

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**AGENDA MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, Trustees Christopher Siciliano, Bonnie L.S. Parente, James L. Iannone, Anthony J. Casella, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner, Treasurer Michael Delury, Bonnie Kreisman, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff.

Also present: Mark Davella, Patrick Theodore, Michael Guglielmo.

Mark Davella was present at the Board meeting to address any questions regarding the tentative assessment roll and finalization of said roll. He noted that he reviewed building permits issued for the past year, as well as home sales in the area.

Mr. Davella stated that with the evaluation of the above criteria, the adjusted Village-wide assessed valuation is \$2,363,319 for 2017-2018.

Trustee Casella asked for clarification of that number.

Ms. Kreisman stated that the number is arrived at by taking the sum of all assessed values of properties in the Village, minus exemptions and applying the equalization rate provided by the New York State Office of Real Property Taxes.

Mr. Davella stated that the Village's assessments are approximately 14 years old (since the Village ceased using the Nassau County assessment roll). He stated that anyone who takes out a building permit enables an assessor to review the assessment of the property to include the change brought about by the improvement, and also ensure that the property and house are in line with current market values.

Trustee Siciliano stated that resident who file permits for small projects like replacing a fence or installing a shed might be hesitant to file a permit, so as not to have the house reassessed.

Mr. Davella stated that residents have remedies in which to challenge their assessments through the grievance process. If then a grievance is denied, they can apply for a Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR).

Mr. Davella noted that there have been many home demolitions in the Village, as well as houses that have “flipped” (changed ownership quickly). The new tentative assessed valuation is slightly higher, and SCAR filings are slightly down.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5-2017 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CHANGES AS THE 2017-2018 TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL.**

On the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Parente and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting “aye”, the Board adopted changes to the 2017-2018 assessment roll as follows: 2016-2017 Village-wide assessed value was \$2,326,122. After review of home sales and building permits issued, the Assessor Consultant recommended a new total tentative Village-wide assessed value of \$2,363,319.

Mr. Davella stated that he is currently reviewing the grievances received last week. He felt that after review, for budget purposes, if there was any change, the amount would decrease the total assessed valuation by approximately \$3,000.00. He added that the finalized roll would take place around March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Tanner stated that with regard to security matters, it is not possible for the Village to report every break in, as he did not think the Village could do it as effectively as the police department. He added that the Third Precinct has a protocol they follow for reporting information to the public.

Trustee Parente felt that the residents want to receive information about burglaries, break ins and the like.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, the Board adjourned into executive session at 7:50pm to discuss possible litigation.

The Board reconvened at 8:05pm. No action was taken during the executive session.

Trustee Siciliano stated that New York State now requires certain uniform signage to be placed around school properties. James Bailey, Superintendent of Public Works is working to have the signs made and the mandatory crosswalks installed.

Trustee Siciliano stated that Caroline DeBenedittis has suggested April 22<sup>nd</sup> as the date for the Village-wide tag sale

Trustee Parente stated that a few residents have approached her asking the Board to revisit the annual tag sale citing security concerns.

Trustee Casella stated that many years back, the Village used to hold the tag sale on the Village Green.

Mayor Tanner stated that residents lost interest because they had to haul the items for sale to the Village Green, and if it did not sell, had to take it back home.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he has only received positive feedback about the annual tag sale. As far as security concerns, people who attend are not going into individual homes, they are staying outside on the lawn or driveway.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6-2017 A RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO HOLD THE VILLAGE-WIDE TAG SALE ON APRIL 22, 2017.**

On the motion Trustee Casella, with no second by any Board member, a motion was made to hold the Village-wide tag sale on April 22, 2017.

There being no second to said proposed motion, the resolution was not approved.

The Board felt that further review take place on whether to hold the annual tag sale in 2017.

Assistant East Williston Fire Chief Patrick Theodore stated that he was in contact with a member of the Mineola Fire Department about obtaining information from former vendor Fire Tracker. When served with legal papers, the information pertaining to fire department members and attendance at calls was replicated and forwarded to the department. A representative from Fire Tracker said they did not want to be sued again, so it appeared that they are willing to provide information to be able to move on to another company. He added that East Williston most likely owes Fire Tracker about two months payment.

Trustee Iannone stated that Fire Tracker has been non-compliant in requests for the information needed by East Williston

Mayor Tanner thought that legal papers had already been served on Fire Tracker by East Williston.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that two letters had been sent to Fire Tracker, but no legal proceeding had been started.

The Board felt that a legal proceeding should be started to facilitate the transfer of information to the Department, as this issue is going on for far too long.

Chief Theodore stated that the East Williston Fire Department is waiting for the Oyster Bay Fire Department to get their new radios. As soon as those radios arrive, Oyster Bay's old radios can be purchased by East Williston.

Chief Theodore stated that the fire department installation dinner will be held on April 22, 2017.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Department of Public Works will need to purchase a new power washer. He said James Bailey is getting cost proposals for the equipment.

Mayor Tanner stated that Mr. Delury should work out the cost of the equipment in the budget.

Trustee Parente asked about the request of the Girl Scouts to place bat houses near Devlin Field.

