

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, December 10, 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: James Clark, James J. Daw, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Kelly, Al Testani, Michael Guglielmo, John Genaway, William Roach, Police Officers Cooper, Chavez, and Baorano.

Police officers Cooper, Chavez, and Baorano were present to address any resident questions about youths ringing door bells, and running from homes, as well as damage done to a residents' home due to one of these incidents.

Tim Kelly stated that youths broke the window next to the front door of his home. Youths first came to his home on November 24th at about 6:15pm, rang the doorbell and ran off. More youths came to his home on December 1st, when the window breaking took place.

The officers stated that the precinct has reviewed video footage and have leads in two incidents that have taken place. They could not go into further detail, as this is an active investigation.

James Daw stated he has experienced numerous incidents of youths ringing his doorbell and running away. They have left garbage and half eaten food on his doorstep. He felt these kids are becoming more brazen in their actions. They have terrorized resident Barbara Seixas at her home.

He has called the police a couple of times, and has found the youths run toward North Side School, noting this is a heavily "cameraed" area.

The police officers noted that the youths are attracted to the Sagamore Avenue field and vicinity because of poor lighting in the area and the drainage sump in the rear of the field.

The Board noted that Sagamore Ball Field is a Town of North Hempstead Park and is not maintained by the Village of East Williston. They added that the drainage sump is Nassau County property maintained by the County.

The police noted that fencing around the sump is ripped down in many areas. They suggested no trespassing signs be posted on the park and sump fencing.

Michael Guglielmo stated that half of these kids are not Village residents.

Officer Cooper stated that two youths were arrested in September possessing a machete and a Billy club.

Mr. Daw stated that even if the youths are arrested for this vandalism, the public would not be privy to the information due to their age.

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

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of November 26, 2018.

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 November 2018 Nos. 20180235 - 2018293.

Assistant Chief James Clark gave the report of the East Williston Fire Department for November 2018. The department responded to a total of 14 calls for the month. Five general alarms, five emergency service calls and four mutual aid to neighboring departments.

The fire department will once again be holding "Operation Santa". To sign up for a visit from Santa on Christmas Eve, residents should bring new, unopened gifts to the fire house on Thursdays evenings between 8-10pm (an equal number of gifts to the number of children receiving gifts at your home).

Mayor Tanner stated that the fire department has applied for grant funding for a new rescue vehicle

Chief Clark stated that the grant for the refurbished radio room is still in effect, and the department is waiting to receive the bill from the vendor.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente stated that the East Williston Seniors will hold their next meeting on December 20th to celebrate the Yuletide season with a musical program presented by Thomas and Angela Stallone.

Looking ahead to January, the group will meet on the 17th and entertained by a dance team presenting the history of dance and demonstration of ballroom dancing.

Trustee Parente thanked the members of the East Williston Fire Department for their help in making the annual tree lighting a great success. The turnout of residents was quite large for a very cold night.

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:

Afternoon and evening book clubs, pre-school story time, toddler story time, blood pressure screening, Magic with Georgie Porgie, afternoon movie "White Christmas", Tween and Teen Bath Bomb making, How to start a successful business, making edible sea glass, understanding Alzheimers and dementia, women's self-defense class.

The Library is looking for talent: if any resident would like to share a talent or class with other residents, please contact the Library.

Lastly, the Library received "bullet aid" from New York State in the amount of \$10,000.

Trustee Siciliano thanked Michelle Tanner and the Beautification Committee for decorating the Village Hall for the holiday season.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

Trustee Iannone reiterated Chief Clark’s report from the fire department. He added that East Williston is one of the last fire departments that still holds a visit from Santa on Christmas Eve.

He added that the department is always looking for new members and asked anyone interested to visit the fire house on Thursday nights between 8-10pm and speak with one of the Chiefs.

Mayor Tanner added that the Village is always looking for volunteers for various committees as well, such as the Beautification and Recreation Committees.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY CASELLA

Trustee Casella presented the Justice Court report for November 2018. There were 24 parking violations, no moving violations and no Village ordinance violations totaling \$1,450.00 in total fines collected, with no 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 stated the Village will extend the moratorium for work on conditional use properties for an additional three months.

RESOLUTION #62- 2018 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING MORATORIUM ON CONSIDERATION OR APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.

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 resolved the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) having previously passed a Local Law which put in place a moratorium on consideration or approval of applications for conditional use permits or the amendment of existing conditional use permits as that term is used by Section 160-40 of the Code of the Village of East Williston (“the Code”) in order to provide the Village of East Williston with an opportunity to review its Zoning code and to consider changes to its Zoning Code, particularly section 160-40, and

WHEREAS, said Local Law allows for the extension of that moratorium for up to three periods of ninety days each by resolution of the Board, and

WHEREAS, the Board deems an extension of ninety days necessary for it to complete the consideration of changes to its Zoning Code.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-mentioned moratorium be, and the same is hereby extended for ninety days from its effective date, or up to and including March 29, 2019.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in November 2018: 105 Robbins Drive, installation of an in-ground pool. 8 Prospect Street, expansion of driveway. 17 Lee Avenue, installation of a central air conditioning unit. 26 East Williston Avenue, construction of rear addition to home.

The Nassau County Police Department report from the Third Precinct did not arrive in time for the meeting.

The Village office will close at noon on December 24 and December 31st. The office will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

John Genewey asked about the replacement of the East Williston Fire Department's rescue vehicle mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Chief Clark explained that the department's current rescue truck is a 1986 GMC and is seriously outdated. It is in need of repairs which are not cost effective to undertake. He added that more than half of the calls that the East Williston Fire Department responds to are emergency calls, so a new truck is needed. The grant that the department is applying for will defray half the cost of the new vehicle.

The new vehicle will be more effective in that it is easier to drive, which will further enhance response.

William Roach informed the Board that he experiences discolored water just about every day. He also has poor water pressure.

Al Testani stated that he has experienced brown water. He lives on Meritoria Drive.

Trustee Parente asked if anyone had called the Village office to report the problem. The problems needed to be reported so that the Department of Public Works can investigate.

None of those complaining have called the Village office.

The Board reiterated that residents need to report this to the Village office by calling 746-0782, when the condition arises.

James Daw stated that when he was on the Board, Bengeyfield Drive had occasional rusty water problems. The Village contacted its engineers Dvirka & Bartilucci who suggested a "scouring flush" of the area, akin to holding a finger over a garden hose to cause pressure when flushing.

Michael Guglielmo mentioned that he spoke to workers from National Grid performing work in the neighborhood. He asked if National Grid will be repaving Roslyn Road. He was told that only the east side of Roslyn Road will be repaved.

It was explained that Roslyn Road is a Nassau County road. The County will have to request total repaving if that is what they want.

Mayor Tanner stated that East Williston has been very accommodating to National Grid during their work in the area.

He also stated that he reached out to County Executive Laura Curran about other public works issues, and the County was not very responsive to Village requests.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.