Gaudio, Louis Sasso. Approximately 40 other residents whose names are not identified.

Before the meeting commenced, Mayor Tanner asked for a moment of silence for the victims and families of the tragedy in Orlando, Florida.

Police Officer Atkin and Sergeant Ciacco of the Nassau County Police Department Third precinct gave an extensive presentation on recent break-ins in East Williston. This was followed by a question and answer period.

Suggestions to be considered by the Board were: installation of license plate reader devices, installation of surveillance cameras throughout the Village, installation of community watch signs, increased use of email blast communications and possible creation of committee to address security measures.

Mayor Tanner stated that he will be contacting Nassau County to inquire about LPR devices, among other things.

Trustee Parente stated that the Board has heard the concerns of the residents and will be discussing the issues brought forth. None of the suggestions will be ignored.

Trustee Iannone stated the Board needed to assess the dynamics of each suggestion and weigh the costs involved versus the effectiveness of crime prevention.

The presentation by the police officers concluded at 10:10 pm. The Board took a ten minute recess before continuing with the meeting.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2016.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of May 23, 2016.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the abstract of claims for April 2016 as follows: 20150652-20150718.

Chief Patrick Theodore presented the report of the East Williston Fire Department for the month of May 2016. The Department responded to a total of 15 calls during the month: ten EMS calls and five fire related calls.

The members of the Department completed fire school. The members also recently participated in a drill with the Mineola Fire Department.

The East Williston Fire Department took part in the Memorial Day celebration as well as cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for those gathered after the ceremonies.

Trustee Iannone thanked the Fire Department for their contribution to the Memorial Day ceremony, as well as going to Holy Rood Cemetery to place wreaths on the graves of Fire Department members.

Mayor Tanner thanked the Chief and the members of the Department of their continuing participation on Memorial Day. Providing refreshments after the parade is a big part of the events for the day.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE**

Trustee Parente informed those present the East Williston Library received a grant from the New York State Senate known as a "bullet 8" allocation in the amount of \$10,000.

The Senior Group will hold its end of year gathering on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> hosting an "ice cream social".

**TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO**

Trustee Siciliano thanked resident Barbara Seixas for the hanging flower baskets displayed around the Village Hall. He also thanked Michelle Tanner and the Beautification Committee for all of the plantings surrounding the Village Hall and vicinity.

Eagle Scout candidate Jared Bassman completed the benches on the Village Green.

The Department of Public Works will be finishing up planting trees for the season and will resume in the fall. Public Works also continues to replace the street name signs around the Village.

Trustee Siciliano reminded residents to report any street light outages to the Village office.

Lastly he reiterated what the police advised earlier in the meeting, that when neighbors are away, pick up their newspapers or advertising circulars so it does not give the appearance of a vacant home.

**TRUSTEE JAMES L. IANNONE**

Trustee Iannone did not have anything to add to the Chief's report for the East Williston Fire Department.

**TRUSTEE ANTHONY J. CASELLA**

Trustee Casella presented the Recreation Committee report. Yoga classes continue on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:15am. Gentle Yoga takes place from 5:45 to 7:15pm.

The Justice Court report for May 2016 showed a total of 23 violations: 21 parking, no moving violations and two Village ordinances totaling \$1,100.00 with \$0 in New York State surcharges.

Library Director Susan Corsello presented the Library report. The Summer reading program will commence on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. The Library received two donations from toward the reading program from the Chamber of Commerce (\$150) and the Rotary Club (\$400).

The Friends of the Library display cabinet is presenting a collection of interesting frogs lent by resident Ann Messina.

**MAYOR DAVID TANNER**

Mayor Tanner stated that through a grant from New York State Senator Jack Martins and North Hempstead Judi Bosworth, the Village of East Williston has obtained an electronic speed sign to be placed on Roslyn Road at the north entrance to the Village.

**RESOLUTION #2016-24 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATION OF AN ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGN FROM A NEW YORK STATE SENATE GRANT AND THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD.**

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting “aye”, the Board accepted the donation of an electronic speed sign from a New York State Senate/Town of North Hempstead Grant.

Mayor Tanner stated that he has met with representatives from the Nassau County Department of Public Works about traffic calming issues on Roslyn Road and East Williston Avenue and enhancing the entrance signs to the Village. He also met with the Village engineer about sidewalks on the south side of East Williston Avenue, across from the Community Church, and west to Post Lane.

**VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER**

The following building permits were issued in May 2016: 7 Griffin Lane, installation of solar panels. 382 Titus Way, installation of solar panels. 75 Benegyfield Drive, installation of a central air conditioning system. 137 Weeks Road, construction of an addition to the home.

The Nassau County Police Department report for April 2016 indicated no reports of burglaries/robberies. One parking violation and two moving violations were served. There were three reported auto accidents and no reported auto related injuries.

The report for May 2016 indicated the report of a burglary on Donald Street. There was one parking violation issued and no moving violations. There were five auto accidents with four auto related injuries reported.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Lori Baltzer thought that signs indicating the location of the speed humps on Sagamore Avenue near the Sagamore Ball Field had been removed. The Clerk was asked to check with the Department of Public Works.

Trustee Casella stated that traffic on Sagamore Avenue on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> was generated by road closures due to the Portuguese Day Parade.

Michael Guglielmo asked about the proposed water agreement with Williston Park and plans to construct a well in East Williston.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board has voted 3-2 against holding a bond referendum to construct a well in East Williston. Because of that vote, no public referendum will take place.

He added that the Board voted 4-1 to approve the agreement with Williston Park to purchase water from the village.

Mayor Tanner stated that when the agreement was received from Williston Park, it was hand delivered to the Nassau County Department of Health for review of the language on emergency chlorination. Williston Park will be meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the changes advised by Nassau County.

Trustee Casella applauded Mayor Tanner on all his work on both the proposed well in East Williston and the negotiations with Williston Park. When the agreement is signed, the Village of East Williston (pursuant to draft agreement) will pay Williston Park \$100,000 in settlement of the late fees owed to them.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board will be considering the suggestions made for Village security and include procuring license plate readers, a community watch, cameras, and increased use of email blasts to alert residents of situations.

Lori Baltzer noted that she witnessed a black jeep driving along Sumter Avenue videoing homes. She had alerted the police about this situation.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Casella, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50pm.