

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, July 9, 2012 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 Caroline DeBenedittis, Christopher A. Siciliano, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner. Trustee Robert M. Vella, Jr. arrived late to the meeting.

Also present: EWFD Chief Patrick Theodore, Barbara Seixas, Carla Strauss, Roger Cocchi, James Sandquist, Marcia Weiser. Representatives from DeJana Industries, William Wynperle and John Mangano.

William Wynperle from DeJana Industries addressed the Village Board about various issues on garbage/rubbish removal and complaints, separation of yard waste from household waste, etc.. He stated that DeJana is keeping a log of complaints to maintain quality control of its service. The log will aid in investigation to get to the root of the problem.

With regard to the issue of the separation of yard waste, residents should use clear bags so that the sanitation employees can clearly view the contents as yard waste. He said there are three options for yard waste pick up: the use of clear bags, brightly colored stickers on black bags, or yard waste in a pail with no bag. Black bags, if not marked, will not be picked up, as the collectors will have to open every bag to ensure that waste is not mixed.

Pat Theodore stated that he has noticed sporadic removal of waste at his home on Sagamore Avenue. Roger Cocchi of High Street stated that he did not have garbage pickup on Friday, July 6th. Mayor Tanner added that last year, a resident on Bengueyfield Drive made repeated complaints about the garbage trucks leaking. DeJana was able to correct the issue.

On the motion of Trustee Parente. Seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the minutes of June 11, 2012 with corrections.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of June 25, 2012.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for June 2012 as follows: June 14, 2012 vouchers 20120001 – 20120010. June 20, 2012 vouchers 20120011 – 20120026. June 26, 2012 vouchers 20120027-20120063.

Chief Patrick Theodore presented the Fire Department report for June 2012. The Department responded to a total of 18 calls, seven fire calls, nine EMS calls and two mutual aid calls during the month. The Fire Department members continue to attend fire school at the Nassau County Fire Training Academy in Old Bethpage. Lastly, the Department played softball against the Williston Park Fire Department over the past weekend.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE.

Trustee Parente stated that the Teen Safety Committee programs are going well. She asked residents to provide feedback and comments about the programs.

Trustee Parente said she recently attended a meeting of the East Williston Fire Department. It is impressive to see how the dedicated members of the Department do such great things within a small budget.

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

Trustee DeBenedittis presented the Library report. Eighty-nine children were registered in the Annual Summer Reading Program. The Library will also be holding a story/craft hour within the next week. On July 25th, the Library will host a petting zoo on the Village Green.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated that Trustee Robert Vella will be late to the meeting as he is attending the East Williston Little League’s game in the District Championships.

Trustee Siciliano thanked resident Barbara Seixas for her help in procuring live baskets of flowers for the light poles surrounding the Village Hall.

Trustee Siciliano presented the Department of Public Works report. He brought in a stop sign that had been vandalized with the words spray painted in white “in the name of love”. The incident was reported to the police. The same vandalism took place in Mineola. In all, 13 signs on High Street and vicinity were damaged. The Village is able to reuse the other side of the sign to save money in the replacement.

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RESOLUTION #23-2012 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF CASHIN ASSOCIATES TO ASSIST THE VILLAGE IN THE REPAIR OF DRAINAGE ISSUES DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF WORK AT A COST OF \$5,000.00.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Siciliano voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved a proposal from Cashin Associates to assist the Village during the construction phase of work for drainage remediation on Bengeyfield Drive, Ogden Avenue and Congress Avenue in the amount of \$5,000.00.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board will be holding three public hearings at the August 13, 2012 Board meeting. He asked for resolutions to hold said hearings.

RESOLUTION #24-2012 A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW NO. 3-2012 AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Siciliano voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 3 of 2012 providing for an amendment to the Village Code of the Incorporated Village of East Williston to modify the fine structure to be imposed for parking violations within the Village, shall be brought before the consideration of the Board of Trustees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law at the Village Hall in the Incorporated Village of East Williston at the address of 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York, at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2012, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Village of said public hearing at least three days prior thereto.

RESOLUTION #25-2012 A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW NO. 4-2012 AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Siciliano voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 4 of 2012 providing for an amendment to the Village Code of the Incorporated Village of East Williston ("Village") to provide for the imposition of warnings and penalties upon owners, occupants and tenants of residential properties, including but not limited to fire and carbon monoxide alarms, shall be brought before the consideration of the Board of Trustees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law at the Village Hall in the Incorporated Village of East Williston at the address of 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York, at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2012, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Village of said public hearing at least three days prior thereto.

RESOLUTION #26-2012 A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW NO. 5-2012 AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Siciliano voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 5 of 2012 providing for an amendment, modification or repeal to the Village Code of the Incorporated Village of East Williston ("Village") to include words or signboards indicating that trespassing is prohibited at such property shall be posted at the main entrance to such property. The property owner is permitted but not required to also post notices at such other locations on the property as may be determined by the property owner, shall be brought before the consideration of the Board of Trustees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law at the Village Hall in the Incorporated Village of East Williston at the address of 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York, at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2012, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Village of said public hearing at least three days prior thereto.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella arrived at the meeting and advised that unfortunately, the East Williston Little League 12 year old division team did not prevail in the District Championships. He commended the team on their hard work during the season.

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Trustee Vella stated that he had attended a public hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Williston Park, relative to their proposal to increase water rates to both their residents and to the Village of East Williston. At the time of the hearing, Williston Park had commissioned a report to be prepared on the setting of water rates that East Williston was not aware of at the time. A copy of the report has since been received and is being reviewed. Trustee Vella spoke at the Williston Park public hearing asking that a decision on water rates be held in abeyance until the report is reviewed. He stated that negotiations on rates are ongoing.

Trustee Vella reported on that the Recreation Committee will be holding its annual day at the races at Belmont Park on July 13, 2012. Those interested in attending should contact Stephanie Keyes as space is limited.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in June 2012: 21 Post Avenue, construction of a two story rear addition. 388 Charles Street, construction of a 10' x 16 foot shed.

There were no grant reports for the month of June 2012.

Mayor Tanner opened the meeting to residents.

William Matt of 70 School Street questioned the installation of Belgian block curbing at 55 School Street. He felt the curbing was built out into the street, causing a parking issue.

The Board stated that a permit was issued to install the curbing and that they are in the process of looking into the installation.

Trustee Parente advised Mr. Matt that the Board has asked the Clerk to contact the resident at 55 School Street asking that he and any workers at his home not park in the street as a temporary remediation until the Village can make a determination on the matter.

Mr. Matt stated that he has photos and videos of the installation.

Carla Strauss asked if the Village will be looking into legislation relative to the planting of bamboo. She stated that it is very invasive, as witnessed by the large amount of bamboo hanging over the Wheatley Acres sign at East Williston Avenue.

Jeffrey Blinkoff apprised those present of the status of 8 Sumter Avenue. The Village has retained the services of an estimator to determine the cost of what can be done with the structure. The Village is awaiting the report from the estimator.

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Trustee Parente stated that the basement media room is almost finished. The flat screen television and blue ray disc player will be installed on August 2nd.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.