

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, September 10, 2012 at 8:00 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, Robert M. Vella, Jr., Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: EWFD Chief Patrick Theodore, John Ferro, Thomas DelaPorte, Barbara Seixas, Carla Strauss, Marcia Weiser, James Sandquist, Ellen Ritz, Michael Kelapire, Connie Leonick, Nicole Contrastano, David Linden, Anne Mageau.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano. Seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Siciliano all voting "aye", and Trustee Vella recusing himself, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of August 13, 2012.

On the motion of Trustee DeBenedittis, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", and Trustee Parente recusing herself, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of August 27, 2012.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for August 2012 as follows: August 7, 2012 voucher numbers 20120081-20120096, August 18, 2012 voucher numbers 20120097-20120129, August 20, 2012 voucher numbers 20120130 – 20120132, August 29, 2012 voucher numbers 20120133-20120156,

In the absence of Chief Patrick Theodore, Trustee Parente presented the Fire Department report for August 2012. The Department responded to a total of 12 calls; four fire calls, seven EMS calls and one mutual aid call. Trustee Parente also mentioned that the Fire Department had provided rapid response to large, low hanging branches on Atlanta Avenue.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE.**

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**TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS**

Trustee DeBenedittis presented the Library report. The Library obtained two passes for the New York Historical Society. They can be reserved in advance. The book club will be discussing the book Dropped Names, by Frank Langella. Toddler story time commences on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Senior Committee will meet on September 20<sup>th</sup> and hold a picnic on the Village Green. Blood pressure screenings will also be available that day.

**TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.**

Trustee Vella presented the Justice Court report for the month of August 2012. Although court is not held in the months of July and August, the court collected a total of \$1,965 in fines.

Trustee Vella stated that the Recreation Committee continues to hold yoga classes, boot camp and the East Williston Roadrunners group. Mommy and Me, and Movie and Game nights will commence again in September.

**RESOLUTION #32-2012 A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW NO. 6-2012 AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING.**

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella voting "aye", the Board approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 6 of 2012 providing for an amendment to the Village Code of the Incorporated Village of East Williston ("Village") Chapter 11, Article II "Garage Sales" for the consideration of the Board of Trustees, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law at the Village Hall in the Incorporated Village of East Williston at the address of 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York, at 8:00 p.m. on October 15, 2012, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Village of said public hearing at least three days prior thereto.

**RESOLUTION #33-2012 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2013 .**

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano, and Vella all voting “aye”, the Board authorized participation in the Justice Court Assistance Grant Program for 2013.

**TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO**

Trustee Siciliano informed residents to report low hanging branches from Village trees to the Village Hall, so the Department of Public Works could remove them.

He also advised residents not to put piles of leaves into the street. The Village mandates that leaves be taken away by landscapers, or bagged and left for the sanitation company if a resident does not use a landscape service.

The clear leaf bags will be available at the Village Hall by October 14<sup>th</sup>.

He noted that the Department of Public Works will be striping the stop lines throughout the Village during the fall.

**MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER**

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village will be holding a remembrance ceremony for the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 911 on the Village Green on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The various scouting organizations and the East Williston Fire Department will be participating in the ceremony.

Proposals for the creation of bids to consider the repair or demolition of 8 Sumter Avenue should be received by the end of the week.

The Mayor congratulated Village resident Amanda Leonick for receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award from the W.A.R.M. Association for her program teaching proper diet and exercise to pre-school and kindergarten students.

**RESOLUTION #34-2012 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF AN ENGINEER TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION REGARDING WATER.**

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, Siciliano, and Vella all voting “aye”, the Board approved the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has received communication from the Nassau County Department of Health regarding a requirement that the Village must establish the capability to adjust the chlorination level of water in the Village system in the event of an emergency or positive bacteriological incident, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the services of an engineer or other professional in the field will be required to study the Village system and assess the proper mechanism to be used to adjust the chlorination level in the system and whether these requirements may be met by the Village's system or other mechanism.

NOW, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,

That the services of an engineer or such other practitioner in the field as the Board may determine to be needed to conduct the above assessments are to be retained in accord with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

**VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER**

The following building permits were issued in August 2012: 21 Sumter, construction of a shed. 28 Downing Street, installation of a brick veneer, 122 Ludwig Lane, replacement of driveway, 3 Oakley Lane installation of central air conditioning and a two story addition with garage conversion. 23 Wheatley Avenue, construction of a new two car garage...

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct did not submit a report for August 2012.

No reports of grants for August 2012.

Carla Strauss asked about the status of a possible local law on the planting of bamboo. Mayor Tanner advised that a New York State Law will be taking effect in the near future. In order not to replicate the State law, the Village is evaluating the law and its effects.

Ellen Ritz asked about the resolution to hold a public hearing on garage sales. Mayor Tanner stated that at the present time, the Village Code only allows those selling their homes to hold a yard or garage sale. The Village was looking to obtain resident input on holding a Village-wide, one-day sale event, on a trial basis. Trustee DeBenedittis stated that Sea Cliff has a similar event and it has taken place for the last 15 years.

David Linden wanted to offer suggestions about holding the garage sale, but thought that the idea is fine.

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Trustee Vella stated that residents should state their comments for the official record at the public hearing on October 15, 2012.

Nicole Contrastano asked about the status of the water pooling at the apron in front of her driveway at 1 Atlanta Avenue. She was informed by Mr. Cashin that the pavers are causing the puddling, however it is the Village tree causing the flooding.

Trustee Parente wanted to follow up with Mr. Cashin before the Board can proceed further with this issue.

Mayor Tanner stated that the predicament (of puddling on Atlanta Avenue) is on many different levels. When the Board met with residents of Atlanta Avenue many years ago, the engineer at the time stated there was no real solution to the problem of puddling. In order to improve drainage, many trees on the street would have to be removed. The overwhelming consensus of the residents was to keep the trees.

Mayor Tanner further stated that the Board has to make considerations for the entire Village. He cited the example of the severe flooding on Ogden Avenue where there was an acute risk of flooding. It is difficult for any municipality to address every puddling situation without prioritizing the work on a basis of need.

Trustee Parente reiterated that the Board will follow up with Mr. Cashin's recommendations of what can be done about the puddling in front of 1 Atlanta Avenue.

Mrs. Contrastano stated that the tree is splitting the asphalt, and she cannot do work on the street.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village is dealing with the hand that was dealt (trees vs. puddling on the street).

Trustee Vella stated that if the tree in question is a Village tree, it should be investigated to see if it can be removed, but the Village should wait to see what the engineer suggests.

Michael Kelapire asked about the resolution passed by the Board earlier regarding chlorination. Mr. Blinkoff explained that the Nassau County Department of Health informed the Village that it has to show that its distribution system can control chlorination in the event of an emergency. Since an agreement with Williston Park is not in place, East Williston has to arrange for this emergency chlorination. Mr. Kelapire felt that Williston Park should make sure that emergency chlorination is addressed.

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Trustee Vella stated that East Williston is compelled to comply with the Department of Health's request.

Mr. Kelapire inquired about the status of the structures at 8 Sumter Avenue. He did not understand why the Village would sink money into trying to repair the structure.

Mayor Tanner stated that to safeguard the Village, we have to follow a proper process to evaluate each option, however he stated that Mr. Kelapire's comments have validity.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.