

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Tuesday, February 12, 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: Mark Davella, James Clark, Kevin Parente, Raffaella Dunn, Michael Guglielmo, Ray Gaudio.

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 January 14, 2019.

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 28, 2019.

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 January 2019 Nos. 20180347-20180431.

Chief James Clark reported that the East Williston Fire Department responded to a total of 10 calls during the month of January 2019. There was one general alarm, six EMS (9A calls), two mutual aid calls to neighboring fire departments, one structure fire, and one general alarm.

He added that the new rescue vehicle for the department should be here by May. The radio room had the antenna installed and is waiting for the electric to be pipe down to the room.

Trustee Iannone stated that as reported by Chief Clark, six of the fire department calls during the month were EMS calls. Since emergency calls are received most by the EWFD, the new truck being purchased can be driven by any firefighter with a regular drivers' license, which will improve response time.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE**

Trustee Parente stated that the East Williston Senior Group will welcome East Williston yoga instructor Joe Cilmi who will demonstrate chair yoga exercises. A light lunch and desert will be served.

The Senior Group received a \$2,000 grant from the Town of North Hempstead to further their programs and activities.

**TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO**

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Village experienced a water main break recently over the weekend, but it was promptly repaired Monday morning to save on overtime repair bills of the contractor.

In the event of a snowfall, 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 and toddler story time, blood pressure screenings, creating edible sea glass, women's defense class, babysitting workshop, movie "A Star is Born", St. Francis Hospital health screening bus, break dance party, weight loss hypnosis, introduction of mindfulness and meditation, tween canvas art and Irish night.

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 had a busy January with ten calls. He reiterated Chief Clarks report that the new rescue truck should be in place by May. He reminded residents to keep hydrants clear of snow. He also said the department is always looking for new members. If anyone is interested, they should visit the firehouse on a Thursday night after 8pm and speak with the chiefs.

**TRUSTEE ANTHONY CASELLA**

Trustee Casella presented the Justice Court report for January 2019. There were 21 parking violations, no moving violations and one Village ordinance violation totaling \$850.00 in total fines collected, with no fees 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. Spring tennis with Jayne Alterman begins April 7<sup>th</sup>. Fliers for all events are available in the lobby of the Village Hall.

**MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER**

Mayor Tanner introduced resident Ray Gaudio who served as the Village representative to TVASNAC, a committee engaged in airplane noise over Nassau County.

**VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER**

The following building permits were issued in January 2019: 33 Fairview Avenue, installation of a CAC unit. 413 Sagamore Avenue, construction of a concrete pathway. 14 Post Lane, replacement of a rear deck. 209 Concord Street, replacement of a driveway.

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

The last day to submit assessment grievances for the 2019-2020 fiscal year is Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The Village office will be open from 7-8pm for late submissions.

The Village office will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2019 in observance of Presidents' Day.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Mr. Gaudio stated that he was present at the meeting to address concerns about landscapers using leaf blowers in the spring and summer months. On many Saturdays, landscapers will go from house to house, performing work and the use of leaf blowers can go on for hours, preventing people from using their yards due to the noise.

He added that the Town of North Hempstead recently passed legislation prohibiting the use of gas powered leaf blowers in the spring and summer months.

Trustee Parente asked if the legislation was directed just at landscapers, and not individuals.

Mr. Gaudio stated that the problem is more with landscape companies coming into the neighborhood going from house to house creating noise every Saturday for most of the day.

Trustee Parente stated that as she understands it, it is the constancy of the use of the blowers that is creating a problem.

Mayor Tanner asked Mr. Blinkoff to obtain a copy of the legislation from the Town of North Hempstead so that the Board can review the information it is based upon.

Mr. Gaudio also addressed the lateness in which the Zoning Board started their meeting this month. The public hearing was advertised for 7:30pm, but the members did not come out of the conference room until 8:20pm. He felt at the very least, someone should have come out to tell the audience waiting that they were running late in their pre-hearing discussions.

Mayor Tanner stated that sometimes the Board meets in executive session prior to the meeting to address a question or concern about an upcoming application, so that may be why they take more time than anticipated.

Mr. Blinkoff said he will follow up with the members of the Zoning Board about this issue.

Michael Guglielmo referred back to the leaf blower issue. He said that while he still mows his own lawn, people still need a leaf blower to do certain things that would otherwise take a long time to do. Having a landscaper spend over two hours at a house because they cannot use a leaf blower will decrease productivity and increase prices.

Trustee Parente has heard from other residents that they cannot use their yards on Saturdays due to the constant noise cause by this equipment.

Mayor Tanner added that the Board has discussed this matter in the past, and will look into it again. If a public hearing is needed, residents will be given the opportunity to share their views.

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There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.