

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
AGENDA MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2019 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, Marie L. Hausner, Village Clerk, Treasurer Michael Delury, Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Village Attorney Jeffrey Blinkoff..

Mayor Tanner stated that Michael Delury met with Village Auditor Frank Faber about new water rates in light of the increase from Williston Park. The Village needed to work out billing for the months at the old rate before the rate increase imposed by Williston Park takes effect.

It was suggested to bill at a rate to recapture the pass through of the \$1.32 increase.

Mayor Tanner stated that Frank Faber will come up with a formula to be applied.

Trustee Iannone felt that the rate should be similar to that of the way tax arrears are handled at the closing of a home. He felt that the November-December 2018 charges should be at the \$4.37 rate and then \$5.65 thereafter.

Trustee Parente agreed that the fee should be pro-rated.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village should look at the usage at the same period last year when deciding on the formula for the rate.

Bonnie Kreisman updated the Board on the installation of the security cameras at Devlin Field. At this point, none of the surveillance cameras are working, and a call was placed to A+ Technology.

Walter Rivera had called them and explained that the installation package was never 100% complete, even though the cameras worked for a short period of time. They need to come back to ensure that everything is in working order.

Trustee Iannone felt that Mr. Blinkoff should send a letter to A+ . Mayor Tanner felt that this would not do any good.

Ms. Kreisman added that Mr. Rivera is continuing to work with A+ to see this project to successful completion.

Marie Hausner apprised the Board of the status of the LED lighting project. Trustee Siciliano, James Bailey and she had a “kick off” phone call with project manager Malek el Nouwa of RealTerm Energy on December 20th. A project questionnaire is being completed by East Williston Staff and will be sent back to continue the project start up.

Mayor Tanner reported that Jared Mandel said that the Village entrance stanchions should start installation construction in February.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that a meeting with East Williston School District representatives about the North Side School fence will take place on January 4th.

Mayor Tanner stated that Mr. Blinkoff should request that the School District should submit a formal application to the Village Building Inspector for approval

Mr. Blinkoff said he will also request an explanation as to the reason for the height of the fence the School District is requesting.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Iannone, the Board moved to adjourn into executive session at 8:13pm to discuss potential litigation.

The Board re-convened at 8:30pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Village was in receipt of a proposal from Albertson Electric for preventive service and replacement of the battery to the generator at the Village Hall. The battery is over three years old now, and it is recommended that it be replaced. The cost of the battery is \$200.00, not including the cost of installation. The total cost of this preventive service is \$841.84.

RESOLUTION #2019- 01 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICE FROM ALBERTSON ELECTRIC FOR THE GENERATOR LOCATED AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT A COST OF \$841.84.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella and with Mayor Tanner, with Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting “aye”, the Board approved the preventive maintenance service from Albertson Electric for the generator located at the Village Hall at a cost of \$841.84.

Trustee Iannone stated that the fire department radio room is nearing completion.

He also stated that the chiefs are close to purchasing the new rescue truck.

Trustee Iannone also added that Assistant Chief Batterson’s chief’s vehicle is nearing the end of its useful life, as repairs to the vehicle are becoming cost prohibitive.

Mayor Tanner asked about the ownership of the chiefs vehicles. Mr. Delury stated that two vehicles are leased, Chief Batterson's is owned by the Village, noting it was purchased second hand from another Fire Department.

Trustee Siciliano stated that in the past, only the chief had a village issued vehicle, and the assistant chiefs had used their own vehicles. Problems arose with personal liability to those volunteers and the extensive cost of installing lights and sirens in personal vehicles.

Trustee Parente suggested that the department set up a five year plan with regard to purchasing vehicles and other capital needs.

Mayor Tanner stated that this should be included in the budget process for purchasing/leasing new chief's vehicles.

Mayor Tanner also reminded staff to look into repairing/replacing the cameras in and outside the firehouse. He added that the Village was not in the business to be equipped to use security cameras, as it takes time and resources to follow up on their usage.

Ms. Kreisman informed the Board that the Village utilizes the New York State Building Code for enforcement of the renewal of lapsed plumbing permits. Using the New York State Code (which the Village is obligated to follow), eliminates the need for the Village to pass a local law about renewal of said permits. The State Code mandates that plumbing permits be in effect for 180 days. After that time, the permit is deemed abandoned and must be renewed with the municipality if work is to continue.

Mr. Blinkoff confirmed the information Ms. Kreisman provided. No Board resolution is necessary to follow this practice.

Trustee Iannone stated that he felt the Village should provide a year-end recap to residents about what the Village has been doing on various subjects.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the information can be provided to residents about the various projects the Village is undertaking, and other progress reports of interest to residents.

Mayor Tanner felt that going forward, the publishing of the East Williston Reports newsletter should be resurrected. Former Mayor Nancy Zolezzi used to write the articles. He felt the Village should hire a firm to produce the newsletter.

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Trustee Iannone said the Board needs to inform the public of the workings of the Village.

Trustee Casella felt that writing a rebuttal letter to the Williston Times is a bad idea and will accomplish nothing in the long run.

Trustee Parente stated that Trustee Siciliano was suggesting a recap of Village undertakings during the year, not a rebuttal letter.

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.