

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY JULY 26, 2021

Agenda meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees James Iannone, James Lark, Anthony Gallo, Marie L. Hausner, Village Clerk, Deputy Clerk William Basel, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff

Also present: Jared Mandel, Building Inspector, Patrick Theodore, Code Enforcement

Mayor Parente noted the following list of items for status and/or follow up:

- Oakley Lane retaining wall. Residential complaint about esthetics of the wall. Beautification Committee was supposed to have suggested/implemented green cover. Simon Blanco of public works will explore whether vines can be planted behind the wall, allowing them to grow over it.
- Grants: East Williston Fire Department radio room grant is still being worked on. SAM Grant from Senator Kaplans office, also still needed information.
- Jared Mandel still need to provide plans/drawings for the separation of the conference room into an office and conference room. This too, will be a grant from Nassau County.
- When switching phone service to Verizon, a guest WiFi should be added to the village hall for various groups using the building so as not to interrupt the village office usage.
- Sprinklers in Devlin Field. Trustee Lark stated they are on a battery timer, but a leak has been detected; the solenoid must be replaced. Company has been scheduled to replace said equipment.
- Domingos DaSilva has been approved by Nassau County Civil Service as a full time laborer. He also indicated he may want to add these activities to his work.
- Mayor Parente, Jeffrey Blinkoff and Sean Dunn met with Assemblyman Edward Ra about proposed legislation to change the law to reduce speed limits village-wide to less than 30 miles per hour.
- Village firefighter exemption still being looked into.
- Possibility of Tom Devaney becoming a LOSAP trustee. Will advise Michael Delury on this matter.
- The village hall roof-crosswalk from the East Williston Fire Department chiefs offices to the board meeting room needed to be looked at for the structural integrity. Jared Mandel will look at this.
- Fire Department closed circuit cameras. Trustee Gallo is awaiting information from Pat Theodore on status of cameras.

- Fire drills in village parking lot on Sagamore Avenue. It is felt at this time that the location is working, rather than the North Side School location.
- The Little Paint Shop at 470 Sagamore Avenue is willing to have the village place a surveillance camera in the front of their shop.
- Mayor Parente questioned the mutual aid calls to Williston Park. Trustee Iannone stated that East Williston is no longer responding to automatic alarms
- The village-wide tag sale is set for September 25th, with a rain date of September 26th.
- Mayor Parente questioned if the Girl Scouts have installed the compost bin at a location in the Village. Trustee Dunne stated she has not heard from them, but will follow up.
- Temporary speed bumps. Only one speed bump was received. The Clerk contacted the company and they will be sending the remainder of the order. The Mayor and Board wanted to have the first set installed near 55 Benegayfield Drive. The second set.....

RESOLUTION #2021-32 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON FOR COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (CRP) INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT (IMA) WITH THE VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON AND PURCHASE OF RADIO ROOM EQUIPMENT FOR THE VILLAGE

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village is in the process of purchasing equipment for the Radio Room within the building of the Village Fire Department (project); and

WHEREAS, said purchase is in conjunction with an IMA with the County of Nassau;

Now, it is hereby RESOLVED:

The Board of Trustees (Board) is determined to be the lead agency under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), and that said project will have no significant effect or impact under SEQRA. Specifically, the Board determines that the project is a Type II Action under 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.5(c)25 – “purchase of equipment”, and it is further resolved that,

No further review is required under SEQRA, as in accordance with paragraph 617.3(f) no SEQRA determination of significance, EIS or findings statement is required for Type II actions.

Mayor Parente asked that Jared Mandel be present at the meeting to discuss changes to workload/workflow in the building department.

Mr. Mandel stated that he is working on restructuring the way the building department operates. In the last two months, much progress has been made. He has designated a staff member from his architectural office to digitize and organize permit information to move toward the implementation of the computer program City Grows for the submission of permit applications.

Mr. Mandel felt that a position in the office needs to be dedicated to building department work on a regular basis, since he is part time, perhaps Ms. Kreisman or Mr. Basel.

His office staff member Ryan has organized how Mr. Mandel work is created with Google line sheets. They track permits both incoming and outgoing. Right now with tracking of permits, Mr. Basel is observing the application process.

Mr. Mandel stated that the village currently has 555 open permits. Of those, 279 are considered “simple” permit close outs which include fences, driveways, sheds, etc. Closing these permits out will entail driving by the property and noting the status and closing out the permit.

He felt that “plan A” for City Grows would be to enter all information into the data base, then send notification to residents about the open permits and give a schedule for close out.

Ms. Kreisman stated that Ryan is currently creating the screens for residents to use when submitting a permit.

Trustee Gallo inquired if Google Sheets can be imported into the City Grows portal. It was believed doubtful, since the two data bases are very different.

