

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, August 8, 2016 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 Christopher Siciliano, James Iannone, Anthony J. Casella, Village Attorney Jeffrey L.Blinkoff.

Also present: Susan Corsello, Patrick Theodore, Paul Walters, Barbara Seixas, Marcia Weiser, Carla Strauss, Michael Guglielmo

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2016.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone, and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of July 25, 2016.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the abstract of claims for July 2016 as follows: 20160050 - 20160117.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

The East Williston Senior Group will commence meetings on the third Thursday of every month. The first gathering will be held on September 15th at 1pm. The Group will be hosting a discussion with a registered physical therapist.

Trustee Parente advised that the Library received a grant from New York State Senator Jack Martins office through the Nassau Library Association in the amount of \$10,000.00. The grant will be used for new Library computers and any residual funds will be used for various classes such as computer skills classes.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano that the Department of Public Works is currently having sidewalk slabs lifted up by Village trees replaced. The pruning of trees is also taking place.

Trustee Siciliano asked residents to report any street light outages they notice to the Village office.

Lastly, he asked that residents check on their neighbors during times of extreme heat. He also suggested that residents pick up their neighbor's newspapers when they are away.

The Village completed drainage work on Titus Way and also Latham Lane. The work was done through a Nassau County Public Works contract.

TRUSTEE JAMES L. IANNONE

Trustee Iannone stated that the East Williston Fire Department is working to complete the radio room in the firehouse, which is being financed through a grant from Legislator Nicoletto's office.

The department is also replacing individual firefighter radios.

He noted that the department experienced a relatively quiet month as far as calls were concerned.

Trustee Parente was asked by a resident about information regarding tuition assistance to Nassau Community College for volunteer fire fighters.

Fire Commissioner Paul Walters stated that to qualify for the tuition the person has to be an active firefighter in a department for two years.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY J. CASELLA

The Justice Court report for July 2016 showed a total of 19 violations: 18 parking, one moving violation and no Village ordinances. Fines collected totaled \$1,200.00 with \$0 in New York State surcharges.

The Recreation Committee reported that yoga classes continue to take place on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30am to 11:15am. Gentle yoga takes place on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7:15pm. Fliers for all activities can be found in the Village Hall lobby.

Trustee Casella mentioned that he was approached by a resident questioning the recent flier sent out on water meter replacement. He noted to those present that the replacement of water meters is voluntary, not mandatory.

MAYOR DAVID TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that a speed sign has been installed at the north entry to the Village on Roslyn Road. The electronic sign was supplied by the Town of North Hempstead from a grant that they had obtained.

Mayor Tanner said he is working with Nassau County about traffic calming issues on East Williston Avenue and Roslyn Road.

The newly formed Security Committee will be meeting to discuss security issues within the Village.

RESOLUTION #2016-32 A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2016 AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE SECTION 154-19 PERTAINING TO THE OPENING OF FIRE HYDRANTS.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Mayor Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved a resolution setting a date for a public hearing on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 8:00pm amending the Village Code, Section 154-19 pertaining to the opening of fire hydrants and directs the village clerk to publish a legal notice in the official newspaper of the Village of East Williston.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in July 2016: 14 Sumter Avenue, construction of new driveway. 41 Bengeyfield Drive, demolish in-ground pool, expansion of driveway and installation of patio door. 24 Ogden Avenue, legalize and maintain rear awning. 22 Orchard Meadow Road, new Belgian block curbing. 453 Roslyn Road, installation of new driveway. 388 Feather Lane, legalize and maintain front yard stanchions. 290 Latham Lane, installation of new driveway. 26 Bengeyfield Drive, installation of new driveway.

The Nassau County Police Department report for June 2016 indicated the following: Two reports of burglaries on Feather Lane and Wheatley Avenue. No parking violations were served and three moving violations were issued. One auto accident was reported, with no auto injuries.

Library director Susan Corsello presented the Library report. The summer reading program concludes on August 9, 2016 with a pool party at the Williston Park pool.

The Library will be hosting Jason Reilly and his traveling animal show on the Village Green on Monday, August 15th at 7pm.

The Library Friends cabinet has a display in celebration of the 226th anniversary of the United States Coast Guard. It is a pictorial history of the Coast Guard Station at Jones Beach, and is lent to the Village by resident Alan Reff, Past Commander of the USCG Auxiliary.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Carla Stauss (asking a question on behalf of resident David Linden) about the cost to install new remote meters in residents homes. He wanted to know why the Village was charging for the meters.

Mayor Tanner stated that water rates are set by the Village Board. In order to control costs, the installation of remote-read meters includes additional costs (such as end points and cellular service to enable the remote reading). As such, the installation of the meters is voluntary and not mandatory.

Mrs. Strauss questioned why the meter belongs to the Village and not the resident, since the resident is paying for the device.

Trustee Parente reiterated that the upgrade to the remote meter is voluntary, and adds the benefit of being able to monitor water usage. The meter belongs to the Village because it is part of a reading system. A person cannot remove the meter if they sell their home because it will not work anywhere else.

Mayor Tanner added that many residents requested remote-read meters and the service benefits that go along with them, as Trustee Parente pointed out. He also noted that Village water rates are very tight in order to keep them within reason. The Village would have to increase rates if it did not charge for the voluntary installation of water meters.

Chief Patrick Theodore of the East Williston Fire Department presented the report for July 2016: There were a total of 12 calls during the month: seven EMS calls and five fire related calls.

Barbara Seixas asked if it is illegal to remove sidewalks within the Village. She felt that the sidewalks should remain in place.

Trustee Parente stated that the Board is discussing the issue, as some residents have removed them which are against the Village Code.

The Clerk stated that a resident Sumter Avenue is due in Court in September to answer a summons for the removal of public property.

Mayor Tanner stated that as of now, the Code remains the same, that the removal of sidewalks is prohibited.

He added that the Board will be discussing the matter and that the Building Inspector will review the issue to come up with some protocol.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.