

MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
July 10, 2023

Work session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York. Followed by the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston began on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:33 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

Present:	Bonnie Parente	Mayor
	James Iannone	Deputy Mayor
	James Lark	Trustee
	Anthony Gallo	Trustee
	Raffaella Dunne	Trustee
Also Present:	Joanna Palumbo	Village Clerk
	Steven Leventhal, Esq.	Village Counsel
	Mike Guglielmo	Resident
	Mitchell Pitnick	Resident
	Henry Yuen	Resident representing Tzu Chi
	George Carlin	Resident & Fire Commissioner
	Donna Carlin	Resident
	Dolores Sedacca	Resident
	Matt Sedacca	Resident
	Brian Goldman	Resident
	Chris Hill	Resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023 regular Board of Trustees meeting was made by Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Gallo and the **motion was passed unanimously**.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2023 Board of Trustees agenda meeting was made by Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Gallo and the **motion was passed unanimously**.

MOTIONS:

A motion was made by Trustee Dunne “that the Board of Trustees set a date for a public hearing to consider a local law amending Article XV of the Village Code to require the licensing of commercial entities that trim, remove and otherwise alter trees within the Village shall be introduced before the Board of Trustees at its meeting to be help on August 14, 2023”. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gallo and the **motion was passed unanimously**.

A motion was made by Mayor Parent to approve the invoices to be paid dated 7/11/2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Iannone and the **motion was passed unanimously**.

A motion was made by Trustee Iannone to authorize the Mayor to sign the engagement letter from Skinnon & Faber Certified Public Accountants, for their auditing services for year-end May 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lark and the **motion was passed unanimously.**

REPORTS

MAYOR BONNIE PARENTE

Mayor Parente congratulated two village residents, Carla Strauss and Emma Acevedo, who were recipients of the North Hempstead's Women's Roll of Honor. She also relayed two issues that the Nassau County Police had recently brought to her attention; (1) a prevalent scam going on in our area where thieves are staking out ATM customers and placing sharp objects under tires then follow them so that when they stop to check on the flat tire, they have an opportunity to steal the money they just withdrew from the ATM machine. (2) a reminder that all bikes, especially children, should be wearing helmets. She also indicated that recently kids have been seen riding bikes on East Williston Avenue playing "chicken" with cars – please remind your children about bike and vehicular safety.

She also reported that the Village has signed the Inter Municipal Agreement with the Town for a \$2,500.00 grant for our senior programs.

DEPUTY MAYOR JAMES IANNONE

Deputy Mayor Iannone reported that the East Williston Senior Group is on break for the summer months and will resume their monthly meetings in September. He also presented the Village Justice Court report for June; he reported a total of disposed cases of 42 parking violations and 34 village ordinances received in June 2023. Total monies collected was \$3,903.00.

TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE

Trustee Dunne reported that the library's summer Wednesday Family nights have begun. This Wednesday, July 12th is a BBQ and carnival co-hosted with the East Williston Fire Department. The village-wide tag sale is scheduled for Saturday October 14th.

TRUSTEE JAMES LARK

Trustee Lark reported that the 12U East Williston Little League won District Championships vs Port Washington this past weekend and are onto Sectionals this upcoming weekend. He also gave a "shout-out" to the beautification committee and DPW that continue to make the village look terrific. The beautification committee is always looking for volunteers, so please reach out to village hall if you are interested.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY GALLO

Trustee Gallo reported that the department answered a total of 12 calls during the month of June 2023: 7 general alarms, 4 medical assists and 1 house fire. He also indicated that the East Williston Fire Department is always looking for volunteers and that their volunteer drive is currently underway.

VILLAGE CLERK JOANNA E. PALUMBO

Village Clerk Palumbo presented to the Board the Nassau County Police Department report for June which included 1 auto accident (Meritoria & Robbins; no injuries reported), 8 aided cases, 1 larceny (auto) & 1 larceny (other). She provided the Board with the building department report which included 7 building permits issued in June. She advised that the village taxes were due on July 3rd and there were currently 35 unpaid tax bills. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for August 14, 2023.

The Mayor opened the meeting to public comment.

Four residents spoke in opposition to the proposed Dog Park on Lee Avenue.

Dolores Sedacca of 41 Lee Avenue and whose comments are reflected in a written submission attached to these minutes; Brian Goldman of 41 Lee Avenue who objected based on a claim of not receiving notice and potential impact on his work, for which he uses the park; Chris Hill of 45 Lee Avenue who objected because he believed the proposal would impact his child who has sensitive medical conditions; and Matt Sedacca who raised questions as to noise, parking and the possibility of loose dogs. The Mayor responded that not all Lee Avenue residents expressed opposition and that an overwhelming number of residents have come out in support of the project at prior meetings.

Village Counsel, Mr. Leventhal noted that this matter involves an application to the Town for use of a Town park. It is not an application to the Village. It has been suggested that the park is County property. In either case, the Village does not have the authority to approve the application.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:15pm by Trustee Dunne, seconded by Trustee Iannone and the motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by
Joanna E. Palumbo, Village Clerk
July 11, 2023

Approved by the BOT on: August 14, 2023