

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 8:00 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 Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Excused from meeting: Trustee Caroline DeBenedittis.

Also present: Joseph Masters, Susan Corsello, James J. Daw, Jr., Marcia Weiser, Louis Sasso, James Sandquist.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2014.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of June 23, 2014.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for June 2014 as follows: 20130805 – 20140021.

The East Williston Fire Department chiefs were not able to attend the meeting to present the June 2014 report. A report will be presented next month.

TRUSTEE REPORTS
DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente stated that 30 members of the East Williston Fire Department attended fire school at the Old Bethpage training center. Membership attendance at fire calls remains high.

The Department will be preparing for storms that are being predicted for this week.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella reported that the Justice Court collected a total of \$2,346.00 in fines from 38 violations in June 2014. The violations consisted of 28 parking violations, four moving violations and one violation of a Village ordinance.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated that the decorative flower baskets surrounding the Village hall were removed for the impending storms so they will not create a hazard in high winds. Resident Barbara Seixas was gracious in taking them in to water and tend to the baskets, while the public works staff attends to more pressing matters.

Trustee Siciliano is working with Superintendent of Public Works James Bailey in preparing bid specifications for a new road sweeper.

The planting of street trees has now ceased for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Fencing around the public works yard will be soon be replaced to make the area look nicer.

Lastly, Trustee Siciliano asked residents to check in on their elderly neighbors during the hot summer days or when a storm hits to see if they need assistance and ensure they are all right.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that the appellate court rendered a decision on the lawsuit between East Williston and Williston Park relative to water issues. The first lawsuit was ruled in favor of East Williston where the first rate increase imposed by Williston Park was deemed without proper notification of a public hearing. The second lawsuit where East Williston claimed the second increase imposed by Williston Park was arbitrary and capricious, was ruled in favor of Williston Park.

Mayor Tanner noted that these court decisions do not solve the underlying problem; that the cost of water is excessive and East Williston is a “captive audience” to Williston Park. He explained that East Williston needed a permanent solution, and the Board was working toward that end.

Mayor Tanner stated that Treasure Michael Delury was reviewing the numbers for a determination of the financial effect as a result of the lawsuit. Williston Park increased

the rate to East Williston in April 2011 from \$2.99 to 3.83. Subsequently, Williston Park again increased the rate to \$4.33 in August 2012. East Williston did not increase its rates to its residents after the second increase imposed by Williston Park.

Mr. Blinkoff added that the court did not uphold penalties. The decision is subject to statutory costs, but not attorney fees.

Trustee Parente stated that in the decision in the second case, the Court held that Williston Park could increase rates, not that they should increase rates.

Joseph Masters asked if it was feasible for East Williston to drill its own well, since it appeared that Williston Park can just keep raising the water rates.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village is exploring all options in this regard.

Mayor Tanner read a letter from Mayor Leach in 1977 where the Board intended to include funds in the budget to study all options with regard to a water supply for East Williston.

RESOLUTION #20-2014 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR 2014-2015.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Vella all voting “aye”, the Board approved to participate in the Justice Court Assistance Grant program for 2014-2015.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in June 2014: 409 Congress Avenue, interior alterations. 24 Ogden Avenue, interior alterations and installation of central air conditioning. 147 East Williston Avenue, replacement of retaining wall. 418 Latham Lane, garage extension. 124 William Street, expansion of driveway with Belgian block curbing. 89 Weeks Road, interior alterations. 209 Glenmore Street, construction of a concrete patio. 200 Benneyfield Drive, construction of a deck.

Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report for the month of June 2014: No reports of burglaries or robberies. Five parking violations and no moving violations were issued. Three automobile accidents with no auto injuries were reported.

Library Supervisor Susan Corsello presented the report of Library events. The “Fizz, Boom, Read” Summer reading program is off to a great start. Ninety-six children have enrolled as of July 11th.

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The summer program “Stories and Crafts” continues to meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30am -12:30pm. Attendance has been very strong with as many as twenty-one children at each session

Jason Reilly from Green Meadows Farm entertained the children with his “Frogs, Bugs, and Animals” on the Village Green last week. The event was a big hit! Approximately sixty children attended.

Plaza Theatrical Productions will present “Beauty and the Beast” on July 23rd at The Village Green.

The Summer Reading Program Pool Party is scheduled for August 12th at The Williston Park Pool.

The Library Friends have a great new collection on display featuring “Favorite Children’s Books” in honor of the Summer Reading Program. Carla Strauss, a resident of East Williston, generously lent us this collection.

Mayor Tanner asked Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff to apprise those present about the status of the 8 Sumter Avenue matter.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that he will be submitting an order to the court to include costs for the demolition of the structures and the disconnection of services to be added to the other costs owed to the Village (back taxes, inspections, raccoon trapping, etc.). This information was requested by the Judge in this matter.

James Daw noted that some of the trees might have to be removed during the demolition of the house.

Mr. Daw also stated that the tree service the Village utilized to prune Village trees was very respectful to the integrity and beauty of the trees.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Village took an aggressive approach to pruning all of the trees that needed attention, but wanted to ensure that the trees were not overly pruned.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano , seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.