

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

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

Also present: Jared Mandel, Thomas McCauley.

RESOLUTION #2018- 41 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF SABRINA SCARANTINO TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY ON BENGUEYFIELD DRIVE FROM GRIFFIN LANE TO CONCORD STREET ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 WITH A RAIN DATE OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella and with Mayor Tanner, with Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Casella all voting "Aye", the Board approved the application of Sabrina Scarantino to hold a block party on Bengueyfield Drive from Griffin Lane to Concord Street on September 29, 2018.

Trustee Siciliano stated that work will soon be completed on the aprons on East Williston Avenue. The concrete supports will be removed tomorrow and any remaining holes will be filled in. He recommended that payment for said work be released to the contractor, JRH Landscaping.

Mayor Tanner discussed the proposals submitted by Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC and VHB Engineers for conditional use criteria, SEQRA and environmental and planning services.

Mr. Blinkoff spoke with John Lekstutis with regard to the proposals. They need to speak with the firms to firm up information about traffic studies, and actual work on various types of organizations.

The Board felt that the firms be asked to supply exactly what type of work has been done in other similar communities that relates to work they may perform in East Williston.

Trustee Casella wanted to know if there were any other engineering firms that may be solicited for a proposal.

Mr. Blinkoff said that Mr. Lekstutuis asked for the Board to give him five days to see if he can get the name of another firm who may be able to supply a proposal for consideration.

Trustee Iannone felt that Nelson, Pope and Voorhis seemed to present a solid proposal.

Mayor Tanner stated that the firm chosen would need to lead and direct the Village through the moratorium, and advise of what other types of projects may occur as a result of the study. He also wanted to obtain cost estimates on projected traffic studies.

Building Inspector Jared Mandel was present at the meeting to discuss plans received for 39 Atlanta Avenue. Currently, the house is a one story structure, but the plans call for expansion to a two story structure.

It was noted that the overall volume of the structure on the property has increased.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that pursuant to Section 160-58(c) that it is the call of the building department 's call to approve plans, as long as they comply with said code.

Mr. Mandel wanted to ensure what was considered appropriate/inappropriate in the eyes of the Village Code.

Mayor Tanner stated if Mr. Mandel was thinking about rejecting the application, if the plan complies with the Code, but is out of scale, he should meet with the architect to see what may be done.

Trustee Casella stated that the properties in the southwest quadrant are smaller than properties in other parts of the Village.

Trustee Parente stated that the proposed house at 39 Atlanta Avenue seems very big (for the property). She agreed with what the Mayor said, but felt Mr. Mandel should do what he felt was right.

Mayor Tanner stated the Board may need to review the Code at some point in the future to see what changes may be needed.

Mr. Mandel wanted to re-work the context, as other villages have substantive guidelines for aesthetic appeal.

Trustee Iannone stated that the monitoring costs for cameras in Devlin Park have increased. This should be discussed with the East Williston Little League.

Thomas McCauley from the East Williston Little League was present to discuss plans for covering of the dugouts at Devlin Field.

Mayor Tanner first stated that there is a need for a security camera system at Devlin Field. Costs for the system are more than originally anticipated. Several members of the Board had expected the Little League to contribute toward a portion of the camera installation, as the Village may or may not be able to sustain the operation of the cameras.

Along the way in this process, choosing vendors became a problem, and technology issues came into play as well. The Mayor said he did appreciate the Little League's monthly monetary contribution toward fees.

Mayor Tanner also stated that non-village residents were also participants/members of the East Williston Little League, but as non-residents they were not contributing toward field maintenance through taxes. He added that as mayor, he has tried to accommodate the requests of the Little League over the years, such as allowing sponsorship signs in the park.

Mayor Tanner added that Devlin Field is still a Village park, where residents can go onto the field for a "pick up game".

Mr. McCauley stated that 202 participants just signed up for the fall Little League season. He wanted the youths to be safe and given them a good experience. He found it scary to find beer cans and other questionable refuse strewn on the field.

Trustee Iannone stated that Mr. McCauley came to him with the proposal of placing a dugout cover on the structures in the park. The cover provides protection from the sun and heat, and protects the youths from pop up balls.

Mr. McCauley said presently, there are tarps that cover the dugouts, but the tarps rip, and some have had holes burned in them by vandals. The cost for the installation of permanent will cost \$8,000 for both dugouts. This cost will be paid by the Little League.

Mayor Tanner stated that in the past, any improvements to Devlin Field by the Little League were first passed by Building Inspector Robert Campagna. He asked that the Little League also present this to Jared Mandel for review.

RESOLUTION #2018- 42 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF COVERS TO THE DUGOUTS AT DEVLIN FIELD AT A COST OF \$8,000.00 SAID COSTS TO BE PAID BY THE EAST WILLISTON LITTLE LEAGUE, WITH REVIEW BY THE VILLAGE BUILDING INSPECTOR.

On the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Parente and with Mayor Tanner, with Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Casella all voting “Aye”, the Board approved the installation of covers on the dugouts at Devlin Field at a cost of \$8,000.00, said costs to be paid by the East Williston Little League with review by the Village Building Inspector.

RESOLUTION #2018- 43 A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 AT 8:00 PM WITH REGARD TO THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 20 HIGH STREET WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED BY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR AS BEING AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE IN ACCORD WITH CHAPTER 22 OF THE VILLAGE CODE.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Siciliano and with Mayor Tanner, with Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Casella all voting “Aye”, the Board set a date for a public hearing on September 13, 2018 at 8:00 pm with regard to the structure located at 20 High Street which has been reported by the Building Inspector as being an unsafe structure in accord with Chapter 22 of the Village Code.

