

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, October 31, 2016, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Christopher Siciliano, Bonnie L.S. Parente, James L. Iannone, Anthony J. Casella, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner, Treasurer Michael Delury, Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff.

Also present: Paul Walters, James Clark, Patrick Theodore.

Trustee Casella brought up the issue of solicitors obtaining permits from the Town of North Hempstead, with the idea that they are able to solicit within the boundaries of incorporated Villages.

Mayor Tanner asked Mr. Blinkoff to contact the Town Attorney about this issue, while the clerk will contact Councilman Zuckerman's office about the application form and the information contained therein.

Trustee Parente discussed the sidewalk issue along Sumter Avenue, as it relates to two residents who had sidewalks removed in violation of Section 121 of the Village Code. The two residents went to court and were fined for the removal of said sidewalks.

Trustee Parente stated that the fines for the violation were paid, however the violation still exists since the sidewalks (which are public property) have not been replaced.

Mayor Tanner stated that the residents should continue to be issued appearance tickets to Village Court until such time as the sidewalks are put back in place.

Mr. Blinkoff was not in court on the night of the disposition of these two violations, and wanted to obtain the elocution from court to ascertain the exact verbiage with regard to the fine for the violation.

Trustee Parente thought that perhaps the Village can legislate that the violation would remain on the property, and if the property is sold, it would be incumbent upon the new residents to replace the sidewalk if it had been removed.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the violation could remain open on the docket and filed with the Nassau County Clerk's office.

Trustee Casella stated that he spoke with the Broderick's and they were under the impression that the fine issued was a "one time deal".

Trustee Parente was still disturbed that the violation remains, and that a small fine seems to suggest that anyone can remove their sidewalk for a very small penalty.

Trustee Iannone suggested that before the Board moves forward that they review the elocution from the Justice Court.

Mayor Tanner wanted the Village to re-issue fines (court appearance tickets) until the sidewalks are replaced.

Trustee Casella proposed a motion to replace the sidewalks.

Trustee Iannone wanted to wait until the minutes of the court could be reviewed.

The motion was tabled. There was no second to the motion.

Village of East Williston Fire Commissioner Paul Walters and Assistant Chiefs Patrick Theodore and James Clark were present to discuss the status of the Fire Tracker system that the department was using to track attendance, LOSAP points, etc. It appears that the company is or has already gone out of business. The department needed to obtain information from them to be able to move on with another vendor. If the information Fire Tracker has cannot be obtained, all information will have to be entered manually (starting from scratch).

Mr. Walters stated that Fire Tracker had not been paid at all during the 2016 calendar year.

He stated that he has called the owner of Fire Tracker but has not received a return call from them. He thought that a letter should be sent to the company requesting the information required by the fire department.

Chief Fabrizio was told that the information was lost.

Mayor Tanner stated that Mr. Walters should advise Mr. Blinkoff of the dates which he had called Fire Tracker.

Mr. Walters stated that he contacted the company on June 12, 2016, July 13, 2016 and the last call was August 2, 2016. Still no information was provided by the company.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 8:11pm to discuss potential litigation.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the Board reconvened at 8:17pm. No action was taken by the Board during the executive session.

Mr. Walters explained that the fire department had interviewed three vendors who provide a similar service to that of Fire Tracker. Chief Fabrizio has this report, but had not yet given it to Mr. Walters or the other chiefs. He was unable to attend the meeting that night.

Chief Clark stated that if they cannot retrieve the data from Fire Tracker, the information will have to be replicated through data entry. The reports generated through this system are used for reporting to New York State.

Trustee Iannone asked when service ceased from Fire Tracker.

Chief Clark said that before June 2016, service was spotty at best, but service from Fire Tracker stopped in June.

Mayor Tanner wanted to ensure accuracy of fire department data.

Chief Clark said that the manual records he maintains are accurate.

Trustee Iannone asked if the fire/drill attendance records could be posted in December.

