

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, September 12, 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 James Iannone, James Lark, Anthony Gallo, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner, Village Attorney Steven Leventhal.

Excused from meeting: Trustee Raffaella Dunne.

Also present: Sharon Piscopia, Michelle Grosskopf, Henry Yuen, Sean Dunn, Tom Petucek, Mitchell Pitnick, Michael Guglielmo, Eswar Sivaraman

The meeting began with a presentation of a video created by Girl Scout Troop 1022. The video "20 is Plenty", preceded the public hearing to consider lowering the village-wide speed limit. The actual scouts who produced the video could not be present this evening, but troop leaders Sharon Piscopia and Michelle Grosskopf ran the footage.

The Mayor and Board commended the scouts for their comprehensive video.

The public hearing then commenced to consider a local law amending section 148-6 of the Village Code entitled "Maximum Speed Limits". A transcript of said hearing is on file in the office of the Village Clerk.

RESOLUTION #2022-28 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF NELSON & POPE ENGINEERING TO PERFORM A TRAFFIC STUDY RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO CONSIDER THE LOWERING OF THE VILLAGE WIDE SPEED LIMIT TO 25 MILES PER HOUR

On the motion Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Gallo, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye" the Board authorized to engage the services of Nelson & Pope Engineering to perform a traffic study relating to the proposed local law to consider the lowering of the village wide speed limit to 25 miles per hour. (Said resolution took place during the public hearing).

Note that Trustee Gallo excused himself from the meeting at 8:46pm.

On the motion of Trustee Lark, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Parente, and Trustees Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2022.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Lark, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of August 29, 2022.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Trustees Iannone, Lark and Gallo all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously approved the abstract of claims for August 2022.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

MAYOR BONNIE L.S. PARENTE

Mayor Parente presented the East Williston Fire Department report for August 2022 in Trustee Gallo’s absence. There was a total of 17 calls. Ten general alarms, six emergency service calls, and one auto accident.

Mayor Parente stated that the 9/11 ceremony held on Sunday had a good turnout of residents participating. She thanked the East Williston Fire Department for their participation.

Mayor Parente also stated that the village held the Gold Tree Lighting for Pediatric Awareness Month on August 31st. This event reminds people that more needs to be done to find cures for these cancers.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE

Deputy Mayor Dunne was excused from the meeting.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

The Village Justice Court for August 2022 reported 20 parking violations, one moving violation and no village code violations, with \$940.00 total fines collected, \$93.00 New York State surcharges and \$70.00 in terminate suspension fee.

The East Williston Senior Group will on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 1pm for music and socializing. Pizza and dessert will be served.

TRUSTEE JAMES LARK

Trustee Lark stated that the East Williston Little League fall season has just started. Residents will notice them playing on the fields at Devlin Park, Sagamore Field and North Side School field.

Trustee Lark stated that the Department of Public Works has contracted for the repair of the front steps to the village hall which is currently in progress.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY GALLO

Trustee Gallo was excused from the meeting and departed after the public hearing.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The police report for July 2022 revealed two auto accidents, two aided cases, no reports of burglary in residences, one report of burglary from a business on Sagamore Avenue, two reports of auto larceny, one report of larceny and one criminal mischief. One moving violation and no parking violations were issued.

The police report for August 2022 revealed three auto accidents, five aided cases, no reports of burglary, robbery, larceny or criminal mischief. No moving violations and one parking violation were issued.

Building Department report for August 2022: 120 Charles Street, construction of accessory structure and installation of a driveway, walkway and fence. 213 Howard Street, construction of accessory structure.

Mayor Parente stated that she was made aware of a scam that was undertaken by a company who approached a resident of the village.

A man approached a resident stating they could re-do the driveway at the home for \$1,400.00. The residents asked her husband who said the work should cost much more. The man gave a post card with the name of a company, but gave his cell number and said to call him, not the number on the card, and he would come after the weekend and collect \$1,400.

The resident said that she did not yet have a permit from the village, so work could not start after the weekend. The resident then called the number on the card, and the company stated this man did not work for them, and that this was a scam. She advised residents to be vigilant to these types of scams.

The Mayor stated that the village will be installing "Entering Village of East Williston" signs on Charles Street at the Mineola border and Congress Avenue at the Mineola border. This was due to the fact that Mineola was cutting down large trees on their side of Charles Street to make way for a repaving of the street.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Mitchell Pitnick thought the village signs as mentioned by the mayor was a good idea. He hopes that they would be esthetic for the area.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Dunne, seconded by Trustee Lark, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.