

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**AGENDA MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022**

Agenda meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, August 29, 2022 at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees Raffaella Dunne, James Iannone, James Lark, Anthony Gallo, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Treasurer Michael Delury, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff.

Also present: Patrick Theodore, Steven Jones, Nicholas DiPasquale.

Absent from meeting: William Basel, Deputy Village Clerk

Mayor Parente asked that the clerk contact Rev. Hoseop Choe of the Young Nak Presbyterian Church to see if he can give the prayer at the 9/11 ceremony. She also asked to see if his wife can play a clarinet solo at the ceremony.

Mayor Parente also asked that the office check with Simon Blanco in public works to ensure that the small flags are available to be placed around the village green.

Mayor Parente stated that the annual Christmas tree lighting will take place on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Trustee Dunne stated that the trim on the building near the firehouse is looking shabby, and we should look to get quotes for replacement.

Mayor Parente stated that there has been a request for the Recreation Committee to look into creating a walking group.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 7:23pm.

The Board re-convened at 7:32pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Mayor Parente asked that a quote be obtained for the installation of a motion detector light in the toddler park. This was suggested by Pat Theodore.

Trustee Lark felt that putting a light there would encourage youth to congregate at night.

Mayor Parente asked if Jared Mandel inspected the pergola at 14 Post Lane. Ms. Kreisman advised that he did.

Mayor Parente asked if a proposed local law had been drafted by the village attorney regarding bushes on corners.

It was noted that there will be a difference if there is a sidewalk on the corner of a road or no sidewalk. The wording and measurements of bushes will be different.

Mayor Parente stated that the Board of Trustees previously discussed limitations in New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law which precluded the village from setting a maximum speed limit throughout the village upon village roads of less than 30 miles per hour. That provision has now been changed. Governor Hochul had signed legislation which permits villages to enact legislation setting a village-wide speed limit as low as 25 miles per hour throughout the village. The law went into effect August 12, 2022.

Mayor Parente wanted to hold a public hearing on September 12, 2022 to consider a local law to lower the speed limit within the village to 25 miles per hour.

**RESOLUTION #2022-26 A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 148-6 OF THE VILLAGE CODE ENTITLED MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS AND PROVIDING FOR LEGAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING**

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that amending the Village Code to provide that the maximum speed limit at which vehicles may proceed on all Village roads to 25 miles per hour in accord with New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law section 1643 as amended effective August 12, 2022 will serve the best interest of the Village and provide for enhanced safety of its residents,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That a local law amending Village Code section 148-6 to provide that the maximum speed limit at which vehicles may proceed on all village roads to 25 miles per hour except as otherwise provided in the Code as required by the New York Department of Transportation shall be introduced before the Board of Trustees for a public hearing at its meeting to be held on September 12, 2022 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, NY 11596

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Village Clerk shall publish and post notice of the same as required.

Mayor Parente asked about having James Hanel helping with computer/software issues for the village office.

Ms. Kreisman stated that at this point in time, the village office's computer system applications/proprietary software (KVS) cannot be run on the cloud. Until the new Springbrook software transition is complete, an upgrade of servers and other equipment should not take place.

Patrick Theodore, Steven Jones and Nicholas DiPasquale arrived at the meeting to discuss the contract between the village and the fire department. Particularly involving payments from the village to the fire department.

The fire department was still awaiting payment on the contractual payment from June of \$5,000.

Mr. Delury stated that in the past, the fire department submitted a claim form for payment for the contractual amounts, annual inspection, etc. Subsequently, payments changed and were decreased when the fire department overspent on equipment that was not previously approved by the village for one of the new chief's vehicles a couple of years ago.

Mr. Jones stated that the fire department needs more funds moved to Schedule A of the contract.

Mayor Parente stated that the original budget submitted by the fire department to the village in early 2022 made no sense. This year, she wanted to see an Excel spread sheet with items clearly listed and the cost associated with said item.

Mr. Jones stated that since the department was back in compliance, it was hoped that the payments to the department can go back to quarterly payments and inspection, allocating \$10,000 and \$10,000 for the specific schedules in the contract.

Mr. Jones stated that Chief Batterson asked to have the fire department contract forwarded to the department in Word format. They also wanted funds moved from Schedule C to Schedule A.

Mr. Jones stated that during Covid, one year the installation dinner was not held. The cost of the dinner has increased significantly. He stated that the department still has not received the

\$5,000 for the contractual June through September 2002. They want to utilize this money to pay for the increased cost of the installation dinner that took place in June.

**RESOLUTION #2022-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE EAST WILLISTON FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR THE JUNE-SEPTEMBER CONTRACTUAL PAYMENT TO BE USED TO FUND THE 2022 INSTALLATION DINNER**

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Lark, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Dunne, Iannone and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board authorized payment to the East Williston Fire Department in the amount of \$5,000 for the June-September Contractual payment to be used to fund the 2022 installation dinner.

Mr. Theodore advised that Nicholas DiPasquale will be preparing the budget next year.

Mr. Theodore stated that the radio room work is moving forward. Flooring, wood trim and lighting is installed.

Mr. Theodore further noted that the fire truck will be going to Chile in late September. The fire truck purchased from Syosset should be in East Williston’s possession shortly thereafter.

Mr. Theodore asked if the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct can send officers to a future meeting to educate the public on not keeping key fobs in cars, as break ins and burglaries occur when this happens.

Mayor Parente stated that October or November would be a good time for the officers to attend a meeting.

Trustee Lark stated that the village will need to scrap the old leaf collection machine, as it really has no use to anyone and is not working.

Trustee Lark also stated that the board needs to decide what type of enclosure should be constructed in the public works yard to hold the new truck and tractor.

Trustee Iannone stated that he felt the village office should have a case of water on hand in case a resident comes in and requires hydration in hot weather.

Trustee Dunne stated that the cost of installing a water fountain should be explored.

Ms. Kreisman stated that in 2015, the office received quotes for a water fountain, but due to water piping in the building, the cost at that time was approximately \$15,000 and the only location for the fountain was outside of the first floor men’s room.

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On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 8:20pm to discuss possible litigation.

The Board reconvened at 8:35pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Dunne, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 am.