

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC.VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

Mayor Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees Christopher A. Siciliano, James Iannone, Raffaella Dunne, James Lark, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Anthony Gallo, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kelapire, Marcia Weisser, Jeanne Trotter, Henry Yuen, John Azzara, Sharon Piscopia.

By Executive Order 202.1 from of the Governor of the State of New York, the hearing was held remotely by a Webex conference hosted by the Village of East Williston. A verbatim transcript of said proceedings are annexed to these minutes.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Dunne and Lark all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2020.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Dunne and Lark all voting "aye" the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of August 31, 2020.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Dunne and Lark voting "aye", the Board approved the abstracts for August 2020 claim numbers: 20200102 - 20200123.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

MAYOR PARENTE:

Mayor Parente stated that the Village held it's 9/11 ceremony last Friday.

Mayor Parente stated that she has contact both Congressman Suozzi and Congresswoman Rice's offices to seek help from FEMA for storm reimbursements for Tropical Storm Isaias. Congressman Suozzi advised that he had sent a letter to President Trump urging FEMA to reimburse local municipalities on Long Island.

Mayor Parente said the Village was hit hard by winds that felled trees and lifted sidewalks, causing unforeseen expenses.

Mayor Parente advised that the Recreation Committee is looking to hold a Halloween parade in lieu of the annual Ragamuffin Parade on the Village Green. A drive-in movie may also be planned. Arrangements are still being made and will be announced shortly.

Tomorrow is the Village election scheduled for the hours between 12 noon and 9pm in the Village Hall lobby. She urged support of the LOSAP proposal on the ballot, which expands the program so as to eliminate age discrimination.

TRUSTEE SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Department of Public Works is still in the process of grinding down stumps from the storm.

The LED lighting replacement project is proceeding on schedule.

Trustee Siciliano reported that the East Williston Library will be closed tomorrow, September 15th during the Village election.

- To honor those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, the Library is still giving out flag lapel pins.
- "Color your own mask" is still available at the Library.
- September is Library Card Month. Stop by the Library and get a card if you do not already have one. Every new card gets a chance to be in a raffle for a special prize.
- Story Time with Miss Steph will take place on September 17th at 10:30am on the Village Green
- Virtual Book Club will discuss The Dearly Beloved by Cara Wall on October 1st at 7pm.
- Young patrons enjoyed an end of summer party with the Mr. Softy truck and the Balloonatic making balloon figures.

TRUSTEE IANNONE

Trustee Iannone reported that the East Williston Fire Department answered 22 calls during the month of August. Two mutual aid calls to Mineola and Plandome, 18 general alarms, two carbon monoxide alarm calls.

Trustee Iannone thanked the members of the East Williston Fire Department and the residents who attended the 9/11 ceremony.

The East Williston Senior Group will meet on the Village Green on September 17th at 1pm for a boxed lunch.

TRUSTEE DUNNE

Trustee Dunne reported that the Beautification Committee members have been out working around the Village Green and Village Hall, planting and tidying up the area.

The Recreation Committee is holding tennis lessons and pickleball on the tennis courts. They are also looking to hold a car parade from noon to 2pm where candy will be handed out and a drive-in movie (Hotel Transylvania) in the evening on October 31st.

TRUSTEE LARK

Trustee Lark stated that the East Williston Little League has been holding games at Devlin Field and Sagamore Field almost every night of the week.

He noted that construction of the bench for the Village Justice has begun, as well as technology upgrades in wiring for the meeting room.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents who wished to speak.

Jeanne Trotter advised that there is an issue with Long Island Rail Road property adjacent to Village property. Invasive vines are destroying plants and property at Devlin Field.

Ronnie Kelapire thanked James Bailey of the Department of Public Works for accommodating the members of the Beautification Committee planting grasses.

Mayor Parente asked if anyone was interested in being the Beautification Committee Chairperson.

Mrs. Kelapire stated that she was interested in doing plantings, but not working on the inside of the Village Hall putting up decorations.

Mayor Parente stated that Lisa Feimer has helped in putting up decorations during the Christmas holiday season. Perhaps there could be co-chairs, one for indoor decorating and one for outdoor planning.

Mrs. Kelapire stated that the Beautification Committee will be meeting to put together a calendar for the coming year.

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Trustee Dunne stated that the Teen Safety Committee is planning to regroup.

Mayor Parente stated that she planned to have a new resident reception in October.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Dunne, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.