The Board also re-scheduled the regular Board meeting for October to Tuesday, October 9th due to the Columbus Day holiday falling on the second Monday.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village will hold the 9/11 ceremony on September 11th at 7pm (dusk) on the Village Green.

Mayor Tanner stated he is awaiting word from Nassau County as to whether they will install curbing along East Williston Avenue where new sidewalks and light had been installed.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Department of Public Works obtained two proposals for work to repair the collapsed storm drain on Wheatley Avenue. Long Island Mason & Concrete submitted a price of \$3,800 and Orchid Sewer and Water submitted a price of \$7,800.

RESOLUTION #2018- 44 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF LONG ISLAND MASON & CONCETE CORP. FOR REPLACEMENT THE STORM DRAIN ON WHEATLEY AVENUE AT A COST OF \$3,800.00.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Casella and with Mayor Tanner, with Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Casella all voting “Aye”, the Board approved the proposal of Long Island Mason & Concrete Corp. for replacement of the storm drain on Wheatley Avenue at a cost of \$3,800.00.

Michael Delury stated that the Village has CHIPs monies available for sidewalk slab replacement where Village trees are lifting the slabs.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he wanted to try to get one quadrant done per year rather than leap frogging across the village. This is similar to the replacement of the street signs that took place a few years back.

RESOLUTION #2018- 45 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF LONG ISLAND MASON & CONCETE CORP. FOR REPLACEMENT OF 81 SIDEWALK SLABS AT A COST OF \$8,910.00.

On the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Parente and with Mayor Tanner, with Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Casella all voting “Aye”, the Board approved the proposal of Long Island Mason & Concrete Corp. for replacement of 81 sidewalk slabs at a cost of \$8,910.00.

Trustee Siciliano relayed an issue that came up today while public works employees were reading water meters. A 16 year old babysitter let one of the Village employees in to read the meter. The homeowner called the Village about this, but there seemed to have been a miscommunication between the babysitter and the employee, as the sitter was told that the homeowner can make an appointment, rather than have the meter read at the time.

Trustee Siciliano reminded employees to leave the “green meter reading appointment card”, in lieu of entering the house.

Trustee Casella felt this was a good example of why all residents should have electronic-read meters.

Trustee Iannone spoke with Chief Patrick Theodore about the possible purchase of a new emergency vehicle for the fire department. He said there is a \$50,000 grant available, and the vehicles cost \$90,000 to \$130,000. He felt that the department did not need “bells and whistles” on the vehicle, but could stick with minimum requirements for the needs of the department.

Mayor Tanner asked that the chiefs and commissioners to prepare a report to the Board on the proposed purchase of an emergency vehicle, outlining needs and costs.

Trustee Parente questioned the progress on the radio room in the firehouse. She said this had taken more than four years to complete.

Trustee Siciliano stated that wiring needs to be run to facilitate the radio equipment, before walls can be put in place.

The Board discussed the ponding problem on Atlanta Avenue, after rain falls. As advised many years ago by the Village engineer, there is not much that can be done without the removal of many of the large street trees along road.

One of the problems with 1 Atlanta Avenue (as witnessed from photos supplied by the resident) is that the apron needs to be raised. The Board had passed a resolution in September of 2012 (Resolution #36-2012) waiving the building permit fee for the installation of the apron). The resident has not come back to apply for said building permit.

Mr. Blinkoff advised that he will be going back to court on the Muzio matter (8 Sumter Avenue) on September 13, 2018. This issue deals with back taxes, water billings and fees charged to the Muzio's for various violations on the home, prior to the sale of the home.

Ms. Kreisman advised that Kerry Collins advised the Village that due to anonymous calls received about activity at 20 High Street (posted as an unsafe building (no entry permitted) – lights have been found on in the basement; extension cord running to the house), he suggested that the house be padlocked on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 so no one can gain further entry to the premises.

RESOLUTION #2018- 46 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PADLOCKING OF THE PREMISES AT 20 HIGH STREET, EAST WILLISTON, POSTED AS AN UNSAFE BUILDING.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Mayor Tanner and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Casella all voting “Aye”, the Board authorized the padlocking of the premises at 20 High Street, East Williston, posted as an unsafe building.

Ms. Kreisman had been advised that the son of the owner at 20 High Street had called the office and said that they may have a person who would purchase the house for cash, and buy it with the current violations.

In contemplation of any problems from the padlocking of the house, and since the Village Clerk will be alone in the office on August 30th, she was advised to lock the door of the Village office, adding a note for people to knock to gain entry. Should someone come to the door causing any problems about said locking of the house, the Clerk should call the police, and then advise the Board.

Mr. Delury added that the commotion at the Village office, caused by someone who had power of attorney for the owners a few months back, was an isolated incident, but the precaution in place while the Clerk is alone is a proactive way to prevent another incident.

Mayor Tanner stated that some residents have approached him regarding some type of security or a security force in place to protect the public and workers. He would like to revisit this subject at a future agenda meeting.

RESOLUTION #2018- 47 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS FOR A GRANT FROM THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD FOR FUNDING FOR THE EAST WILLISTON SENIOR GROUP.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner, and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Casella all voting “Aye”, the Board authorized the Mayor to execute documents for a grant from the Town of North Hempstead for funding for the East Williston Senior Group.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36pm.