

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, August 12, 2013 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. was excused from the meeting.

Also present: Mildred Clinton, Carol Batali, Carla Strauss, Marcia Weiser, Andrew Kerzner, Michael Kelapire, James Sandquist, Penny Kokokinedes, Barbara Siciliano, Barbara Seixas.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Siciliano all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis and Siciliano all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of July 29, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Siciliano all voting "aye", and the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for July 2013 as follows: 20130048 – 20130064.

Chief Cramblitt could not be present at the meeting this evening, so Trustee Parente presented the July 2013 report for the East Williston Fire Department. The Department responded to a total of 14 calls during the month; five fire calls, eight EMS calls and one mutual aid to Westbury Fire Department.

The Fire Department suggested that residents prepare ahead of time for any projected inclement weather for the fall hurricane season

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente present the Justice Court report for the month of July 2013 in the absence of Trustee Vella. Although the Court did not hold session in July, the Court collected a total of \$4,400.00 during the month.

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

Trustee DeBenedittis reported that 82 homes participated in the Village-wide tag sale on July 13th. The Village received positive feedback on the event.

On Wednesday, August 21st between 1pm and 7pm, a third sewing session will take place to create pillow cases for children in local hospitals.

Fliers and email blasts will be sent out relative yoga, fall tennis and the Mommy and Me program.

Trustee DeBenedittis presented the Library report, in the absence of Trustee Vella. The Summer Reading Program has now concluded. The Library had 94 children sign up, 45 completed the program, and 836 books were read. The pool party for those who have completed the program will take place at the Williston Park Pool tomorrow at 11am.

The daytime book club with Sara Jane Berman resumes Sept. 10th @ 1:30pm. The selection is “The Midwife” by Jennifer Worth.

The evening book club resumes Sept. 12th @ 7PM. The selection is “The Commandant’s Girl, by Pam Jenoff.

On Tuesday Sept 10th @7PM, resident Hal Bock will discuss his new book, “Willard Mullin’s Golden Age of Baseball”.

On Thursday, Sept 26th @ 7pm, Charles Berman, Town on North Hempstead Receiver of Taxes, will be at the Library to discuss the NEW BASIC STAR Registration Program. All NY State property owners who currently receive the Basic Star Exemption are required to register with the NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance in order to receive the exemption for the 2014-2015 school year and subsequent years. Mark your calendars!!!

Pre-K and Toddler story times will resume mid-September.

The Library will be closed Monday Sept. 2 for Labor Day.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano informed those present that crews will be in the Village on August 19th to trim and prune Village trees. If anyone needs a Village tree trimmed, they should contact the Village office prior to this date.

Representatives from DeJana were present at the Village office in late July. They received only compliments at their last meeting with residents. DeJana has reported that they have new administration at the firm. They have been quite sensitive to the needs of the Village since the turnover of personnel.

The Public Works Department will be going around the Village and re-stripping areas at Village stop signs, prior to the start of school.

National Grid has been in East Williston performing work at various locations to re-sleeve individual household gas lines. Any damage that occurs to sidewalks or aprons will be repaired by National Grid.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that subsequent to the public hearing held in July relative to parking in front of Sagamore Field, Village Building Inspector Robert Campagna met with Diane O'Donnell of the Town of North Hempstead and measured out the 103 feet needed by the Town to park official vehicles on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 8am to Noon in order to perform maintenance on the field. The Board approved a resolution to allow for this parking.

The Planning Board will meet on July 18th to further consider the application for partition of land at 8 Sumter Avenue. It is hoped to have an answer by the end of the month.

The Board has postponed the public hearing on bamboo legislation, until an expert in the field can come and address the issue with the Board and Village residents. Since staff has changed at Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Village is seeking to get a speaker from SUNY Farmingdale to come to the September 16th Board meeting.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in July 2013: 470 Sagamore installation of two central air conditioning units and renovation of upstairs apartment. 22 Hewlett Drive, installation of a new driveway. 16 Orchard Meadow Road, legalization and maintenance of a Florida room. 8 Hewlett Drive, 58 Ridge Road, 18 Benegyfield Drive installations of generators. 50 Downing Street, construction of a front portico. 2 Downing Street construction of a shed, 47 Donald Street, demolition of a rear deck. 370 Charles Street, major renovations to residence.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report for July 2013 noted that no robberies or burglaries took place. Six parking violations and no moving violations were issued. Seven auto accidents with no auto injuries were reported.

There were reports of grants for July.

Mayor Tanner opened the meeting to residents who wished to address the Board.

Barbara Seixas asked that the Board put a notice on the website about the public hearing to be held by the Planning Board on July 18th in the matter of 8 Sumter Avenue. She asked if the comment period on the matter was closed. The Board replied that the comment had closed. The Planning Board is meeting to decide upon the application for partition of the land.

Carla Strauss asked that an email blast be sent out advising residents of the decision of the Planning Board with regard to 8 Sumter Avenue.

Andrew Kerzner stated that the Planning Board cannot change the law (with regard to the size of lots, as it pertains to the partition of land). He further stated that when the Village was incorporated in 1926, they (“the founding fathers”) agreed on a common goal of the Village. He stated that in the Village Code, the word “shall” means mandatory. The only people in the Village who can change the law are the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Parente stated that the Planning Board is vested with the authority to determine the partition of land. The Board of Trustees is divested of this authority. The Mayor appoints people to serve on the Planning Board. That is the extent of the authority the Board of Trustees has with regard to the Planning Board.

Mr. Kerzner stated that all past Village mayors and administrators have done a fabulous job in maintaining the character of East Williston.

Mr. Kerzner congratulated Mayor Tanner on his election to the presidency of the Nassau County Village Officials Association. He also stated that other villages will look to East Williston to see how the issue of 8 Sumter Avenue is handled.

Michael Kelapire asked about liens on the property at 8 Sumter. He understood there were 17 liens against the premises.

Mildred Clinton stated that when she was on the Planning Board, Mr. Muzio had submitted an application for partition of land at 8 Sumter Avenue, but the application had been denied.

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Barbara Siciliano thanked the Mayor and Board for allowing the Village-wide tag sale. She hoped that the Village will hold another tag sale next year.

Desmond Laffey of School Street asked to address the Board with regard to a block party the street has planned for September 28th. He was asked to stay until the end of the meeting and the Board will speak with him about this event.

Mr. Kelapire advised the Board that a utility pole has been placed near his property by LIPA, but the old pole was not removed and the wires were still hanging from that pole. He asked if the Village can help with this problem. The Clerk said she will try to contact LIPA.

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