

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

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, April 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, James L. Iannone, Anthony Casella, Village Treasurer Michael Delury, Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Marie L. Hausner, Village Clerk.

Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff was excused from the meeting.

Trustee Siciliano handed out information regarding a proposed Eagle Scout project by resident Jared Bassman to construct benches around trees on the Village Green.

He is gathering funding for the project through a "Go Fund Me" page.

The Board was in favor of the project going forward.

Mayor Tanner asked the Clerk to check with NYCOM to see if the Eagle Scout project can be funded through a "Go Fund Me" website.

RESOLUTION #2016-14 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT BENCHES AROUND TREES IN THE VILLAGE GREEN.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone, and Casella all voting "aye" the Board approved the an Eagle Scout project to construct benches around trees in the Village Green.

Mayor Tanner discussed the concern of resident Stephan Leccese about draining on Downing Street.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Department of Public Works will be arranging for drain cleaning at the end of May.

Trustee Siciliano also apprised the Board about the collapsed drain in front of 200 Harvard Street. It appeared to be an old cinder block drain that caved in due to age. He stated that James Bailey contacted the Town of North Hempstead. Their highway department will be able to perform the repair for approximately \$15,000. He felt that the Village should send a letter thanking Judi Bosworth for the Town's help in this regard.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he met with John Mirando and James Bailey prior to the flushing program that took place the week of April 18th. He mapped out a program order of valves to be turned on and shut off during the flushing of hydrants. The event went smoothly.

Lastly, Public Works will start installing new street signs in the northwest quadrant.

Trustee Casella stated when he was Mayor, the Board agreed to purchase red blazers for the Willets Road band to wear in the Memorial Day parade. He thought it might be a nice idea to do this again. The cost back then was \$60-\$70 per blazer, at a cost of \$1,500.

The rest of the Board thought Trustee Casella should investigate this idea.

Trustee Iannone was made aware by the East Williston Fire Chiefs that the company that provides the software used for tracking attendance for the LOSAP program, (Fire Tracker) is going out of business. There may be a need in the immediate future to find another company that can provide this software.

Trustee Parente stated she will be meeting with North Hempstead Commissioner of Community Services Kim Galante and Senior Group member Carla Strauss on May 4th to see what services North Hempstead can provide to the seniors.

Mayor Tanner stated that the POP cop will attending the Board meeting on May 9th.

Mayor Tanner brought up the disaster recovery plan for computers, software and data as noted by the New York State Comptroller's Office as something the Village had to put in place.

Mr. Delury noted that the Village had completed a protocol, but it was not yet voted upon by the Board.

RESOLUTION #2016-15 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN FOR COMPUTERS, SOFTWARE AND DATA AS REQUIRED BY THE NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Mayor Tanner, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone, and Casella all voting "aye" the Board approved the disaster recovery plan for computers, software and data as required by the New York State Comptroller's Office.

Mayor Tanner stated that he received word from Mayor Ehrbar that both Village attorneys from Williston Park and East Williston had been working on the revisions to the water purchase agreement. As soon as the Williston Park Board reviews the document at their May 2, 2016 meeting, it will be forwarded to East Williston.

Trustee Casella stated that he had a five step program for the proposed water agreement. He felt that the current agreement is a good one and should be signed by the Mayors and the Villages should move on from there.

Mayor Tanner stated that the agreement contained a clause dealing with emergency chlorination as mandated by the Nassau County Department of Health. This clause is extremely important and needs to be reviewed by the Department of Health before finalization of any agreement takes place.

Trustee Casella stated that the Village should: 1) Sign the agreement with Williston Park. 2) Void the bond referendum. 3) Announce that the Village will be signing the contract and pay Williston Park the \$100,000 in penalties and 5) Contact H2M Engineering Group to inform them that the well project will not be taking place.

Trustee Casella felt that the agreement is too entangled in the hands of the lawyers.

Trustee Parente stated that the agreement is not being “lawyered up”, however changes were made to the agreement that were not discussed by the Board when they met. At this point, the agreement is 99.44% completed.

Trustee Casella suggested that if there are any further discussions with regard to the verbiage in the agreement, it should only include the two mayors and the two village attorneys.

Mayor Tanner stated that it was always the Village’s intention to hold a public referendum (public vote) on the bond issue, giving the Village residents a chance to weigh in on whether to go out to bond for a well. If it is voted down, then the agreement with Williston Park would be signed.

