

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 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: Michael Braitto, Walter Rivera, Barbara Seixas, Richard Seixas, Matthew Cuomo, Connie Hannan, Dawn Walsh, Raffaella Dunn and David Siskind, Philip and Maureen Chappo, Michael Guglielmo.

RESOLUTION #53- 2018 A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 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 Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Parente and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board resolved to set a date for a continued public hearing on November 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 was in receipt of a letter and plan from Dr. Elaine Kanas of the East Williston School District pertaining to the installation of a proposed fence at the North Side School.

Mayor Tanner stated that he wanted the Chiefs and Commissioners of the East Williston Fire Department and the Building Inspector to review the plan and submit their concerns/recommendations along with a letter from the Village to Dr. Kanas.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that he and John Lekstutis met with representatives from Nelson & Pope on Thursday, October 4th regarding the study about conditional uses within the Village.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village needs to advise RealTerm Energy about locations for installation of lights for the pilot program. He asked the Board for suggested locations.

The Mayor wanted to send out an email blast about the pilot program so residents will be aware that this is taking place.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2018.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of September 24, 2018.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the abstract of claims for September 2018, voucher numbers 20180106 - 20180188.

Assistant Chief James Clark presented the East Williston Fire Department report for September 2018. The department responded to a total of 17 calls during the month as follows: 13 EMS calls, four general alarms and no auto accidents or mutual aid calls.

The Department hosted students from North Side School for a presentation on fire safety during the month.

He added that October being Fire Prevention Month, residents should change the batteries in their smoke and CO2 detectors.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Fire Department was looking to obtain a grant for a new rescue truck, to replace the one in service that is over 30 years old.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente stated that the East Williston Seniors will be attending a tea service and vegetarian lunch at the Tzu Foundation on October 18th at 1pm. Looking ahead to November, the group will meet on November 15th where Carole McBride from the Herricks Senior Community Center will give a short presentation about the Center. Phil Dee will be on hand with music honoring veterans.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Department of Public Works will be flushing hydrants starting on October 15th until October 19th. An email blast will be sent out in advance of the flushing.

Sidewalk work will soon be completed where slabs were being lifted by Village trees. The work has been undertaken by quadrant.

The Library report noted that they are participating in the Great Give Back, a community service initiative created by Long Island Libraries. The mission is to provide meaningful, service oriented experiences. The East Williston Library will be collecting items for Ronald McDonald House. The collection box is in the Library and will be available from October 9 to 13th.

Pinkalicious The Musical will take place in the meeting room on Saturday, October 27th at 2pm.

The Library will host the following movies: Mamma Mia Here We Go Again on October 24th at 1pm. Halloween Movie, Craft and Snack will take place on October 31 at 11am. Incredibles 2 will take place on Tuesday, November 6th at 10:30am.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

Trustee Iannone echoed Chief Clark's words about changing out batteries in smoke and CO2 detection devices.

He added that the Department is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the Department, stop by the firehouse on a Thursday night when drills take place and speak with one of the chiefs.

The Recreation Committee and Fire Department will once again hold the annual Turkey Trot the day after Thanksgiving. Proceeds of the race go to the East Williston Fire Department.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY CASELLA

Trustee Casella presented the Justice Court report for September 2018. There were 29 parking violations, no moving violations and no Village ordinance violations totaling \$1,575.00 in total fines collected, with \$0 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

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Wednesdays from 5:45 – 7:15pm. Come Play with Me program takes place on Wednesdays at 10:30am. Movie night will take place on October 19th at 7pm featuring the movie "Inside Out". The annual Ragamuffin will take place on Saturday, October 27th at 3:30pm, with a rain date of Sunday, October 28th. Fliers for all events are available in the lobby of the Village Hall.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village will hold its annual Veterans' Day ceremony on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 11:15 am on the Village Green.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board has engaged the services of the engineering firm Nelson & Pope to perform a study with regard to conditional use properties within the Village as it relates to the moratorium currently being undertaken in the Village.

The firm will be reviewing the Village Code, traffic, legal ramifications and evaluate impacts on the Village.

He noted that Mr. Blinkoff and Planning Board Chairman John Lekstutis will be meeting with representatives of Nelson & Pope shortly to go over the commencement of the study.

RESOLUTION #54- 2018 A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 2018-2019 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 TO BE DESIGNATED AS TRAFFIC STUDY AND VARIOUS REPORTS RELATED TO SPECIAL PERMIT PROJECTS.

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board resolved to adjust the adopted budget for 2018-2019 to appropriate funds from the fund balance in the amount of \$40,000 to be designated as traffic study and various reports related to special permit projects.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in September 2018: 17 Meadow Lane, replacement of central air conditioning system. 14 Ridge Road, construction of retaining wall. 127 Charles Street, permit to finish basement. 57 Robbins Drive install central air conditioning system and construct retaining wall. 370 Charles Street. Replacement of central air conditioning system. 434 Roslyn Road, resurfacing of driveway.

