

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 7:30 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 Treasurer Michael Delury, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Michael A. Braitto, Daniel Cramblitt, Patrick Theodore.

Michael Braitto presented an outline of plans for celebration of the East Williston Fire Departments 125th anniversary. He asked about the possibility of having a separate bank account for the expenses incurred for 126th anniversary. Mayor Tanner asked Mr. Delury to ask the opinion of the Village auditors.

Mr. Braitto stated that the Fire Department is not a 503C charity organization.

Plans for the 125th celebration include a Blue Mass at St. Aidans, unveiling and blessing of the 125th memorial, a block party on Sagamore Avenue, antique car and fire truck display, music and dancing, historic display of Village and Fire Department information in the bays of the firehouse and a tent on the Village Green for after block party activities. Also, a golf outing with a dinner following the event is proposed to be held.

Mr. Braitto stated asked that the Village consider raising the Recreation Committee budget for celebrations in the coming year (2014-2015).

Mayor Tanner stated that the Fire Department should try to keep the fundraising for the event completely separate from Village funds, as would be outlined by the State Comptroller's office.

Mr. Braitto stated that he should have better financial information within the next eight weeks.

Trustee Parente stated that the Fire Department will be present at the 911 ceremony on the Village Green.

Trustee Parente also advised Steven Jones and Kevin Mulrooney will be receiving EMS awards from Nassau County on October 17th.

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Chief Dan Cramblitt stated that the Fire Department will not be holding the Harvest Fair this year. He added that the trailer used for hayrides is no longer safe and will not be used.

Instead, he spoke of holding a community carnival in the commuter parking lot with rides, etc. Those attending could purchase a bracelet for the rides.

Chief Cramblitt stated that the Fire Department, together with the Recreation Committee will host a Halloween Party again this year.

Mayor Tanner inquired if purchases of uniforms, turnout gear are being undertaken by the Fire Department, as proposed by the budget. Chief Cramblitt stated that the Department is purchasing what has been budgeted by the Village.

Chief Cramblitt noted that new members of the Department get uniforms until they are past probation. He also stated that when members leave the Department, they return their uniforms.

The Board and the Chiefs discussed the formulation of a five year plan for purchasing equipment, OSHA fit tests (for Scott packs), and Department inspections.

Trustee Siciliano asked if the annual inspection of the Fire Department will take place again in November. Chief Cramblitt confirmed that the inspection will be scheduled for November.

Trustee Parente stated that while the Department did not receive a grant for a new fire truck this year, it got closer to the grant than in past years.

Chief Cramblitt stated that Department members will be receiving awards for participation in work in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Approximately 43 members will be receiving such awards.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that Recreation Committee fliers will soon be going out for yoga, fall tennis, boot camp, Mommy & Me and Stroller Moms.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the tree service will be back in the Village within the coming weeks to prune more trees throughout the Village.

The Board discussed the block party on School Street/Fairview Avenue. It was suggested that the “castle bounce” be placed more to the middle of the block, and barricades be placed so as

to not interfere with the north side of School Street. Going forward in the future, the Board discussed utilizing a standardized application form for applying to hold a block party.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2013 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF ANKER’S ELECTRIC FOR THE REPAIR OF UNDERGROUND STREET LIGHTING WIRING AT GLENMORE STREET AND BENGUEFIELD DRIVE AT A COST OF \$ 2,885.00

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBeneditts and Siciliano all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the proposal of Anker’s Electric to repair and make new connections to underground street light wiring at Glenmore Street and Benguefield Drive at a cost of \$2,885.00.

Michael Delury presented information for a proposed change to the Village’s investment policy pertaining to an “irrevocable letter of credit” issued in favor of the village by a federal home loan bank whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in the highest rating category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization, as security for payment of 100% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed-upon interest, if any. The Board wanted to take time to review the change.

Mr. Delury also stated he met with Joseph Messina of Morwood Oaks Management about a proposed review/audit of the Village’s gross receipts tax from LIPA, National Grid, Verizon and Cablevision. The audit would research the past three years. The Board and the Village Attorney will review the proposal. Mr. Delury noted that the villages of Great Neck, Great Neck Plaza and Massapequa Park received \$15,000, \$51,000 and \$22,000 respectively from the audit of the gross receipts tax.

A copy of a response letter from the Nassau County Department of Public Works was forwarded by resident Kathleen Rittel regarding additional traffic signals at Roslyn Road and East Williston Avenue. The Mayor directed Mr. Blinkoff to draft a letter to Nassau County with regard to this matter.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.