Chief Clark added that the radio room should be finished by the end of December.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he obtained quotes for sidewalk work on both the north and south side of East Williston Avenue. The lowest quote came from a company that has already performed work in the Village, JRH Landscaping at cost of \$57,000. Long Island Masonry proposed a cost of \$65,000. The costs include pavers to be placed along the sidewalks, with concrete aprons. The street lighting conduit would be run under the aprons. The pavers will be set in concrete. This permanent work will commence in the spring of 2017.

On December 6, 2016, the trees along East Williston Avenue will be removed, and temporary fill will be placed along the sidewalk area for the winter. This will make traversing the sidewalk on the south side of East Williston Avenue safer during the winter months until the permanent work takes place next year.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Village needs to redo the crosswalks and signage around the North Side School. New York State Law now requires yellow neon signs around schools and school zones, and the Village has been advised that another crosswalk must be installed, as well as a cut out on the sidewalk at the corner of Wheatley Avenue and Downing Street.

The cost for the new signs, crosswalk and cutout will cost approximately \$2,500 to \$3,000. The signs are being made by the Town of North Hempstead Highway Department Sign Division.

Trustee Siciliano stated he is still working to get information on LED light installation throughout the Village.

Mayor Tanner asked that the Village office contact the Villages of Mineola and Farmingdale about the contractors they use for installation and maintenance of street lights.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Village will be replacing two fire hydrants on Hewlett Drive. The cost to replace the two hydrants, instead of just one saves \$3,000.

Ms. Kreisman reported that the Village is in possession of the water meter for the Wheatley House condominium. The Village is awaiting the date for installation to be scheduled.

Mayor Tanner asked that the meter for the Wheatley Hills Golf Club be ordered. He also asked Mr. Blinkoff to contact the Wheatley Hills Golf Club's attorney to speak with him about repeated requests to make an appointment to replace the meter. The Club has yet to respond to the Village.

Mayor Tanner said he spoke with Caroline DeBenedittis about the recent Security Committee meeting. She said resident spoke of lighting in the Village as well as pitching the availability to video cameras.

Mayor Tanner questioned the recent FOIL request received from Stephan Leccese.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that a letter was mailed to Mr. Leccese acknowledging the receipt of the FOIL request and he will be reviewing what documentation the Village has with regard to his request. He noted that under the law, municipalities are not required to create a document that does not already exist.

Mayor Tanner asked if the Village has heard from the MTA regarding the agreement to construct the fire department monument. Mr. Blinkoff stated that he was advised the Village should hear from them before Christmas.

Mayor Tanner asked that the Village office contact Walter Rivera to see if he has spoken with A Plus Security Technology about the cameras in the park at Devlin Field. He also asked to obtain the quote for the sensor light in Devlin Park.

Mayor Tanner added that he felt the Board was doing its best to address the concerns about security throughout the Village to the extent that it could. He added that he is in touch with police department personnel more than in the past.

RESOLUTION #2016-46 AUTHORIZED TO ADVERTISE FOR THE RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR A SANITATION CONTRACT FOR THE COLLECTION OF REFUSE FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD JUNE 1, 2017 TO MAY 31, 2018, JUNE 1, 2018 TO MAY 31, 2019, AND JUNE 1, 2019 TO MAY 31, 2020 .

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting “aye”, the Board authorized to advertise for receipt of bids for a three year sanitation contract for the collection of refuse for a three year period June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018, June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019 and June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020,

The Board re-scheduled the following two Board meetings as follows: the agenda meeting previously scheduled for December 26, 2016 is now re-scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2017. The regular meeting scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017 has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Trustee Siciliano brought up the issue of the disposal of electronic waste. The Village’s carting company can no longer pick up televisions, computers and the like. These items must be taken to the Town of North Hempstead S.T.O.P events, or to the North Hempstead Solid Waste Management Authority location at 802 West Shore Road, Monday through Friday. He felt that this is a hardship for many older residents.

Trustee Siciliano thought the Village could speak with the carter to see if a once a month pick up could be arranged for these items.

Mayor Tanner and Trustee Parente asked the Village office to contact Joseph Gallante to see about the disposal of E-waste recycling.

Trustee Iannone stated that he attended the interfaith Thanksgiving ceremony on November 22nd. He noted that the event was quite moving and well received by all who attended.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.