

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

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, July 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, Trustees Christopher Siciliano, 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.

Excused from meeting: Deputy Mayor/Trustee Bonnie L.S. Parente.

Also present: Caroline DeBenedittis, Rita Botensten.

Mayor Tanner stated that he invited members of the Security Committee to the meeting this evening. They are Caroline DeBenedittis, Rita Botensten and Walter Rivera. Mr. Rivera was detained at work and cannot attend. He asked the clerk to email Mr. Rivera the list of security issues to be explored.

Trustee Casella stated that the new water meter will be installed at the North Side School on July 29th and a date is being determined for installation at the Wheatley House.

Mayor Tanner stated that the East Williston Fire Department did a wonderful job on the barbecue held on July 16th.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Department of Public Works is continuing to replace the street signs in the Village.

He has continued to work with the New Hyde Park Fire District to complete a change out and upgrade of electrical equipment on the siren pole on Hewlett Drive and then the pole will be painted. He stated that Mr. Titterton (who works for the New Hyde Park Fire District) will be paid by the Village for future work, and the Fire District will supply the bucket truck at no cost. The Village will need to additionally insure the truck for its use on East Williston time.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the membership of the East Williston Fire Department has approved the LOSAP companies of Pinnacle and Hometown and the agreements are ready to be signed.

Mr. Blinkoff also said the MTA/LIRR agreement is ready to be signed as the Railroad Protective Liability Insurance has been bound.

Mayor Tanner stated he is still working with Nassau County on the following items: 1) traffic calming within the Village, 2) coordination of the placement of Village entrance signs, and 3) sidewalks, trees along East Williston Avenue on the south side from across from the Community Church of East Williston, west to Post Lane.

Mayor Tanner stated that he would like to have a police presence at the entrances to the Village. He stated that he sees this in Villages that have their own police departments and feels it does much to deter crime and give a strong presence to the community.

Mr. Blinkoff addressed the issues regarding 20 High Street. To apprise the Trustees, 20 High Street experienced a boiler fire in the basement. PSEG and National Grid shut off the electric and gas to the premises pending remediation of electrical issues in the house.

The homeowner, Ms. Gardiner-Huse is not presently living in the house.

Mayor Tanner asked if the Village had an obligation to “pull” the certificate of occupancy. He also wanted to know what responsibilities the Village has with regard to the house.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the Village cannot “pull” the certificate of occupancy, since the “C.O.” is what is issued at the time the construction of a home is completed and that it meets all requirements at that time.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that he spoke with Building Inspector Robert Campagna. Mr. Campagna said the house is structurally sound. He added that Ms. Gardiner-Huse goes to the house to feed and take care of her cat, but is not living in the house. Since it is the summer time, there is no danger in someone being at the house, since there is no electric or gas service to the premises.

It was felt that Mr. Campagna should send a letter to Ms. Gardiner-Huse informing her that the residence is not deemed acceptable for occupancy until the electric and gas service is certified as safe and is restored by the appropriate utility company.

Trustee Casella stated that the signage for posting of work hours for contractors working in the Village should also be given to landscapers who perform work here.

The clerk said the wording is included in the landscaper permit application. Applicants are made aware of the hours and days in which to work.

The Board briefly discussed the verbiage for the proposed local law dealing with fire hydrant use. It was the consensus of the Board that the fines be increased due to the disruption residents experience when someone opens a hydrant and discolored water results. Mr. Blinkoff will revise the fines.

Mayor Tanner stated the Board will set a date for the public hearing at the August 8th Board meeting. The hearing will be held in September.

Caroline DeBenedittis and Rita Botensten were present to discuss proposed security measures within the Village due to the recent increase in burglaries within the past few months.

Mayor Tanner present a list of suggestions residents brought up at the meeting held in June. The suggestions were:

- Formation of security committee (those present tonight)
- Installation of security cameras throughout the Village (question of monitoring)
- License plate readers
- Increased use of email blasts (by the Village) when an event occurs advising residents
- Neighborhood watch
- Check with Roslyn Country Club area to find out what their security efforts
- Possible request of weekly reports from private security firm hired by the Village

Mayor Tanner felt that the committee could discuss increased communication with residents/police, etc.

Mrs. Botensten felt that the use of “block captains”, (created just after Hurricane Sandy) may be a good way to increase communication between neighbors regarding security issues. A more personal approach such as this may be aid in security efforts.

Mayor Tanner stated that Mrs. DeBenedittis will convene the committee to discuss proposed measures and report back to the Board of Trustees.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 8:17p.m. to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

The Board re-convened at 8:25p.m. No action was taken during the executive session.

RESOLUTION #2016-31 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PERMIT FOR A BLOCK PARTY ON BENGUEYFIELD DRIVE FROM GRIFFIN LANE TO CONCORD STREET ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 WITH A RAIN DATE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 .

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting “aye”, and Trustee Parente not present, the Board approved the application for a permit for a block party on Bengueyfield Drive on September 10, 2016 with a rain date of September 11, 2016.

Mayor Tanner asked that a letter be prepared to North Hempstead Supervisor Judi Bosworth thanking her for the Town’s help in the repair of the storm drain on Harvard Street.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.