The Nassau County Police report for September 2018 was not received in time for the meeting.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Matthew Cuomo asked if the Board has made any determination whether Village zoning laws will be applicable to the proposed fence at the North Side School.

Mayor Tanner stated that the chief concern is the ingress and egress to the school site. He added that the chiefs of the East Williston Fire Department and the Village building inspector will be reviewing the plans with regard to the site.

Mr. Cuomo stated that with the possible installation of a six foot fence, he wanted to know if the Village is requesting that the East Williston School District apply for a variance.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the building inspector/code enforcer will be reviewing the plans and will notify the school district.

Mr. Cuomo stated that it seemed that the school district was advising the Village of this proposed fence as a courtesy.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that a decision of Third Department rendered a decision where a school district was bound by local jurisdiction, however, Long Island is in the Second Department, which is a different jurisdiction.

Mr. Blinkoff added that at this time, the Village wants to leave this between the attorney and client while reviewing the issue, before responding to the School District.

Trustee Parente stated that "with putting all cards on the table", the Board wanted to review all concerns with the building department and fire officials. She added that she is not accepting the School District's letter and related plans as a "courtesy".

She added that there are major concerns about getting a ladder up to the second floor.

Mayor Tanner stated that the height of the fence has been a concern all along, and now the ingress/egress issue is very serious. He noted that the plan was prepared by an architect and the concerns need to be addressed with him and the School Board.

Mayor Tanner reiterated that the Village will review the plans. The Fire Department and Building Inspector will supply their issues under separate cover, and then both of the letters will be hand delivered to the School District with a cover letter from the Mayor.

Michael Braitto question work on the installation of gas mains being installed on Robbins Drive, Orchard Drive and Hewlett Drive by National Grid. He asked if the Village has received any further applications for work on other streets.

Mayor Tanner stated that no further applications for work on other streets for gas main installation have been received. He further stated that the Village has requested that the road currently being worked on be repaved.

Trustee Siciliano stated that it was his understanding that the new gas line will go right to East Williston Avenue.

Mr. Braitto stated that the Village should put conditions on all road opening permits to control the patching of streets. After performing gas work in the street, National Grid places a temporary patch where the work takes place so the ground can settle. Then they return to place a permanent patch on the opening.

He also wanted to know if the Village has given any consideration to replacing the water mains while the gas main work is being undertaken.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village will be reviewing procedures for road openings and discuss putting a possible local law in place. He noted that Mr. Braitto made a good point about the water mains.

Michael Guglielmo stated that he spoke to the National Grid workers and was informed they will be working in the area for another six weeks.

Barbara Seixas stated that National Grid was called for a gas leak near Sumter Avenue, and they came and promptly repaired the leak leaving no problems with the street behind.

Mrs. Chappo asked how residents will be informed about the Village's response to the School District on the proposed fence at North Side School.

Mayor Tanner stated that when the response is ready, the Village will share the information with residents, perhaps placing a copy of the letter on the website.

Mr. Chappo stated that the East Williston School Board appears to be going ahead with the project. The Village is the last bastion of hope with regard to this project.

Trustee Casella stated that the Village will post the response when the letter to the School District is completed.

Rita Botensten stated the School District is talking about the height of the fence, but not in compliance with the Village Code.

Richard Seixas wanted to bring to the Board's attention a problem with incidents of large groups of teenage boys coming to his home on Sagamore Avenue and banging on the windows. The police were called 11 times about these incidents. Some of these boys confronted him.

He said he spoke with Detective John Connor of the Nassau County Police Department about identifying the youths. He also spoke with Sgt. Jaworsky about groups of approximately 60 youths gathering at North Side School.

Mayor Tanner stated that there was a time when the police issued appearance tickets, but that has changed in recent years. He added that a couple of years back, he wrote letters to the East Williston and neighboring school districts alerting them about the issues of youths congregating in restricted areas at night. There are limitations as to what the Village can do.

Dawn Walsh said that a week or so ago, youths tore the street sign (Lee Avenue and Sagamore Avenue sign) out of the ground and left it in the street. She took the sign and placed it in her back yard so it would not be stolen. She called the Village and public works employees picked it up from her house that Monday and put it back in the ground.

Mayor Tanner was in favor of the Village engaging its own security force.

Trustee Parente stated that she has been aware of youths congregating, but had never heard of any confrontations taking place.

A resident asked about the purchase of a new rescue vehicle.

Trustee Parente stated that most of the calls that come in for the East Williston Fire Department are emergency/rescue calls.

Chief James Clark stated that the new vehicle will be an extended cab pickup truck with a fiberglass body, the same type as used by the FBI, Homeland Security and various emergency service units.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.