

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, January 14, 2019 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, Trustee Bonnie L.S. Parente, Trustees Christopher A. Siciliano, James Iannone, Anthony Casella, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Robert Vella, James J. Daw, Jr., Patrick Theodore, Neil Duffy, Carla Strauss, Walter Rivera, Marcia Weiser, Michelle Tanner, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Chappo, Raffaella Dunne, Maeve Kilgo, Ken Dean, Paul Calame.

The meeting commenced with a public hearing to consider a resolution amending the current schedule of water rates. A verbatim transcript of said hearing is on file in the office of the Village Clerk.

RESOLUTION #2019-02 A RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE WATER RATES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON.

On the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella voting "aye", the Board authorized the modification of water rates to \$6.79 per 1000 gallons up to 99,999 gallons, \$7.04 per 1000 gallons over 100,000 gallons which will commence with the October 2019 water billing. A .58 (fifty-eight cent) surcharge will be added to the April 1, 2019 water billing which represents the period from October 2018 to March 2019.

RESOLUTION #2019-03 A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WATER ACCESS CHARGE TO \$100.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella voting "aye", the Board authorized to increase the minimum water access charge to \$100.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2018.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of January 2, 2019.
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On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella voting "aye", the Board approved the abstracts for December 2018 Nos. 2018294 - 20180346.

Chief Patrick Theodore reported that the East Williston Fire Department responded to a total of 18 calls during the month of December 2018. There were six general alarms, 11 EMS, one mutual aid to a neighbor fire department, and one working fire on Sagamore Avenue. The working fire was electrical in nature and no suspicious. Six neighboring fire departments responded to the fire on Sagamore Avenue. Due to the rapid response, damage to the overall structure was kept to a minimum.

Trustee Parente who also went to the scene praised the firefighters, as their professional conduct looked like they fight fires on a daily basis.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente stated that the East Williston Senior Group will enjoy a celebration of sweet love and good health for Valentines month. East Williston yoga instructor Joe Cilmi will demonstrate chair yoga exercises.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Department of Public Works has stocked road salt and plows have been installed on the trucks.

He reminded residents to remove all vehicles from the streets when two inches or more of snow has fallen. It is also the responsibility of residents to keep hydrants clear of snow if one is located in front of your home.

Lastly, residents should remember not to blow snow into streets, and to direct snow blowers back onto lawns when clearing driveways and sidewalks.

Trustee Siciliano presented the Library report of current, ongoing and upcoming programs and events:

The movie, The Wife will be shown on Wednesday, January 23rd at 1pm. A program, Understanding Alzheimers and Dementia will take place on Thursday, January 24th at 7:30pm. On-site passport processing to renew an existing passport will take place on Thursday, January 24th from 5-8pm. Adult paint night will take place on Thursday, January 31st at 7pm. The program, How to start a successful business, presented by SCORE will take place on Tuesday, January 29th at 7pm. Adam the Science Guy will present some crazy mad science fun on Tuesday, February 5th from 1-2pm.

The Library is looking for residents who possess a skill, craft, or knowledge that they would like to share with other residents. Contact the Library .

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

Trustee Iannone stated that the East Williston Fire Department is about to purchase a new rescue vehicle to replace the 33 year old vehicle which is approaching the end of its useful life. He noted that more than half of the calls the department responds to are emergency service calls.

Trustee Iannone reminded residents to ensure their smoke and CO2 detectors are in good working order.

Trustee Parente stated that the recently deadly fire in New Hyde Park found that the home did not have any working smoke detectors. Had they been installed and in working order, this tragedy could have been prevented.

Chief Pat Theodore stated that when a fire starts, always get out of the house. Do not try to put out a fire yourself

Trustee Iannone also reminded residents that the fire department is always looking for new members. He urged people to stop by the firehouse on Thursday nights and speak with the chiefs about joining.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY CASELLA

Trustee Casella presented the Justice Court report for December 2018. There were 10 parking violations, no moving violations and one Village ordinance violation totaling \$1,040.00 in total fines collected, with \$236.00 in New York State surcharges.

