

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, September 11, 2017 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 James L. Iannone, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Emily Willis, Paul Walters, Walter Rivera, Rita Botensten, Barbara Seixas, Carla Strauss, Stephan Leccese, Michael Guglielmo.

Excused from meeting: Trustee Anthony Casella.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, and Iannone voting "aye", and Trustee Siciliano abstaining, the Board approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting of August 14, 2017.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Iannone voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of August 28, 2017.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Iannone and Siciliano all voting "aye", the Board approved the abstract of claims for August 2017 as follows: 20170092 - 20170204.

In the absence of Fire Commissioner Paul Walters presented the report for the East Williston Fire Department for August 2017. The department responded to a total of 23 calls during the month: six general alarms, 11 EMS calls, one chief's investigation, and five mutual aid calls to neighboring departments.

Commissioner Walters informed the Board that recently very large groups of youths have been congregating and riding bikes by the East Williston Train Station Pavilion and by the firehouse in the evenings. He relayed recent incident after a fire call where a trucks were returning to the firehouse. While the truck was backing into the firehouse, a youth on a bicycle decided to challenge the truck and rode behind it while it was maneuvering into the bay. Luckily Commissioner Walters saw the young person and stopped the truck.

He further stated that a fire truck full of water weighs 48,000 lbs. If the driver did not see the child, the situation could have turned tragic. After this, a second youth on a bicycle did the same exact thing while the ladder truck was being returned to the firehouse. When department members asked the young person to stop, the adolescent shouted profanities at them.

Barbara Seixas stated that large groups of youths walk congregate near her home late at night, causing disturbances. She has also heard them speaking to each other that “this is the place to hang out” (meaning East Williston). She said that the police have been called many times. Sometimes they show up and sometimes they do not.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village is aware of the situation. At the Board’s agenda meeting, on August 28th, the police were called twice to the area.

Trustee Parente noted that the youths were coming from all over the area (Herricks, Carle Place, Mineola, to name a few neighboring areas). If one of the youths receives an appearance ticket to village court, the violation could haunt them for many years to come, even if the ticket is dismissed. For those applying to United States service academies, police or fire department jobs, the ticket will show up on their record.

She said we need parents to pay better attention to this issue and that Commissioner Walters was right; someone can get killed when respect for the firefighters and equipment is not heeded.

It was noted that video cameras capture activity in the area. Perhaps screen shots of the youths can be generated if that is possible.

Rita Botensten asked if the schools can be contacted to see if they can play a role in preventing this behavior.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente reported that the East Williston Senior Group will meet on September 21st at 1:00pm, the group will meet for pizza and dessert with entertainment provided by Phil Dee and his musical selections. The group will meet again on October 19th for a light lunch and dessert.

Trustee Parente stated that the Senior Group hosts some very entertaining and informative events.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated that the sidewalk work on East Williston in the Historic District is nearing completion. After the work is finalized, trees will be planted and street lights will be installed.

Residents on East Williston Avenue in the vicinity of the new sidewalk installation will be sent letters reminding them that it is their responsibility to maintain the green strip between the sidewalk and the street,

Upon completion, the western most entry way to the Village will be much improved.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Village has a new portion on its website dedicated to finding and returning missing pets. If someone loses or finds a pet, they can send the information to the Village office by emailing ewillistonclerk@yahoo.com with a picture, description and any other pertinent information (i.e. if the pet is "chipped", or is timid, etc.) and contact information. This will be posted on the website.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

Trustee Iannone reiterated the information Commissioner Walters spoke about earlier about youths congregating and playing near the firehouse.

Trustee Iannone stated that residents should be prepared for power outages during hurricane season. He recommended that residents procure supplies (batteries, water, non-perishable food, can openers, flashlights, etc.) Generators should be checked to ensure they are in good working order.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY CASELLA

In the absence of Trustee Casella the clerk presented the Justice Court report for August 2017. There were 21 parking violations, no moving violations and no Village ordinance violations totaling \$600.00 in total fines collected for the month.

The Recreation Committee report advises that yoga classes continue on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11am and gentle yoga classes take place on Wednesdays from 6-7pm. Fall Tennis commenced on September 5th. Come play with me program for ages 2 and up will be starting shortly. The day of the week has not yet been determined.

Library Director Emily Willis stated that the blood pressure screening will take place at 1:30pm on September 21st during the East Williston Senior group event.

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The Library will host a seminar on Conquering Standardized Tests presented by Barbara Becker on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30pm.

On October 5th, the Library will welcome North Hempstead Receiver of Taxes Charles Berman on October 5th who will discuss assessment grievances.

Toddler story time will take place on Fridays at 11:30am.

The Library will hold the annual book sale commencing September 17th.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner had nothing to add for the meeting.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in August 2017: 34 Sumter Avenue, finishing of a basement. 20 Ridge Road, installation of a generator, central air conditioning unit. 50 School Street, relocation of doors and interior alterations. 57 Robbins Drive, construction of a detached garage. 15 Lee Avenue, refinish driveway. 107 Ludwig Lane, interior alterations and relocate windows and doors.

The Nassau County Police Department report for August 2017 reported one burglary on Roslyn Road. No parking and no moving violations were issued. There were no auto accidents or injuries during the month.

Michael Guglielmo questioned where the youths talked about at the meeting were congregating. The Board advised that they gather at the East Williston train station and along Sagamore Avenue.

Barbara Seixas stated that the start gathering on Lee Avenue and work their way down Sagamore Avenue to the train station.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.