Trustee Casella stated that a public vote (referendum) already took place when he was elected over Ellen Ritz in the Village election in March. He further stated that pursuing the construction of a well is counterproductive.

Mayor Tanner stated that the question of the construction of a well is a legacy issue. Ten or fifteen years from now, people will know why or why we do not have a water system if a referendum takes place.

Mayor Tanner reiterated that the Boards of Williston Park and East Williston met several times over many months to come to an agreement. Each time, the agreement came back containing something that was not discussed at the meetings.

Trustee Casella stated that the Village should sign the agreement and get this whole situation over with. He stated that the two mayors and two attorneys should sit down and iron out any loose ends.

Ms. Kreisman informed the Board that she spoke with representatives of Badger Meter. Due to the cost metallurgy in the construction of the water meter, the cost per meter has increased by 3%. Standard installation can be performed by the employees in public works however, if drilling of walls or other obstructions exist at a home, an outside company will need to install the meter.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the installation of meters will take place on a volunteer basis at first or those who need a meter replaced because the one currently in the home is not working (stopped meter). Right now there are approximately 30-50 residences which fit into both categories.

The Board asked that Mr. Blinkoff be reminded about the proposed local law on illegal hydrant use and increased fines for such use.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss potential litigation at 8:52 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:59 p.m. No action was taken during the executive session.

The Board stated that they wanted to continue the random security patrol by PDQ Security in the month of May.

Mr. Delury stated that the contract with the company that has been auditing the utility billings (National Grid/PSEG) is due for renewal. The first year of the contract, the fee for the service is 45% of the monies redeemed. The second year is 25%. The fee ends after the third year.

Mayor Tanner wanted to see additional information as to the actual savings involved before renewing the contract.

Mr. Delury updated the Board on the LOSAP trusteeship. The agreement provides for three trustees for which the Board of Trustees would appoint. Names bandied about for appointment were James Daw and Robert Vella.

Trustee Casella felt that resident Stephan Leccese might be a good choice. He further stated that perhaps the Board could come up with six to eight people for consideration for the trusteeship.

Mr. Delury stated that once the Board settles on trustees for the LOSAP program, then the Pinnacle program can be picked up and Hometown Inc. would administer the investments and diversification of the investments.

RESOLUTION #2016-16 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2015-2016 BUDGET.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone, and Casella all voting "aye" the Board authorized budget adjustments to the 2015-2016 budget line items noting total revenues accounts were increased by \$45,973 and total expense accounts were increased by \$3,500. A copy of said adjustments are annexed to these minutes.

Mr. Delury stated that the Consolidated Highway Improvement Fund (CHIP's) amount for the Village has been increased by approximately \$12,000 for the coming year (NYSDOT is referring to this as "extreme winter recovery").

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

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BUDGET ADJUSTMENT - RESOLUTION # 16-2016

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Change in</u> <u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>2015-2016</u> <u>ORIGINAL</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2015-2016</u> <u>ADJUSTED</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Revenue</u> <u>Change</u>
<u>REVENUE ACCOUNTS:</u>					
4489	NYS AID	\$ 5,973	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,973	
2550	Bldg Permits	\$ 30,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 120,000	
2001	RECREATION	\$ 10,000	\$ 39,000	\$ 49,000	
\$ 45,973.					
<u>EXPENSE ACCOUNTS:</u>					
1325-0410	Bond Expense	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,500	
7280-0400	Recreation - Tennis	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	
9010-0800	NY Retirement	\$ (9,000)	\$ 69,335	\$ 60,335	
1910-0400	Insurance	\$ (5,000)	\$ 38,300	\$ 33,300	
9040-0800	Workers Comp.	\$ 5,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 35,000	
1110-0100	Court - Personnel	\$ 10,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 11,400	
1110-0400	Court- Contractual	\$ (10,200)	\$ 22,500	\$ 12,300	
3410-0453	FD - Radios	\$ 1,880	\$ 5,924	\$ 7,804	
3410-0454	FD - Turnout Gear	\$ (1,880)	\$ 8,128	\$ 6,248	
		\$ 3,500	\$ 196,387	\$ 199,887	
<i>NET CHANGE IN APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE:</i>					
		\$ (42,473.00)	\$ 75,719.00	\$ 33,246.00	

Note: Changes in Budget adjustments above lower the appropriated Fund Balance \$42,473.