

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, June 25, 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, Treasurer Michael Delury, Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff.

Also present: John Lekstutis, Kerry Collins.

Excused from meeting: Anthony Casella and Marie L. Hausner.

Mayor Tanner asked Kerry Collins about the Wheatley Hills Golf Club retaining wall project for which they have filed a permit. Due to the moratorium on work on properties with a conditional use, special permission must be granted by the Board when work must be done.

Mr. Collins advised that work on the retaining wall is a safety issue. The members of the Board agreed.

Mr. Blinkoff reminded the Board that pursuant to the moratorium, a legal notice and public hearing are needed in order to grant relief from the moratorium.

The office staff was directed to advise the Wheatley Hills Gold Club about the steps necessary to undertake the public hearing and not to impede their schedule for the replacement.

Mr. Collins then summarized the history of the situation with the house at 20 High Street. In January 2018, a pipe burst, causing extensive water damage to the home. The home was posted with an unsafe building notice whereby no one may enter the premises without permission from the Building Department. The resident has been in California since that time and has granted power of attorney for a neighbor, Pat Buonocore. It was noted that a hygienist had visited the site and gave a report about the dwelling in March 2018.

He advised that mold has permeated all wood and porous structures within the home.. There is no guarantee mold has not permeated the foundation. The structure cannot be salvaged and the house must be demolished.

Discussion revolved around whether a regular demolition or specialized demolition is needed, mainly due to airborne contamination concerns. It was felt that a special demolition would be required.

Trustee Iannone recused himself from any voting on the matter, as he previously represented the Buonocores on another matter.

If the Board approves, a letter would be sent to the property owner of 20 High Street and their agent advising of direction needed with a time frame and requirement of response with regard to the condition of the house. After 20 days, if the Village does not hear from the owner about demolition of the house, the Board would hold a public hearing to determine if and when the demolition will be ordered.

Mike Delury is to work with Kerry Collins on fee schedules for amnesty on old open building permits and to bring East Williston's fees in line with Williston Park. At this time, Mr. Collins left the meeting.

Representatives from the firms Nelson Pope & Voorhis, LLC (Bonnie Franson and Carrie O'Farrell) and VHB (John Ellsworth) were present at the meeting to discuss proposed evaluations under the moratorium on properties granted conditional uses.

At the conclusion of the presentations about the work the firms perform, Mr. Blinkoff was directed to request proposals from both consulting firms.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Parente, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 10:10pm to discuss potential litigation.

The Board re-convened at 10:21pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

RESOLUTION #2018- 29 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER BE FORWARDED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER AND AGENT OF 20 HIGH STREET ADVISING OF DIRECTION NEEDED WITH REGARD TO THE STRUCTURE WITH A RESPONSE BACK TO THE VILLAGE OF 20 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LETTER.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, and Siciliano, all voting "aye", and Trustee Iannone recusing himself, the Board authorized a letter to be forwarded to the property owner and agent of 20 High Street advising of direction needed with regard to the structure with a response back to the Village of 20 days from the date of the letter.

RESOLUTION #2018- 30 A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND FEES REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED IN CONJUNCTIONS WITH VARIOUS APPLICATIONS TO RE-NOTICE SAID HEARING WITHOUT A DATE.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone and seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Iannone all voting “aye”, the Board resolved to continue the public hearing to amend fees required to be submitted in conjunction with various applications to re-notice said hearing without a date.

Trustee Parente asked about the status of repair of the street light at 396 Andrews Road. The office will check on the status and get back to her.

Trustee Parente also brought up another email she received from a resident requesting that professional landscape be prohibited from working on Saturdays. She had brought up this issue last year. The office staff will provide a review of minutes where this discussion was held previously.

Both Trustees Siciliano and Iannone were against this prohibition. Trustee Parente was still undecided on the subject.

Trustee Iannone relayed information about a late evening run he had taken and found a crowd of youths congregating at Devlin Field around 9pm. Board members agreed that the only recourse was to call 911 and have the police handle the matter.

Mayor Tanner asked about the status of the LED street lights.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that his contacts with Real Term Energy agreed to two planning sessions. Additional planning sessions will result in an extra charge to the Village. The Board was incredulous that the company would now allow for additional planning sessions at no extra fees.

Mr. Blinkoff was asked to follow up with Paul Vessel of Real Term Energy with regard to this issue.

RESOLUTION #2018- 31 A RESOLUTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ADDING A NEW POSITION TO THE VILLAGE CODE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner and seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano and Iannone all voting “aye”, the Board resolved to hold a public hearing on a proposed local law adding a new position to the Village Code “Superintendent of Building Department”

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On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.