

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY,AUGUST 31, 2020

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, Monday, August 31, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

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

Also present: Anthony Gallo.

Mr. Delury reiterated the conversation relative to the installation of new water meters in the homes of residents. He had forwarded a proposed letter to residents for the Board to review. He noted that the Board wanted to have residents pay for the meter in two installments (October 2020 water bill and the April 2021 bill).

Ms. Kreisman stated that by instituting two payments for the water meter, it puts the Village behind in paying for said meters to Badger Meter. She felt that anything less than a 1" meter should be billed once given the cost is low. If a resident should request two payments, this can be worked out on an individual basis.

Mr. Delury stated that a federal disaster declaration has not yet been made with respect to cleanup costs related to Tropical Storm Isaias. At this time, all storm costs must be borne by the Village until such declaration.

With regard to Covid-19 costs, the Village can submit costs for reimbursement in stages, although as of this date, the costs did not exceed \$8,300.00

Mr. Delury stated that he has received a letter advising that State Senator Anna Kaplan about her nominating East Williston for a \$50,000 SAM grant.

He stated that since the grant from former State Senator Elaine Phillips did not come through for the LED street lighting project, the Board may want to consider using this grant toward the LED lights, since this was a "shovel ready job".

He reminded the Board that it had passed a bond resolution authorization to pay for the lights, but it was never undertaken.

Mayor Parente asked if there might be any funding from PSEGLI on this project. She asked Trustee Dunne to follow up with Jack Martins on this issue.

Trustee Iannone stated that the Board should check into bonding for the street lighting.

Mr. Delury stated that if the Board had an idea of what capital project they wanted to SAM grant applied to it would be helpful to plan for the work.

The 2019 SAM grant went towards the East Williston Fire Department emergency vehicle. The 2020 grant should be something that is considered “shovel ready” to commence work as soon as possible.

Mayor Parente stated that everything had been submitted for the East Williston Fire Department radio room grant. Now, the Village has to follow up with County Legislator Nicoletto's office in 30 days.

Mayor Parente added that Mr. Delury will be meeting with the chiefs and commissioners of the East Williston Fire Department about the expenditure for lights for the chief's vehicle.

Mr. Delury stated he was looking to cut the labor costs in half.

Trustee Siciliano stated that there are some areas of Village roadways in need of repair, as well as curbing and sidewalks that were damaged due to trees falling during Tropical Storm Isaias.

The LED lights will start being installed on Tuesday, September 8th. Weather permitting, the installation will take approximately two weeks.

He also wanted the trees trimmed around the lights.

Trustee Siciliano stated that with regard to new lighting for Devlin, the lighting intensity was offered at 250, 300 and 400. He was still awaiting a quote for controls for motion detectors on the lighting.

James Bailey suggested a new light be installed at Devlin Field near Bengueyfield Drive.

The commemorative bricks are still being worked on to be submitted to the contractor.

Mayor Parente stated that a history event is in the making on 15 East Williston Avenue with a slide show showing the progression of work on restoration of the historic residence constructed in 1842.

Maeve Kilgo advised that the Recreation Committee will not be holding the Ragamuffin Parade this year due to Covid-19. They are considering a car parade, perhaps including the antique fire truck and throwing candy. A drive-in movie showing is also being considered.

Mayor Parente noted that Operation Santa is also cancelled this year.

Mayor Parente asked about technology upgrades to enable regular Board meetings and public hearings to resume.

Trustee Lark stated he was meeting with representative from Wireman on September 1st.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-22 A RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP) POINTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Lark, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Dunne and Lark all voting “aye” the Board unanimously authorized the following resolution in the matter of the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) points during the Covid-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic and in response to the Governor’s Executive Order 202 of 2020, the Fire Department modified its emergency response protocols and cancelled many events during the period March 13, 2020 to September 30, 2020 (Period); and

WHEREAS, as a result of these modifications and cancellations, active volunteer firefighters will have fewer opportunities to earn points during calendar year 2020, making it more difficult to earn the required 50 points to earn the LOSAP benefit for calendar year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the General Municipal Law has been amended to add § 217(p), which allows a sponsor of a LOSAP to award up to five (5) points per month during the Period, with a pro-rated amount awarded for a partial month, by resolution of the governing board of the sponsoring political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes the selfless contributions made by the membership of the East Williston Fire Department during the COVID-19 pandemic, and believes it appropriate and necessary to award the requested points for the Period; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the granting of five (5) points for each complete month of the Period, pro-rated for the partial months; a

RESOLVED, that based on the Period and the necessary pro-ration for the partial months, each active volunteer firefighter is to be awarded a total of thirty and one-half (30.5) points in 2020, in addition to any points earned by the active volunteer firefighter during calendar year 2020.

A letter was sent to the new owner of the former Beacon Church, 65 East Williston Avenue. Young Nak Presbyterian Church was advised via letter that since they are new owners, they have to apply for a conditional use on the property.

Mr. Blinkoff said he will follow up with them.

Mayor Parente questioned the tennis court repair. Trustee Siciliano stated that East Williston was “piggy backing” off of a contract with the Town of Huntington for LandTech Inc. to perform the work. We are waiting for work to be completed in Huntington.

Trustee Dunne stated that they just need to get the Village a schedule of when the work can be done.

Trustee Dunne also noted that they have obtained a lock for the equipment shed in the tennis courts.

Trustee Lark stated the installation of additional cameras at Devlin is still in process.

Other items discussed were:

- Date of when Village Court can resume
- Mayor Parente to email information on sanitation.
- Ice cream truck Fridays were a success during the summer. Will look for other events in which to use the ice cream trucks.
- Landscaper working at 440 Sagamore Avenue was given a one time exemption for using gas powered equipment on a Saturday. No further exceptions will be granted.
- North Side Fence issue – the appeal is still pending in court.
- Quotes being obtained to fix the Village office window damaged by vandalism. The type of window is no longer produced, so this may take some time.
- In lieu of lighting candles at the 9/11 ceremony, glow sticks will be handed out to those who participate in the ceremony. The email blast will state that the ceremony will not take place at the monument, but on the Village Green to satisfy social distancing requirements. Masks must be worn.

Ms. Kreisman advised the Board that during the Zoning Board hearing on August 20th, the applicant for a six foot fence at 36 Donald Street produced evidence of 10-12 houses that have six foot fences that never applied for permits.

She stated that Building Inspector Jared Mandel will be sending out letters to each resident about this situation.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