Mr. Blinkoff will check the law to see how inspections can be done to close out simple permits. It was noted that the Town of North Hempstead may have had an issue with this matter.

Mr. Mandel felt that Ryan may be able to drive around the village witnessing simple permit close outs, and other work currently be undertaken by residents.

There will be a great deal of data entry and uploading information into the City Grows site.

Mr. Mandel stated that permit application submittals being received are not always acceptable and have to be sent back to the contractor or resident for more information, code compliance and zoning.

Mr. Basel was asked to arrange for another invitation from City Grows so Trustees Iannone, Lark and Gallo can see the workings of the site.

Mr. Mandel stated that for open permits, he felt that ten simple permits can be closed out every two weeks, and five mailing of postcards for larger permits.

Mayor Parente stated that she wanted to put this information into her monthly Mayor's letter.

Mr. Mandel also brought up the following issues for future discussion:

- Increasing fines for various violations. Lower violations could prove compliance to eradicate the appearance ticket.
- Trees. He felt that the village should hire the services of an arborist, and change the way trees are looked at when they are in the way of construction. He felt that a survey with tree location should be submitted with all building permits, along with site information such as drainage and grade of property.
- He felt that at some time in the future that the Village should revisit the solar panel section of the Code. Mayor Parente felt it was too soon to change the Code with regard to solar panels, and wait to see how far technology comes along with regard to the devices.
- Illegal fences - 6 foot fences. With regard to six residents who were identified in a recent Board of Zoning Appeals application as having illegal six foot fences. They were issued court appearance tickets to village court. It was determined that if they eliminate the six foot fence, and apply for a four foot fence, the appearance ticket will be dismissed.

Mayor Parente asked the clerk to obtain quotes for scanning of files and shredding thereafter.

Patrick Theodore stated that youth activity in parks, at night has calmed down a bit during the last few weeks.. The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct and MTA Police have been present around the train station pavilion.

The recent incident with the video game being dumped at the train station was reported to the Third Precinct.

Mr. Theodore also stated that cars parking in the village parking lot late at night has been reported to the narcotics division of the police department. If anyone can obtain license plates, he can submit them to the police.

Mr. Theodore suggested lighting be installed in the passive park area across from the Village Green on East Williston Avenue. Also, perhaps an eight foot fence could be installed to be closed at night to prevent access to the park.

As for Sagamore Ball Field, the Town of North Hempstead never sends security to the park at night. It was suggested that the Village speak with Wayne Wink toward the end of the year.

The Toddler Park is often strewn with beer cans. He suggested locking the park at night and sensor lights be installed.

Mayor Parente stated that locking the Toddler Park at night may be a problem in that staff leaves at 4:30pm and residents use the Toddler Park until dusk.

Mr. Theodore stated that youths are still hopping the fence to the Nassau County drainage sumps and hanging out after dark. He will speak to Maureen O'Connell about this issue.

Mr. Theodore stated that he will get an estimate for the firehouse cameras, as they are not working. There two outside and six inside the firehouse. It was suggested that another camera be installed looking south on Sagamore Avenue.

The door to the firehouse needs to be repaired or replaced.

Mayor Parente asked if this can be added to the radio room grant.

Mr. Theodore suggested that the fire department take over hydrant flushing from the department of public works.

This would probably not be a good idea in that James Bailey had a comprehensive plan for hydrant flushing, and this may not be allowed by the Nassau County Department of Health.

Mayor Parente stated that some Trustees are still not getting fire call messages on their cell phones. Mr. Theodore said he will rectify the situation.

Trustee Iannone stated that the East Williston Fire Department has a low percentage of EMT's.

Mayor Parente stated that the fire department should create incentives for members to become EMT's.

Mr. Theodore asked if fire department members had life insurance.

Mayor Parente stated that life insurance is provided through the LOSAP program.

Mr. Theodore stated that Halen Construction, working for National Grid does not have staff at intersection on Roslyn Road at night. The Department has ceased answering less serious calls in

Williston Park, and they have agreed to this. He was hoping Williston Park will return the favor and aid East Williston in calls during the gas work along Roslyn Road.

Mayor Parente stated she will raise this issue on their weekly call with National Grid

Mr. Theodore stated that Tom DelaPorte has questions on the fire department contract. He will email Michael Delury with his questions.

Mr. Theodore will follow up with Bobby Shannon on obtaining estimates on gutters for the firehouse.

Trustee Lark stated that at some time in the future, he will be discussing equipment for the public works department.

Trustee Dunne questioned the shedding of the ash trees around the Village.

Trustee Lark stated that these are sycamore trees, and that they are a self-pruning tree. The trees are naturally shedding their bark in large amounts this year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19pm