

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012
AGENDA MEETING

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, September 24, 2012 at 7:30p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Bonnie Parente, Caroline DeBenedittis, Robert M. Vella, Jr., Christopher Siciliano Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonnie Kreisman.

Also present: John Mirando

Mayor Tanner stated that the discussion regarding Village tax exemptions is cancelled, as Paul Wotzak will not be present at the meeting tonight.

The Board received copies of the proposals for drafting bids for the repair or demolition of 8 Sumter Avenue. Sidney B. Bowne & Son submitted a proposal of \$5,000 and JRS, Inc. submitted a price of \$16,900. Mayor Tanner asked the clerk to have Robert Campagna review the proposals and determine which proposal best suits the Village's needs and contact that vendor to commence work on the bid.

Trustee Vella discussed the request of the East Williston Little League to install a 4-1/2' x 8' scoreboard at Devlin Field. He stated that the Little League had no intent to ever put lights at Devlin Field.

Mayor Tanner discussed having a memo of understanding prepared with the Little League regarding the prohibition of lights on the field.

Jeffrey Blinkoff stated that the Board could pass a resolution to accept the score board and to grant a license to use Village property (Devlin Field), where the Village strictly prohibits lighting at this location.

Mayor Tanner stated that he wanted to go on record with the Town of North Hempstead with regard to lighting at Sagamore Field.

The Board also discussed the display of removable banners on the outfield fences.

Trustee Vella stated that the score board will be installed in right field. The Mayor asked that plans for the score board be filed with Robert Campagna for his approval.

The Board discussed the upcoming public hearing regarding garage/yard sales, holding a Village-wide sale for one designated day. The Mayor stated that the Board will take comments from residents at the public hearing on October 15th, and then discuss the matter further at the agenda meeting.

Mayor Tanner stated he had strong reservations regarding the one day sale, but was willing to give it a try for one year.

Trustee Parente was against holding the one day sale, but wanted to listen to what neighbors had to say, both for and against.

John Mirando discussed the meeting he attended with Mayor Tanner and representatives from the Nassau County Department of Health on November 17th. Present at the meeting were Donald Irwin, Patricia Ramirez, and Carol Johnson-Jacobs. Emergency chlorination was discussed.

RESOLUTION #35-2012 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF AN ENGINEER OR SUCH OTHER PRACTITIONER IN THE FIELD TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION REGARDING WATER AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SAID ENGINEER OR PRACTITIONER .

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 approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the services of an engineer or other professional in the field will be required to study the Village water system and determine a scope of work, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees authorized to issue a request for proposals for engineering services to outline a scope of work for such study.

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, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with said engineer or practitioner, and that the Board reserves the right to borrow funds at a later date for such study.

At the Board meeting on October 15th, the Board will propose a resolution to hold a public hearing in November regarding fees for the commuter parking lot.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that the Senior Picnic on the Village Green was very well attended

Trustee DeBenedittis also advised that resident Dan Roper will be joining the Historic Committee as a new member.

Trustee Parente stated that she received a request from Amanda Leonick to hold sessions of the Sacred Heart Dance Team in the Village Hall meeting room. The clerk was asked to check with Building Inspector Robert Campagna to find out if he believes the room is structurally sound to accommodate the dance team's activities.

Trustee Parente stated that the Teen Safety Committee continues to meet on an "as needed" basis. She added that next year, if the Board considers having a farm stand on the Village Green, it should be investigated if other vendors may be interested in operating a stand to give others the opportunity.

Trustee Parente was contacted by the Fire Department about having pump tests performed on the fire trucks at \$250 each (\$500 total). While this was supposed to be included in the 2012-13 budget, it was omitted. Trustee Parente informed the Department that they should proceed with the pump test, and the funds will be taken from the truck maintenance line item.

Mr. Delury stated that the Commissioners are now getting copies of the month-to-date budget report.

Trustee Parente addressed the concerns of Mr. & Mrs. Contrastano of 1 Atlanta Avenue and the puddling they are experiencing in front of the apron in the road. She stated that the cause of the water accumulation seems to be because of a Village tree. They are willing to raise the apron. Originally, they installed the apron on sand and therefore did not need a permit to install the apron.

Trustee Vella felt that the Village should waive the building permit fee, since the tree root is causing the puddling problem.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that in order for the Board to pursue that direction, they will have to make it clear why 1 Atlanta Avenue is a unique situation, as Village's cannot give gifts to residents. In contemplation of litigation, if the cost to remove the Village tree (that is causing the problem) will exceed the cost of the permit, then the permit fee could be waived.

RESOLUTION #36-2012 A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN APRON AT 1 ATLANTA AVENUE IN CONTEMPLATION OF LITIGATION.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Trustees Parente, DeBenedittis, and Vella voting “aye”, and Mayor Tanner and Trustee Siciliano voting “nay” the Board approved to waive the building permit fee for the installation of an apron at 1 Atlanta Avenue in contemplation of litigation.

Mayor Tanner asked Mr. Blinkoff check with NYCOM about the aforementioned issue. He felt the Board should wait to decide on this issue until hearing from NYCOM.

Trustee Parente asked about the status of the state of the property at 29 Lee Avenue (grass, brush, debris, bags of peat moss). The clerk advised that a letter from the Building Inspector was mailed to the homeowner, giving a reasonable amount of time to clean up the debris. If the resident does not comply, the resident will be given a court appearance ticket.

The clerk apprised the Board that Robert Campagna was working with the members of the condo board at Wheatley House, 1 Bengeyfield Drive relative to the drainage run off onto Devlin Field causing ruts and gullies. The Mayor asked that James Bailey take photos of the area the next time there is a substantial rain. Trustee Vella expressed that the condo board must be made completely aware of the gravity of the drainage situation, as a resident fell in one of the depressions created by the run off.

On the motion of Trustee Vella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees DeBenedittis, Siciliano and Vella all voting “aye”, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.