The Recreation Committee report advises that yoga classes continue on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11am and gentle yoga classes take place on Wednesdays from 5:45 – 7:15pm. Come Play with Me program takes place on Wednesdays at 10:30am. Fliers for all events are available in the lobby of the Village Hall.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner informed those present that he will be retiring after 21 years of service to the Village as Trustee, and then as Mayor, and will not seek reelection. He stated it was an honor to serve the community

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER
RESOLUTION #2019-04 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACE
AND HOURS FOR THE VILLAGE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH
19, 2019 FROM 12 NOON TO 9PM AT THE EAST WILLISTON VILLAGE HALL, 2
PROSPECT STREET, EAST WILLISTON.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella voting "aye", the Board designated the polling place and hours for the Village election to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 12 noon to 9pm at the East Williston Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston.

The following building permits were issued in December 2018: 131 Charles Street, construction of an addition and renovations to the home. 191 Benneyfield Drive, replacement of a driveway. 87 Robbins Drive, construction of an addition to the home and installation of central air conditioning units.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report for November 2018 showed a total of four auto accidents, , three aided cases other than auto, no reports of burglary, no auto larcenies, one larceny (other than auto), no reports of criminal mischief, and no moving or parking violations issued.

The Village office will be closed on Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Philip Chappo questioned the status of the meeting between representatives of the East Williston School District and East Williston Village on the proposed fence at the North Side School.

Mayor Tanner stated that Jeffrey Blinkoff, Jared Mandel, Paul Walters and James Clark met with representatives from the School District last Thursday. The meeting was very preliminary in nature.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that Building Inspector Jared Mandel and Fire Department representatives expressed concerns about ingress and egress to the property. They asked that the School District take out where the entrances to the property will be located. The concerns expressed were not placed on a design level yet.

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Mr. Blinkoff shared the Village Code provisions regarding fencing with the District. He also advised of the concern of the Village as to the height of the proposed fence, as North Side is surrounded by residential properties.

Late today, the Village was advised by the District that they will not be going forward with the masonry wall, but the Village needed clarification and needed revised plans with regard to this change.

Mayor Tanner stated that the plans submitted by the District need a great deal of work on the part of the engineers for the District.

James Daw asked if the Village Code "trumps" the District's plan to construct a fence. He was concerned that the Village Board has not taken a position on this issue.

Trustee Parente felt the School District should comply with the four foot maximum fence height, but is not sure how strong the Village's legal position in this in this regard.

Mayor Tanner was concerned that if a fire should break out in the school, that the fire could not be tackled in a swift and efficient manner.

Mr. Daw thought the School District was more concerned about active shooters.

Mayor Tanner said the Village was expecting the School District to be like any other resident.

Trustee Iannone stated that the School District is still evaluating everything.

Mr. Chappo stated that there was a case in Rochester, New York where the courts decided that the school district had to comply with city ordinances.

Trustee Parente stated that the Village has communicated that case to the East Williston School District.

Mayor Tanner said the School District has not polled the community about it's plans for the site.

Mr. Calame asked if the School District is exempt from the Village regulations.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the School District is bound by the regulations of the New York State Education Department, and not bound by Village regulations. He added that the Village has provided the School District with what the Village wants to see in

improvement such as a fence, explaining the Village Code. The plans for this project have not been finalized , nor sent to the State Education Department for approval.

Mr. Calame asked for an update on the engineering study for the moratorium on conditional use properties.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the engineering firm of Nelson & Pope is expected to submit its draft report by the end of January. The moratorium has been extended to March 29, 2019. The Board will be meeting with their representative when the draft report is received.

Mr. Daw stated that Tzu Chi may have purchased a property outside of East Williston to house the school they had proposed.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village will still need to see this process (of the moratorium and study thereof) for any future developments that may arise on conditional use properties.

Raffaella Dunne asked if the closure of Roslyn Road for work by Nassau County and PSEGLI may have compromised the data collected on traffic by Nelson & Pope.

Mr. Blinkoff said he will check with the engineering firm about the data collected.

Walter Rivera asked if the School District can supply a scale model of the proposed fencing and place it in the East Williston Library, since the plans sent to the Village are very difficult to read.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.