

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2014

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Wednesday, July 28, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Bonnie L.S. Parente, Christopher A. Siciliano, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman, Superintendent of Public Works James Bailey.

Also present: Michelle Tanner, Kate Arsenault, Susan Quinn, Kaitlin Quinn, Ellen Ritz, Ken Dean.

Excused from the meeting: Trustees Caroline DeBenedittis, Robert M. Vella, Jr.

Jeffrey Blinkoff stated that he was informed that the auction of liens for the sale of 8 Sumter Avenue is scheduled for September 9, 2014. He is awaiting the court order so that the Village can commence disconnection of services prior to demolition of the buildings on the property. Since the Village does not own the property, a court order must be submitted to the various utilities to move forward. He advised that the Village take photos of the buildings on the property prior to demolition.

The Board received a request to hold a block party from Sabrina Scarantino of 18 Bengueyfield Drive, East Williston. The request was for September 6, 2014. The Board asked the clerk to contact Mrs. Scarantino, to find out if any of those residents in the affected area were opposed to the block party being held (for those who could not be contacted by the sponsor of the party).

Mr. Blinkoff was asked to check the Village statute on block parties with regard to the \$100 fee.

RESOLUTION NO.21 -2014 A RESOLUTION APPROVING TO PROPOSALS FROM ANKER'S ELECTRIC TO REPAIR STREET LIGHTS

On the motion of Mayor Tanner. Seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente and Siciliano all voting "aye", the Board approved the following two proposals from Anker's Electric: Proposal to repair and replacement of underground piping and wiring at 75 Bengueyfield Drive at a cost of \$4,135.00, and the installation of a new riser and power feed to 212 Dickson Circle at a cost of \$4,283.00.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he and Superintendent James Bailey are working to provide specifications for a bid for an Elgin sweeper. It was the intent to purchase the four wheel

model of the Elgin sweeper, as its lower size fits in the public works garage. This model is a heavy-duty version that is purchased by construction companies. It has an Isuzu chassis and will be the basic “bare-bones” equipment package. The cost is approximately \$190,000 - \$200,000. He also is looking for the longest warranty available to the Village.

Mayor Tanner asked Mr. Delury to investigate a “lease to buy” arrangement or financing terms for the new sweeper.

Mayor Tanner stated asked that the clerk contact Frank Cashin to start work on the drainage issues on Titus Way and Donald Street to commence in the fall.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he received three proposals for hydrant and shutoff valve replacement for Post Avenue and School Street. The lowest proposal was received Orchid Sewer and Water Contracting Corp. at a cost of \$14,500.

RESOLUTION NO.22 -2014 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM ORCHID SEWER AND WATER CONTRACTING CORP. TO REPLACE TWO FIRE HYDRANTS AND INSTALL SHUT OFF VALVES ON POST AVENUE AND SCHOOL STREET.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente and Siciliano all voting “aye”, the Board approved the proposal from Orchid Sewer and Water Contracting Corp. to replace two fire hydrants and install shut off valves on Post Avenue and School Street at a cost of \$14,500.

Trustee Siciliano had samples of the proposed fencing for the rear of the public works garage. North Shore Fence submitted a proposal of \$10,200 for the cedar fencing installed. He has to meet with a representative from North Shore Fence to discuss the gates to the yard so they can be adjusted to avoid buckling.

Mayor Tanner stated that the fencing was not originally included in the 2014-15 budget. Mr. Delury stated that

Trustee Siciliano also brought a sample of the street sign brackets which will be sand blasted and repainted. It was the plan to finish one quadrant of the Village per year. The cost is approximately \$60 per sign bracket.

The Board also discussed the type of posts the signs for which the signs will be installed. Mayor Tanner suggested PVC piping to surround the wood. Trustee Siciliano said he preferred wood posts.

James Bailey stated that locust or cedar wood is expensive, but would be a more enduring choice of material. He will need to investigate the price. He said he just installed a new sign at Ward Street and Roslyn Road.

Trustee Parente stated that she preferred the look of natural wood, as opposed to PVC. She also felt the plan to accomplish a quadrant per year was a good idea.

Trustee Parente stated that the East Williston Fire Department provided mutual aid assistance to the Williston Park Fire Department for the row of stores that caught fire on July 23rd. It was a 13 to 15 alarm fire with many neighboring departments responding.

Trustee Parente informed the Board that the Department ordered decals with the emergency phone number for distribution to residents.

The Fire Department was also made aware of a rescue truck that is available from Roslyn Rescue Company. It has 15 years useful life left. Perhaps the Board may consider this vehicle, since the current rescue truck is in need of repair work.

Lastly, the Commissioners have not yet obtained information on the lighting and marking of the new chief's vehicle. When the information comes in, it will be presented to the Board.

Michelle Tanner, Chairperson of the Beautification Committee attended the meeting with committee members Ken Dean, Katie Arsenault, Susan Quinn, Kaitlin Quinn and Ellen Ritz. The Committee was present to discuss the cleanup and plantings of the area where the Wheatley Acres sign is located. It was their endeavor to plant deciduous bushes and viburnum.

Superintendent of Public Works James Bailey will look into an alternative to power washing the bricks and find some way to clean them, after the letters are removed for painting.

Building Inspector Robert Campagna will look into the bamboo planted by a resident near the Wheatley Acres sign and is overgrowing onto the area.

Kate Arsenault went to Hicks Nursery to view various types of plantings that do not require a great deal of water, such as hostas, cornflower and ornamental grasses. These plants will be best suited for the Wheatley Acres area.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Beautification Committee was given a \$500 budget to work within for the year.

Mrs. Tanner stated that she wants to take over the coordination of plantings in the two plants outside the doors of the Village Hall. She will also coordinate the gathering of the plants from Mrs. Castriani.

Trustee Parente stated that there are various areas in the Village where sight-distance at intersections is blocked by bushes or plantings. In particular is the property located at the northwest corner of Atlanta Avenue and Roslyn Road.

James Bailey stated that he will speak to the resident who resides at 43 Atlanta Avenue.

RESOLUTION NO.23 -2014 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT OF VARIOUS PLANTS FROM RESIDENT MARY CASTRIANI.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente and Siciliano all voting "aye", the Board approved to accept a gift of various plants from resident Mary Castriani.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 9:03 p.m. to discuss litigation.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, the Board re-convened at 9:46 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO.24 -2014 A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW YORK STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM REPORTING RESOLUTION RS2417-A

On the motion of Trustee Parente. Seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente and Siciliano all voting "aye", the Board approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of East Williston, Location Code 40402 hereby establishes the following standard work days for elected officials and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Retirement System, based on the time keeping system of records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body. (A copy of form RS2417-A is attached to these minutes.)

The Board discussed the proposed change to the East Williston Zoning Code discussed at the last agenda meeting, as presented by Robert Campagna. His suggestion was to modify the Code to allow mixed use of the buildings at 462 and 470 Sagamore Avenue allowing residential occupancy on the first floor.

Trustee Parente stated she was not in favor of the change to the Zoning Code.

Mayor Tanner stated that the owner should have thoroughly investigated the property and allowed uses before he purchased the building, causing a hardship of his own making.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the owner obtained the property by default.

Mayor Tanner asked Mr. Blinkoff to speak to Michael Holland, chairman of the Zoning Board to move forward and schedule a hearing on the 470 Sagamore Avenue application.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that he and Mr. Campagna met with Kevin Walsh, the attorney for the Wheatley Hills Golf Club about plans submitted to increase living space for the staff. Mr. Walsh stated that they will be submitting revised plans to the Village, though had not done so yet.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17pm.