

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Bonnie L.S. Parente, Christopher A. Siciliano, Robert M. Vella, Jr., James L. Iannone, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Marie L. Hausner, Village Clerk

Also present: Robert L. Campagna, Building Inspector.

The Board discussed the verbiage of the proposed local law on solar panels. At the present time, residents seeking to install solar panels must make an application to the Board of Trustees. What the proposed local law will do is enable the resident to apply through the Building Department without having to go through a Board of Trustees hearing.

Mr. Campagna suggested that the Village require the installation of solid black panels. He stated that the Village of East Hills mandates black solar panel installation only.

Trustee Iannone did not feel there was a need for legislation of this kind, stating that residents should be able to avail themselves of solar technology.

Trustee Parente stated that the legislation should include wording to the effect that the panels should be installed in an area where they are least visible (rear of the home).

Trustee Vella stated that anyone who faces the south could not place the panels on their homes. He felt that if the Village were going to restrict anything, it is best to be clear. Residents who face south do not have a choice of where the panels can be located. The Code should be clear and not left open to interpretation.

Mr. Blinkoff will be preparing the wording for the proposed local law.

The Board then discussed the verbiage for a proposed local law regarding the size of driveways.

Mr. Campagna stated that many years ago when Joyce Lew and Maureen O'Connell were sitting on the Board of Trustees a proposed local law was enacted allowing only 10 foot driveways. Over the years (1993, 1995 and 2002) minor changes were made to the Code regarding driveways which complicated the matter.

A petition from resident Frank Suppa asking the Village to review driveway issue was received earlier this year. The proposed changes to the Code will simplify the driveway issue.

Mr. Campagna added that some residents have tried to circumvent the Code by placing pavers adjacent to the driveway where they call it a “walkway”, but then park on the walkway.

Mr. Blinkoff will be preparing the wording for the proposed local law.

The Board discussed the issue of zoning for the commercial area of Sagamore Avenue. The proposal before the Board now is to allow a residential apartment in the rear of 470 Sagamore Avenue, with an office in the front of the building. The ratio of space is 1/3 apartment space and 2/3 office space.

Trustee Vella was in favor of preserving the office space in the front of the building. He was against having a “boarding house” type situation at the location.

Mr. Blinkoff will be preparing the wording for the local law.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2015 A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2015 AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, ARTICLE VII, CHAPTER 160-23 PERTAINING TO ZONING IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT TO INCLUDE A NEW PARAGRAPH WHICH WOULD PERMIT EXISTING BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONAL OFFICES FRONTING SAGAMORE AVENUE TO BE USED SUCH THAT THE BUILDINGS WOULD INCLUDE AN OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR FACING SAGAMORE AVENUE AND AN APARTMENT ON THE FIRST FLOOR BEHIND THE OFFICE.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting “aye”, the Board approved a resolution setting a date for a public hearing on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 8:00 pm amending the Village Code, Article VII, Chapter 160-23 pertaining to zoning in the business district to include paragraph which would permit existing businesses and professional offices fronting Sagamore Avenue to be used such that the buildings would include an office on the first floor facing Sagamore Avenue and an apartment on the first floor behind the office.

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2015 A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER LOCAL LAW NO. 3-2015 AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, ARTICLE IX, CHAPTER 160-32 PERTAINING TO DRIVEWAYS.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board approved a resolution setting a date for a public hearing on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 8:00 pm amending the Village Code, Article IX, Chapter 160-32 pertaining to driveways.

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2015 A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER LOCAL LAW NO. 4-2015 AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "ARTICLE XVI SOLLAR COLLECTION EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION".

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board approved a resolution setting a date for a public hearing on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 8:00 pm amending the Village Code to add a new Article entitled "Article XVI Solar Collection Equipment Installation".

The Board discussed the replacement of water meters, particularly in commercial properties in the Village.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that if the Board wanted commercial property owners to pay for these large water meters, they would need to approve a resolution to that end. Then, the Village would need to give notice to the property owners about the charge for the replacement.

Bonnie Kreisman advised the Board that the prices quoted from Badger Meter for the replacement of the meters at the various locations were: \$4,000 for the meter at the Wheatley Hills Golf Club, \$2,700 for the meter at the North Side School and \$600 for the meter at the Wheatley House Condominium.

Trustee Vella was in favor of having the commercial properties pay for the respective meters.

Trustee Parente stated that the Village should require each house where a demolition has taken place be required to upgrade to a one inch meter from a 5/8 inch meter in the new house and pay the difference in the cost.

Trustee Vella felt that this was a logical and reasonable charge.

Mr. Campagna added that the cost for a building permit is quite low compared to other Villages. For example, a building permit to construct a new house in Munsey Park is approximately \$40,000. The cost would include the upgrade in the meter size. This is something the Board should consider in the future.

Ms. Kresiman informed the Board that the trial period for the cellular meters with Badger Meter is about to expire. The Village may opt to lock in a lower rate for cellular. It is not just the cost of the meter, but also the “end point” which is cellular connection which allows the meter reading to be sent to the office via cellular service. The trial period included 10 meters and end points.

She further advised that four households have already saved water in the initial testing period.

The cellular connection is \$158 per household with the cost of the meter is \$276.00. As the size of the meter increases, the cost of the meter increases as well.

The determination to change the meter is made by age of the meter, if the meter leaks, etc.

The Board may want to offer a resident to purchase a meter if they want to change it before a time occurs when it needs to be changed.

The Board was in favor to move forward with the cellular meters.

Mayor Tanner stated that Michael Delury and the office staff drafted an IT recovery plan as suggested by the New York State Comptroller’s office during their audit. It will be sent to the rest of the Board for review and then the Board will need to adopt the plan by resolution.

Mr. Delury stated that the bonding for SEQRA for the proposed well will commence in early October, as the legal notice has been published in the Williston Times.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he is reviewing a breakdown received from Cashin Associates for work to be done in the Village with CHIPs monies.

Mrs. Hausner stated that the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery will be visiting the Village on October 21st to obtain final documentation relative to Hurricane Sandy.

Ms. Kreisman stated that water bills will be going out around October 6th. She noted that due to a very dry summer, many bills were higher than usual due to residents sprinkling landscaping and lawns more than usual.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.