

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees Christopher Siciliano, James Iannone, Raffaella Dunne, James Lark, Marie L. Hausner, Village Clerk, Michael Delury, Treasurer, Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff.

Also present: Anthony Gallo, James Bailey

The Village received three proposals for additional lighting at Devlin Field. The lowest bid was from M. Stein in the amount of \$6,250 for "phase 1" for placement of lights by the shed on the field. It was thought that a temporary meter be put in place to expedite installation.

If a "phase 2" is required at some point in the future for installation of lighting behind the dugouts on the field, the cost would be \$2,400.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF M. STEIN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING DATED NOVEMBER 28, 2019 TO INSTALL ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AT DEVLIN FIELD AT A COST OF \$6,250.00

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Dunne and Lark all voting "aye" the Board unanimously approved the proposal of M. Stein Electrical Contracting dated November 28, 2019 to install additional lighting at Devlin Field at a cost of \$6,250.00.

Department of Public Works Superintendent James Bailey was present at the meeting to report on the status of the LED lighting project. He advised that the material supplier had shipped the wrong aesthetic lamp head covers, although the boxes and packing slips matched what was ordered. About 4/5's of the lamps would need to have these caps replaced

The Board felt that what was installed should remain, but Mr. Bailey should call to ensure that the warranty for the lights will still be honored.

The Village received bids in the amount of \$16,600 and \$57,000 respectively. A third bid is being sought, and possibly a 4th bid.

Work will be scheduled for the spring of 2021 before tennis lessons begin.

Mayor Parente stated she was contacted by a resident whose son has brain cancer, and test results showed high levels of the chemical in the herbicide "Round Up" were detected. A copy of the 2019 Annual Water Quality Report was sent to the resident who could review water testing results. The water supply showed no evidence of the chemical. While the Village no

longer uses the chemical (and did so in very small amounts), individual residents can still purchase the product at any hardware store and use it on their properties.

It was also found that the Wheatley Hills Golf Club still uses the chemical.

Mayor Parente asked if the Village can prohibit the use of Round Up within the boundaries of the Village. Mr. Blinkoff said he will look into this issue.

Mayor Parente noted that the department of public works was still in the process of having the tree service clear and clean up stumps from trees that fell during Tropical Storm Isaias. Trees then will need to be replaced.

Mr. Bailey stated he stopped at Hicks Nursery and they do not have a supply of trees yet. He noted he tries to give residents a choice of the type of tree planted.

The Village received quotes for road work within the Village. The lowest quote received was from Stasi Brothers in the amount of \$31,564.50.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-24 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF STASI BROTHERS INC. TO PERFORM ROAD REPAIRS ON VARIOUS STREETS WITHIN THE VILLAGE AT A COST OF \$31,564.50

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Dunne and Lark all voting "aye" the Board unanimously approved the proposal of Stasi Brothers Inc. to perform repairs on various roads on various streets within the Village at a cost of \$31,564.50.

With regard to storm damage repairs to curbing and road slabs, Amport Inc. submitted the lowest quote at a cost of \$3,975 and \$3,200 respectively.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-25 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF AMPORT INC. FOR REPAIR OF STORM RELATED DAMAGE IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$3975 AND \$3200 RESPECTIVELY.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Dunne and Lark all voting "aye" the Board unanimously approved the proposal of Amport Inc. for repair of storm related damage in the amounts of \$3975 and \$3200 respectively.

Mayor Parente was in receipt of a request from resident Brianna O'Brien who endeavored to have a bake sale and hold a 5k run in the Village to benefit the Make A Wish Foundation.

Mr. Blinkoff suggested that the Village check with the Village insurer about holding such events, since it was not officially sponsored by the Village.

Trustee Iannone expressed concerns about allowing a race, given that the Village cancelled both the 5K runs on Memorial Day and after Thanksgiving.

Trustee Siciliano stated he agreed with Trustee Iannone.

The clerk was asked to check with the Village insurer about this matter.

Mayor Parente stated that resident Billy Cassidy will be a speaker at the Village's Veteran's Day ceremony about his experience as an Army Ranger. She asked that his name be placed on the flier.

