

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**AGENDA MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016**

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Deputy Mayor and Trustee 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, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff.

Trustee Vella stated that he did not have any items to discuss at this time.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Department of Public Works worked 28 hours straight overtime during the recent storm on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Trustee Vella stated that the roads looked great.

Mayor Tanner stated that he drove in the plow truck with Superintendent of Public Works James Bailey during the storm. He stated that he would like to investigate the use of a brining method in the future.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he wanted the Village to consider the purchasing of a Ford 550, four wheel drive truck to replace the old truck which is no longer in service. He also stated that the Village should also get a five year extended warranty on the new vehicle when purchased.

Mayor Tanner asked Michael Delury to put \$60,000 into the budget for a new truck.

Trustee Siciliano stated that with regard to the replacement of the street signs, two quadrants are almost completed.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he received a report from Frank Cashin for drainage work that needs to be completed in the Village. Those areas addressed are Titus Way, Latham Lane and William Street. Titus Way is on the top of the list for repair.

Trustee Vella asked if any decision has been reached regarding the sidewalk repair along the south side of East Williston Avenue.

Trustee Siciliano stated that East Williston Avenue was not part of Cashin's review, however this area was separately investigated as to what can be done to flatten out the area (of tree

roots) and pour concrete. Near 42 East Williston Avenue, the sidewalk area would curve up and then run straight. There will be no need for a retaining wall.

Mayor Tanner asked if the concrete sidewalk can be stamped for a better appearance.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he will have to get prices for the stamped concrete, as opposed to regular, poured concrete and then compare the prices.

Trustee Vella stated that stamped concrete looks very nice. There are ways to stamp the concrete with different colored dusts to make the sidewalk look like stone, rather than concrete.

Trustee Parente asked about the status of the incidence of brown water on Benegayfield Drive. It was noted that National Grid opened a fire hydrant causing the sediment in the water main to get stirred up.

Trustee Parente also stated that she has been made aware that the snow plow needs to go down the curve at Charles Street again. There is still a great deal of accumulated snow and only one lane of traffic.

Mayor Tanner passed around a rendering of proposed stanchions to be erected at the four entrances to the Village.

Jeffrey Blinkoff stated distributed a copy of the proposed letter to the East Williston School District regarding the replacement of the meter at the North Side School. The Board made verbal revisions, and Mr. Blinkoff said he will make the revisions and forward the revised letter to the Village office.

**RESOLUTION #3-2016 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM SKINNON & FABER, CPA'S DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2015 FOR HOURLY RATES FOR WORK PERTAINING TO WATER.**

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the proposal from Skinnon & Faber, CPA's for work pertaining to water as follows (hourly rates): Partner: \$225. Senior staff: \$125. Junior staff: \$65 - \$95.

The Board discussed the proposed fees for a meter replacement program.

Bonnie Kreisman received information from Badger Meter Inc. that the cost per meter, with "end point" depending on size is \$225-\$290. Said cost includes the charge of \$107 for ten years of cellular service. The "end point" must be installed to send the information via cellular transmission. The indoor installation will be installed by public works staff; outdoor installation will be performed at cost by an outside contractor.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Village should be able to recommend a company that can install the “end point” cellular system to transmit the meter reading outside of the home.

The Board felt that if a group of residents were interested in having a new meter installed on a voluntary basis they can contact the Village.

Ms. Kreisman informed the Board that all new homes constructed in the Village pay for these new cellular-read meters.

**RESOLUTION #4-2016 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTIRE COST OF NEW CELLULAR-READ WATER METER SYSTEMS BE PASSED THROUGH TO RESIDENTS.**

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting “aye”, the Board unanimously authorized the entire cost of new cellular-read water meter systems be passed through to residents. Cost includes meter, equipment, cellular end point, and installation. Cost of outside the home installation shall be passed on to the resident. Those who wish to voluntarily have the meter installed ahead of time may sign up to do so.

Ms. Kreisman met with Village assessor consultant Mark Davella regarding the upcoming tentative assessment roll. Mr. Davella has reviewed recent sales and building permits issued, as well as recertifying all exemptions.

Mr. Davella is also reviewing exemptions granted to particular residents. These exemptions are 100% on an individual exemption based on eligible funds.

Mayor Tanner asked that a letter be prepared by Mr. Blinkoff to these people to meet with them regarding the issue of their respective exemptions.

Mayor Tanner also asked Mr. Blinkoff to confirm the information regarding these exemptions with Mr. Davella.

Ms. Kreisman also advised that 20 households are in danger of losing their veterans or senior citizens exemptions, because they have not filed necessary documentation to maintain the exemption. The Board can authorize an extension of time for these residents to comply.

The Board stated that a third letter requesting said information should be sent to these residents to obtain the information.

Ms. Kresiman advised the Board that she has obtained quotes for the Library to get a computer camera feed of activity at the eastern door to the Village Hall for security purposes at night (\$722), and a closed circuit camera installation at Devlin Field (\$3,570). Devlin Field needed to have a power outlet installed before the closed circuit camera can be mobilized.

The Board stated the camera feed for the Library should proceed for safety concerns of the staff. Mayor Tanner asked that a quote be obtained for the cost of the installation of a power outlet at Devlin Field, before the authorization to proceed with the installation of a camera is approved.

Mayor Tanner asked Mr. Delury about the schedule for meetings on the 2016-2017 budget and the proposed mailing date to residents.

Mr. Delury presented the following schedule: Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:30 pm, first budget meeting and update of first draft. Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:30pm, second budget meeting. Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:30pm third budget meeting and update. Monday, March 21, 2016, budget forwarded to printer to be mailed to residents on March 25, 2016. Village budget hearing to be held on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:30pm, prior to the annual organizational meeting.

**RESOLUTION #5-2016 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DATES FOR THE FILING OF GRIEVANCES ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016 AND TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016 FROM 7:00-8:00PM.**

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Vella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Vella and Iannone all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved the following dates for the acceptance of grievances ("Grievance Night"): Monday, February 8, 2016 and Tuesday, February 16, 2016 from 7:00-8:00pm.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, the Board adjourned into executive session at 8:59pm to discuss potential litigation.

The Board reconvened at 10:10pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Mayor Trustee Vella, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19pm.