

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**AUGUST 27, 2012**  
**AGENDA MEETING**

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, August 27, 2012 at 7:30p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Caroline DeBenedittis, Robert M. Vella, Jr., Christopher Siciliano Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman.

Excused from Meeting: Deputy Mayor/Trustee Bonnie L.S. Parente.

Also present: Pat Theodore. Paul Wotzak.

Paul Wotzak was present to discuss the Village tax exemption modification process. By assuming the assessing responsibility, no longer using the Nassau County tax roll, the Village is required by New York State statute to administer tax exemptions. The types of exemptions include senior citizens, veterans, and firefighter. A public hearing is required to put the local law into place.

At present, the Village has two senior citizen exemptions, 38 veterans exemptions, 46 non-combat exemptions, 32 combat exemptions, eight cold war exemptions.

Mr. Wotzak will prepare a spread sheet of information for the Board to consider, relative to the actual number and amounts of exemptions.

The Board discussed concerns communicated by residents about multiple tag sales taking place at the Beacon Church, 65 East Williston Avenue. It was noted that in 2007, the Board passed Local Law no. 1-2007 amending Section 160-40 of the Code pertaining to conditional uses and permits. The local law allows the Village to address a situation where the owner of a property needs to file an application when the use of the property goes beyond the prior use of the property.

It was noted by the Village Clerk that the Community Church of East Williston advises the Village office of outdoor events via email, well in the advance of the event (for example, the annual fall pumpkin patch, or the trash or treasure sale).

Mayor Tanner asked the Clerk to contact Reverend Kelly about the activity taking place recently at the Beacon Church to see if he can provide a schedule of events.

Trustee DeBenedittis brought up the issue of holding a once per year, Village-wide tag/yard sale. She stated that NYCOM says East Williston has the strictest law on the books relative to yard sales.

Trustee Siciliano stated that perhaps this could be made into a community event involving the Boy and/or Girl Scouts.

Trustee Vella wanted to confirm that this once a year tag/yard sale will only be one day. Trustee DeBenedittis stated that the event will only be held one day. Trustee Vella asked to have this item placed on the agenda for September 10<sup>th</sup> to set a public hearing for October on this matter.

Trustee Siciliano brought up the subject of holding a 911 Ceremony. He spoke to resident Margaret Arce. She felt the ceremony should stay a low key event. The Board decided to hold a brief ceremony on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Tanner advised that there will be no charges rendered for fire departments to participate at the Fire Academy in Old Bethpage this year. Departments may be charged to use the Academy in 2013, but no further information is available at this time.

Patrick Theodore stated that there are still low hanging tree branches on various streets that need trimming, as they hit the fire truck when passing through streets. Trustee Siciliano stated that he spoke with Jim Bailey about this issue. He asked that Patrick Theodore provide a list of locations so he can review it with the Department of Public Works.

Patrick Theodore asked if Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am is an amenable date to hold the annual Fire Department inspection. Everyone present stated the date was okay with them.

Chief Theodore asked about the status of 8 Sumter Avenue. He wanted to know if the Village will be demolishing the structure.

The Board stated at this time, they are working to create a bidding document for the repair and demolition of the structures on the property.

The Village owns a lien on the property for delinquent Village taxes.

Trustee Vella stated that the amount of the lien is not a substantial percentage of the value of the house in order to enable foreclosure.

The Board discussed the water issue between Williston Park and East Williston.

Bonnie Kreisman asked what response the Board wants the Village office to make when questioned by residents. Mayor Tanner stated residents should be advised that the lawsuit between the Villages is being appealed; that the Village is still exploring other options for supply and that East Williston will not be increasing water rates at this time, even though Williston Park has increased its water rates.

The Board discussed increasing fees for the commuter parking lot. The fee is now \$35.00 per year. The increase the Village is seeking is \$75.00 to \$100.00 per year. There was also discussion about possible temporary passes (example \$35 for five parking days per year). Mayor Tanner asked that this item be placed on the agenda for the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Clerk was asked to contact Sidney B. Bowne & Son and JRS Associates to have Robert Campagna discuss the creation of a bid proposal for repair or demolition of the house.

The issue of puddling at 1 Atlanta Avenue was discussed, and the concern of the resident about their apron. It was the consensus of the Board that it cannot solve every puddling problem within the Village. The Village just addressed severe flooding issues on Bengelfield Drive, Congress Avenue and Ogden Avenue.

Trustee Siciliano stated that National Grid will soon commence work on the gas line and services on Meritoria Drive and vicinity. When we are advised of when work will begin, we should put a small statement on the web site. It was noted that it is the responsibility of National Grid to advise residents in writing prior to work.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the plan for the building to house the antique fire truck has been reconfigured to gain entrance on Post Lane, rather than entering through the DPW yard. He is also looking into converting the DPW garage (and installing in the new building) gas service.

Trustee Siciliano spoke to Joe Affrunti from Albertson Electric about pricing to install an electric board for the generator service.

Trustee Vella discussed the Little Leagues request to place a score board at Devlin Field. A person expressed interest in making a donation for the cost to put up the score board. It will be situated at left center field.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that the installation of lights cannot occur at the field.

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Mrs. Hausner stated that the Chamber of Commerce called the Village asking if we can put signs at Roslyn Road and East Williston Avenue, the day of the Williston Street Fair alerting drivers that the East Williston Avenue is closed at the railroad tracks at the intersection of East Williston Avenue and Sagamore Avenue. As in the past, the Village does not control East Williston Avenue and Roslyn Road, as it is a Nassau County road. The Mayor asked the clerk to write a letter to Inspector McCarthy of the Third Precinct to see if they can close the road at this intersection or put signage up at this location on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting “aye”, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.