

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2017

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, June 26, 2017 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, James L. Iannone, Anthony J. Casella, Treasurer Michael Delury, Bonnie Kreisman, Village Clerk Marie Hausner, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff.

Excused from meeting: Trustee Bonnie L.S. Parente.

Also present: Former Mayor Nancy Zolezzi.

Former Mayor Nancy Zolezzi appeared before the Board asking for consideration of naming the Village Hall in honor of late Building Inspector Robert L. Campagna. She stated that the building was his vision and his creation. She further stated that he always had East Williston's best interests at heart and always sought to protect the Village.

Mayor Tanner stated that Mr. Campagna's name was already on the building on the dedication plaque. He said he liked the idea Trustee Siciliano had suggested.

Trustee Siciliano stated that his suggestion was to plant a tree in honor of Mr. Campagna, but stated he liked Mrs. Zolezzi's suggestion better.

Trustee Casella stated that perhaps the train station plaza can be named after Mr. Campagna.

Trustee Iannone felt it would be very nice and appropriate (to name something after Mr. Campagna) for everything he did for the Village.

The Board said they will consider all suggestions on this matter.

Mrs. Zolezzi asked about the subject of the proposed fence around North Side School.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village has no say in this matter, and to take a stand is "food for failure". Residents who wish to express their concerns/questions/opinions should attend a school board meeting and address the Board.

Trustee Iannone stated that the Village should make mention of anything we know about the subject.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the school board should communicate with the Village about the proposed fence project.

Mayor Tanner stated that he has reached out to Elise Campagna about the possibility of taking over her late father's position as building inspector.

He said it was his intent to provide an opportunity for a young person, such as local architect Jared Mandel to be in the building inspector's position, if Ms. Campagna is not interested in the post.

The Board discussed the proposed security surveillance system at Devlin Field.

Trustee Casella stated that he went over to the Village of Sea Cliff to view their system. After speaking with staff, they informed him they were not thrilled with the system, and were not happy about having to pay the yearly fee for IP addresses to operate the cameras and transmit images.

Mayor Tanner stated that he too, had found out that Sea Cliff was not happy with the surveillance system, adding that the system goes down often.

The Mayor stated the Village budgeted \$40,000 for a system however, with the loss of sales tax revenue from Nassau County (amount approximately \$19,000) this year (advised by the County after the Village budget was passed) the amount for the pilot program will need to be adjusted.

As stated in the beginning, by placing the cameras in the park as a pilot program, the Village could assess results of the effectiveness of the system.

Trustee Casella stated he agreed with the piecemeal approach to the installation of the cameras.

Mayor Tanner said he will meet with Walter Rivera and the consultant to discuss the matter and possible implementation and costs.

Trustee Iannone was posed a question by a neighbor of his about reassessment of the property after a fence was installed.

Mayor Tanner said he spoke with assessor/consultant Mark Davella about this issue. Mr. Davella advised that sometimes when going through building permits, they find other improvements that were not previously considered in the assessment.

Trustee Casella thought that fences and sheds would be excluded from the reassessment process.

Ms. Kreisman stated that before exclusions were agreed to improvements such as fences were considered.

Mayor Tanner asked that Jeffrey Blinkoff and Mark Davella speak on this subject

Trustee Iannone also brought up the subject of the traffic signal at Roslyn Road and East Williston Avenue.

Mayor Tanner stated that Nassau County had plans to reconfigure Roslyn Road to the north of Roslyn, and were considering bring the reconfiguration south to the intersection, but eventually backed out of any plans for changes.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he met with the contractor for the sidewalk installation on East Williston Avenue. The Village is obtaining another quote for this work. As discussed previously, it would be best for the contractor hired by the Village to obtain the permits to perform the work from Nassau County.

Mayor Tanner asked that a violation be issued to the landscaper who performs work at the Community Church, as they have commenced work before the Village Code required hours.

Mayor Tanner asked Mr. Delury to summarize 2016-2017 budget projections for the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Delury stated the 2016-2017 adopted budget appropriated \$133,719 from the available fund balance. It is projected that only \$61,000 will be used from that amount.

He added that street opening permits were down by \$15,000, sales tax revenue from Nassau County was down approximately \$11,800 and court fines were down by \$10,000.

Mayor Tanner stated he will discuss the budget in more detail with Mr. Delury.

Mayor Tanner stated that he wanted to have at least \$15,000 for the purchase of security cameras at Devlin Field.

Mr. Delury stated that the current year's budget was based on certain assumptions from last year's budget.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that there was a big drop in vehicle and traffic violations, in that the police are not writing the amount of tickets as they used to.

Mayor Tanner stated that he met with Mayor Ehrbar about the proposal for repair or replacement of Williston Park's elevated water storage tank. They are opting for replacement of the tank which has a much longer life span, than repair. The approximate amount for replacement is five million dollars. Williston Park was hoping to obtain a partial grant for the work in the amount of one to two million dollars.

When the project is nearing commencement, they will have their engineer meet with us. The project will entail the new tank being constructed next to the existing tank, and the old tank will be taken out of service once completed.

Mayor Tanner stated that he still wanted to have old building permits closed out.

Mayor Tanner also wanted to ensure that landscapers are issued violations when found to not have a license or working before Code regulated hours.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the Wheatley Hills Gold Club has filed a FOIL request for building department records. He spoke to their attorney, John Armentano, from the firm of Farrell Fritz about the request for records. It is the belief of the club that their property and buildings are legal, when actually, they are non-conforming.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the WHGC is still a conditional use and any changes must be brought before the Board of Trustees. They have performed and finished work on the building without a permit. Plans were submitted after the fact to Robert Campagna, but the work was not yet approved, and the permit fee has not yet been paid.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 8:41pm to discuss potential litigation.

The Board re-convened at 8:48pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Mr. Blinkoff apprised the Board about the shared services agreement with the County. While East Williston passed resolution expanding its shared services agreement with the Town of North Hempstead to include fuel purchase by the East Williston Fire Department, he noted that many Villages are opting out or ignoring the shared services altogether.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Parente, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.