Mayor Parente stated that the Village of Mineola has a Wall of Honor where by a person is selected each year to be the "person of the year" who has made contributions to the community. She wanted to have something like this in East Williston, where perhaps every two to five years, a person is selected.

Mayor Parente advised that she received an email from resident John Griffigna about the Village of Larchmont banning leaf blowers altogether. She stated she was not inclined to place a ban on all leaf blowers. She felt that the new law passed last year is still in its infancy and wanted to wait and see how this will work out.

Anthony Gallo stated that banning leaf blowers completely was not practical as some property are tremendous and need the aid of such equipment.

Mayor Parente stated that the building department phone now has the ability for people to leave messages for Jared Mandel.

For the position in public safety, the clerk was advised that Patrick Theodore's salary will be \$30.00 per hour.

Trustee Dunne asked about indemnification for the position in public safety.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the person hired will be on the payroll and will be covered by the Village's insurer. In order for the person to issue court appearance tickets, they will need to sign an oath of office.

Mayor Parente thanked Trustees Dunne and Lark for holding second interviews with candidates for the office staff hire. After the candidates have been narrowed down, the whole Board will be involved, as well as Jared Mandel, Marie Hausner and Bonnie Kreisman.

Mayor Parente stated that she has advised the Community Church that they can have a food truck placed in the Village parking lot during their annual pumpkin sale.

Mayor Parente stated that the new resident's reception will take place on Sunday, October 18th between 11am and 1pm.

Trustee Lark will contact Rev. Tillery to see if he is available to participate in the Veteran's Day ceremony.

Mayor Parente said the Board will revisit the public hearing for the zoning code changes.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that he spoke with the representative of the Young Nak Presbyterian Church located at 65 East Williston Avenue. He advised them they needed to contact the Village office to file an application for a conditional use permit. The Board hoped to hold the hearing in November.

Mayor Parente asked that the office contact A+ Technologies about the permanent replacement of the camera facing the Train Station Pavilion.

It was noted that the order for the commemorative bricks has been placed.

Village Justice Court will be resuming in November.

Mayor Parente stated that the technology upgrade to the meeting room be added to the items for FEMA reimbursement due to Covid.

Trustee Dunne stated that after exploring whether the LED lighting project could qualify for PSEG energy savings programs, unfortunately, it cannot.

Mayor Parente stated she still wanted information from Meadow Carting about their recycling program.

Mr. Delury received a call from Legislator Nicollelo's office relative to the East Williston Fire Department radio room grant. They are now looking to receive line item/number of unit costs. His office is having trouble evaluating the parts used with the invoice submitted.

Mayor Parente asked Trustee Iannone to follow up with Craig Stewart about this so the grant information can be finalized.

The Recreation Committee will hold a Halloween costume parade on October 31st between 12 and 2pm. The antique fire truck will join the parade, and the Library will have a pick up truck in the parade.

The clerk was asked to get a plaque to present to outgoing Judge Sperber and flowers for Mrs. Sperber.

If the weather permits, perhaps the administration of the oath of office can take place on the front steps of the Village Hall.

Mayor Parente stated that Operation Santa will not be held this year by the East Williston Fire Department due to Covid.

Mayor Parente asked if Trustee Iannone had any word on the Historical Committee's program on the restoration of 15 East Williston Avenue by the Reichman family. At this time, Trustee Iannone had nothing further on this event.

Mayor Parente announced that various trustees will be working as project managers for certain projects. Trustee Lark is working on technology upgrades and Trustee Dunne is working on the water meter replacement program.

Trustee Dunne will be meeting with Ms. Kreisman about the computer program and related data base with regard to the meter change program.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Department of Public Works will be coordinating the bi-annual flushing program with the road work. He noted that John Mirando has been of great help to East Williston with direction and advice on hydrant flushing.

Mayor Parente asked that when the dates for hydrant flushing are set, that she be advised so she can get the word out on Facebook, and the office will send out an email blast.

Ms. Kreisman advised that the new public works liaison will need to have their phone number placed on the emergency message on the Village office phone.

Ms. Kreisman also advised that outgoing Trustee Siciliano has loaned the Village many tools, a dolly and other equipment, which he will be taking with him. Some of these items will need to be replaced.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

