

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**AGENDA MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014**

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, August 25, 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, Caroline DeBenedittis, Christopher A. Siciliano, Robert Vella, 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: John Mirando, Desmond Laffey, Eric Seewaldt.

The Board stated they will hold the September 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony at 7:30pm on the Village Green.

The Board discussed an increase for Sari Infield for website work. She has remained at \$15.00 per hour for the past ten years. She has requested an increase to \$20 per hour. The average amount paid to her for work on the website per month is approximately \$120.

The October Board meeting date needs to be changed, as the second Monday of October is Columbus Day. The two suggested dates are October 8<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>. The Board members will check their calendars and get back to the clerk.

Mayor Tanner stated that the proposals for the services of a new assessor are too high and asked the Treasurer to find out what firms other Villages are utilizing and report back to the Board.

Desmond Laffey and Eric Seewaldt appeared before the Board to discuss the School Street block party scheduled for September. The Board originally approved the road closure on School Street just south of Summit Avenue. They stated that a few families will not be able to participate if the road is closed where the Board directed. They made suggestions for a different closure. They suggested a diagonal barricade at 55 School Street.

Trustee Vella stated that for the greater good, he walked the area with his wife the past weekend. He felt that the barricades be aligned with the southernmost property line at John Azzara's house.

The Board said they will review the request and get back to Mr. Laffey, Mr. Seewaldt and Mr. Azzara next week.

Trustee Parente apprised the Board about the status of the new Chief's vehicle for the Fire Department. The radios will be reused. There was \$3,000 left over from last year allotted for the lease of the vehicle which can be used for lettering and striping of the vehicle, as well as lighting. There is \$4,000 from the appropriated fund balance for the remainder of the equipment installation.

Mayor Tanner asked Mr. Delury about the approximate amount of the surplus for fiscal year 2013-2014. Mr. Delury stated that it is approximately \$75,000 to \$80,000.

Mayor Tanner stated that the fencing around the public works yard was not budgeted for in the current budget. The cost the fencing around public works in the amount of \$10,000 should come out of the appropriated fund balance. He directed Mr. Delury to prepare a resolution to outline what funds will be used for designated projects (such as street sign replacement).

Trustee Parente stated that she and a few members of the Fire Department met with one of the three vendors who will be submitting proposals for the renovation of the radio room. Under the grant from Legislator Nicollelo's grant, the Village must spend the money, and then is reimbursed through the grant. The plans call for a window to be placed in the radio room, looking out to the front of the firehouse.

The grant allocates \$40,000. The Department is confident that be able to do all of this work within the budget, but they may have to come back to the Board if more equipment is needed.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Fire Department should present the items that are "must haves" and "nice to have". If radio room items are ascertained to be non-essential, they should not be considered at this time.

Trustee Parente stated that the transmission equipment in the radio room was "fried" during Hurricane Sandy. Some re-programming of equipment will be required to create an inter-operable network.

Trustee Parente also brought up the purchase of a replacement for the current rescue vehicle. The current vehicle is at the end of its useful life. A new rescue truck will be expensive, approximately \$700,000, but given the size of East Williston, the Village can purchase a used rescue truck.

Trustee Siciliano stated that discussion had taken place a few years back about purchasing a new heavy duty vehicle of New York State bid and fasten the "rescue box" from the current vehicle on a new vehicle.

Trustee Parente stated that the box on the current vehicle is obsolete. It has to hold newer, larger equipment as well as department members on the way to a call.

Trustee Vella said that the decision will come down to cost weighing the price of a new chassis to purchasing a used vehicle.

Trustee DeBenedittis was asked by a resident about the chiefs taking their official vehicles to work.

Trustee Parente stated that they do not take the officials to work. The Department pays for their own gas for vehicles.

Mayor Tanner stated that when the Village starts discussions on the next budget, the use of chief's vehicles should be discussed.

Jeffrey Blinkoff discussed the proposed Fire Department memorial across from the firehouse. They planned to put pavers and a monument with a bell.

Trustee Siciliano said the Fire Department will sell bricks (so families can place names on the bricks) and the monument area will be financially self-sufficient.

Trustee Siciliano stated that John McWhirk had approached him about appointing a new trustee to the LOSAP program, replacing Virginia Masterson and Frank Cashin. The suggestion was Michael Delury.

Mayor Tanner asked Mr. Delury to familiarize himself with the LOSAP program and the Comptroller's regulations about the program, prior to being appointed a trustee.

Trustee Siciliano stated that with Orchid Sewer completed the fire hydrants Post Lane. North Shore Fence will be commencing work on the fencing around the Public Works garage.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he received three quotes for the refurbishing of the Shadow Lane island. The quotes were \$17,000, \$14,000 and \$10,500. The low proposal was submitted by JRH Landscaping at a cost of \$10,500.

**RESOLUTION NO.25 -2014 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF JRH LANDSCAPING FOR THE REFURBISHING OF THE SHADOW LANE ISLAND AT A COST OF \$10,500 WITH MONIES TO BE REIMBURSED THROUGH CHIPS FUNDING.**

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, Seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board approved the proposal from JRH Landscaping for refurbishing of the Shadow Lane island at a cost of

\$10,500, with monies to be reimbursed through the Consolidated Highway Improvement Fund.

Before any work takes place on the Shadow Lane island, he will take the aerial ladder past the area to ensure the change in the island enables safe passage by the fire truck.

Trustee Siciliano checked with Robert Campagna about his opinion of the material for the poles for the street signs. He felt that they should remain wood, and not PVC lined.

Caroline DeBenedittis asked the status of the resident who had planted bamboo on his property at 415 Titus Way and it was spreading onto the Wheatley Acres entrance sign area. The Clerk advised that Robert Campagna sent the standard letter to the resident, and if there is no action within 15 days, a court appearance ticket will be issued.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that fliers will be going out for the fall programs such as tennis, yoga, boot camp etc. She also noted that the Library was looking to hold its annual book sale on the day of the Fire Department anniversary celebration barbecue.

Jeffrey Blinkoff apprised the Board about 8 Sumter Avenue. He was waiting for the signed order from Nassau Supreme Court Justice McCormack. He received a call from Scott Conlin who said he may have a buyer for the house. Mr. Conlin said he heard that the "clock had stopped" for the Muzio's on July 28<sup>th</sup> (the date the court had given the Muzio's to remove their personal belongings from the premises).

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 9:00p.m. to discuss negotiations regarding water issues.

The Board re-convened at 10:14pm.

During the executive session, the Board approved the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION NO.26 -2014 A RESOLUTION APPROVING TO EXPEND \$3,900 FOR WATER RELATED SERVICES.**

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board approved to expend \$3,900 for water related services.

**RESOLUTION NO.27 -2014 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A WATER RELATED APPLICATION TO THE NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.**

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board approved a water related application to the Nassau County Department of Health.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.