

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, September 16, 2013 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, Trustee Robert M. Vella, Jr., Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: James Daw, Jr., John Ferro, Patrick Theodore, Carla Strauss, Michael Kelapire, James Sandquist, Marcia Weiser, Carol Bertalli, Michael Guglielmo

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Siciliano all voting "aye", and Trustee Vella abstaining, the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis and Siciliano all voting "aye", and Trustee Vella abstaining, the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of August 26, 2013.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Siciliano all voting "aye", and the Board unanimously approved the abstracts of claims for August 2013 as follows: 20130065 – 20130150.

Second Assistant Chief Patrick Theodore presented the August 2013 report for the East Williston Fire Department. The Department responded to a total of 12 calls during the month; six fire calls, five EMS calls and one mutual aid call to a neighboring fire department.

The Fire Department participated in the Williston Day Street Fair on Sunday, September 15th.

Chief Theodore informed those present that the Fire Department, together with the East Williston Recreation Committee will once again hold a Halloween Party Fundraiser at the Firehouse on October 26th.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente reported that the Nassau Regional EMS Council has bestowed awards to three members of the East Williston Fire Department: Steven Jones, Basic Life Support Provider of the Year, Kevin Mulrooney, EMS Leadership Award and Anthony Calio, MD, Physician of Excellence. The Award will be presented to the members on October 17th.

Trustee Bonnie Parente thanked the members who worked at the Williston Day street fair for supporting the community.

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that the Recreation Committee will be sending out flyers for fall yoga, boot camp, tennis, mommy & me, and stroller mom programs. Soon after, the flyers for the Halloween Party and the Ragamuffin Parade will be sent out.

The upcoming movie night presentation will be the movie “Epic”. Trustee DeBenedittis reminded everyone that everyone participating in movie and game night needs to register ahead of time for the event.

Lastly, the next event to sew pillow cases for pediatric hospital patients will take place on September 17th from 11am to 5pm.

TRUSTEE ROBERT M. VELLA, JR.

Trustee Vella stated reported that the Justice Court collected \$2,260.00 in fines during the month of August 2013.

Trustee Vella presented the Library report for September 2013. On Thursday, Sept. 19th the Senior Club will meet at 1PM and the St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus will be providing free Health Screenings from 10AM-2PM.

On Thursday, September 26th at 7pm, Charles Berman, Town on North Hempstead Receiver of Taxes, will be at the Library to discuss the new basic STAR Registration Program. All New York State property owners who currently receive the Basic Star Exemption are required to register with the NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance in order to receive the exemption for the 2014-2015 school year and subsequent years.

Pre-K and Toddler story times resume this week (week of September 16th).

The Library is still collecting gently worn shoes for “Shoes For All”, and also collecting empty ink printer cartridges for recycling.

The display case in the Lobby is almost done. If you have anything you would like to put on display, contact Joan Linden from the Friends Group. Her info is available at the Library.

The Library Friends group will be hosting its Annual Book Sale on Friday, Oct. 18 from 11am-6pm and Saturday, Oct. 19th from 10:30am-3pm in the Village Lobby. The Library will be accepting donations of gently used books beginning Oct. 1st.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano informed those present that representatives from DeJana were present at the Village Hall this afternoon. No resident complaints were received, but DeJana did receive a compliment on service from one resident.

The Village is still undertaking tree pruning around the Village, as well as planting new trees in the fall, and replace broken sidewalks where Village street trees lifted the slabs.

Leaf bags will be available at the Village Hall on October 1, 2013.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village office will be closed on Monday, October 14th in observance of Columbus Day.

The Mayor thanked the Fire Department for their participation in the 9/11 ceremony.

Flu shots will be administered to senior citizens on October 3rd at American Legion Post 144. You must call to schedule an appointment with County Clerk Maureen O'Connell's office.

Mayor Tanner advised those present that he and the Board have asked Mr. Blinkoff to investigate all outstanding liens on 8 Sumter Avenue.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in August 2013: 394 Charles Street, installation of a generator. 43 Meritoria Drive, installation of a retaining wall. 47 Robbins Drive, installation of a generator. 22 Hewlett Drive, installation of a retaining wall. 23 Robbins Drive, demolition of a swimming pool. 10 Meritoria Drive, installation of a generator. 6 Donald Street, construction of a portico and façade. 164 Charles Street, construction of a portico. 18 Meritoria Drive, demolition of a porch and relocation of a central air conditioning unit. 5 Robbins Drive, installation of central air conditioning system. 15 Ogden Avenue, removal of front yard planter. 370 Charles Street, demolition of house.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct reported that there were no complaints of burglary or robbery during the month of August 2013. Eight parking violations and no moving violations were issued and there were two auto accidents and one auto injury during that time period.

There were reports of grants for August.

Trustee Parente stated that Trustee Caroline DeBenedittis will receive the Distinguished Woman of the Year Award from Nassau County.

Mayor Tanner opened the meeting to residents who wished to address the Board.

Carla Strauss asked if the Board was still considering legislation on bamboo. Mayor Tanner stated that the Board was still reviewing proposed legislation.

Carol Bertalli asked if Williston Park had offered criteria for charging East Williston higher rates than Williston Park.

James Sandquist asked about litigations costs involved with the water issue with Williston Park.

The Clerk stated that information readily available, the amount today will need to be put together by the Treasurer.

Mayor Tanner added that he could not throw out a marker (on the amount) right now, as this matter is still in the courts.

Trustee Vella stated that the Village is looking for options to resolve this matter.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the court has not yet set an argument date on the second Article 78. The second Article 78 was transferred to the Appellate Division, and any decision is still a couple of months away.

John Ferro asked when bids are due for the demolition of 8 Sumter Avenue. Mayor Tanner stated that the bids are due on September 19th. Mr. Ferro asked how soon after the bids are received will the demolition take place.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board will review the bids. Mr. Blinkoff stated that the court has already made a decision on how the Village can proceed in this matter. The decision is not a strict condemnation. The Village has the right to demolish the buildings, but does not have the right to take over the property.

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James Daw stated that Mr. Muzio has represented himself in the past and is a skilled litigator and formidable adversary.

Trustee Vella stated that the Village also needed to know what the appraisal of the land is at this point in time, as well as what liens are on the property. He stated that an appraisal done a year ago would be useless today.

James Daw asked if the developer for 8 Sumter Avenue will appeal the denial of the Planning Board decision, as he understands the contract will not go through if the property is not subdivided.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that as far as he is aware, the developer has not filed an Article 78 in this matter.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.