Mrs. Hausner stated that she contacted the Nassau County Health Department who informed her that there is no problem with bat houses. Two Nassau County parks currently have bat houses installed. The parks are Christopher Morley and Eisenhower.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-2017 A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE GIRL SCOUTS TO INSTALL BAT HOUSES NEAR DEVLIN PARK .**

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 resolved to allow the Girl Scouts to install bat houses near Devlin Park.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that letters were sent to the residents of 10 and 14 Sumter Avenue addressing the issue of the replacement of the sidewalks illegally removed from in front of their respective homes. He is awaiting response from the residents.

Mayor Tanner brought up the information provided by Mr. Delury at a previous Board meeting relative revision of various Village fees and making provisions to close out all open building permits. Mr. Delury suggested \$250 fee to renew a permit that had not yet been finalized, with a fee of \$50 per year until the permit is closed out.

Mayor Tanner stated that he was in favor of these fees however, he wanted some type of amnesty program put in place to give residents a chance to close out the permits without penalty for a period of time, before fees are instituted.

Mayor Tanner asked Mr. Blinkoff to outline any problems he could foresee with regard to an amnesty program.

Mayor Tanner questioned whether the Wheatley Hills Golf Club had submitted permit applications for the renovations they did within the club building.

The Mayor was advised that Mr. Campagna had sent a letter to Wheatley Hills Golf Club giving them one month to submit paperwork, before any court proceedings would be generated. The month given to them has not yet expired.

Mayor Tanner stated that he will introduce the resolution to hold a public hearing on fees and amnesty program at the March 13, 2017 Board meeting.

Mayor Tanner stated that it was his understanding that should the Village proceed with the installation of LED lighting, that a request for proposals for engineering services is not required.

He asked the office staff to contact the company providing the information on the lights to see what the fixtures look like and also find out if the cost includes a price study.

Mr. Delury gave a presentation outlining highlights of the proposed 2017-2018 Village budget.

Highlights included:

- Tax rate will decrease from \$85.98 to \$84.62.
- Senior group will be receiving a grant from North Hempstead.
- Library received grants in the amount of \$20,000 for the past fiscal year.
- Minimum wage increases have affected the library budget.
- Capital fund will be source of funding for installing security cameras at Devlin Park.
- East Williston Avenue streetscape upgrades are included in the budget.
- Pension costs are slightly down.

Michael Guglielmo asked for clarification that the tax rate will decrease.

Mayor Tanner confirmed that the tax rate will decrease in the next fiscal year. He added that during his tenure as mayor, the rates have decreased by 10%.

Mr. Guglielmo asked if the Village contacted Nassau County to pay for the work on the East Williston streetscape.

Mayor Tanner stated that several meetings have taken place with County representatives, but it does not appear that they will be footing the bill for improvements of the sidewalks, curbs, etc.

Mayor Tanner stated that with the installation of new LED lighting, there will be a six year payback in returns from the savings the Village will incur.

He also added that with Village's fund balance, it was in the best interests of the Village to reinvest in the community. At some time in the future, the Village will need to purchase a new fire truck.

Mayor Tanner noted that he was surprised to find that many residents along the south side of East Williston Avenue west of Roslyn Road were not unhappy about the trees being removed when sidewalk work started in the latter part of last year.

Mr. Guglielmo questioned a tree that is in his neighbor's backyard that waves violently when it is windy. The Board explained that this is something that Mr. Guglielmo must discuss with his neighbor, as the Village cannot take the tree down.

Mrs. Hausner said that the Board of Trustees needed to pass three resolutions relative to the standard work day of elected and appointed officials and resolutions establishing work days per New York State Retirement Forms RS2417-A and RS2417-B. The Retirement System requires these resolutions each time a term of office is renewed upon appointment or re-election. It is suggested that this be done, going forward at the annual organizational meeting in April.

**RESOLUTION NO. 8-2017 A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD WORK DAY FOR MAYOR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON .**

On the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Iannone and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, for the purposes of the New York State and Local Retirement System, it is necessary to establish a standard work day by Board resolution for the positions of Mayor, Board of Trustees and Employees of the Village of East Williston, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston has considered the requirements with respect to the same and has reached a determination regarding the number of hours worked in accord for such reporting purposes, and

WHEREAS, after doing so, the most appropriate standard work days for the respective positions are as follows:

Mayor	six hour work day
Trustee	six hour work day
Village office staff	seven hour work day

Public works staff eight hour work day  
Library staff six hour work day  
Code Enforcement six hour work day

RESOLVED, that the standard work days for the positions of Mayor, Trustees, and employees to the Incorporated Village of East Williston shall be:

Mayor six hour work day  
Trustee six hour work day  
Village office staff seven hour work day  
Public works staff eight hour work day  
Library staff six hour work day  
Code Enforcement six hour work day

**RESOLUTION NO. 9-2017 A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW YORK STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM REPORTING RESOLUTION RS2417-A.**

On the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Iannone and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of East Williston, Location Code 40402 hereby establishes the following standard work days for elected officials and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Retirement System, based on the time keeping records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body. A copy of RS2417-A is on file in the office of the Village Clerk.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-2017 A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW YORK STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM REPORTING RESOLUTION RS2417-B.**

On the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Iannone and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of East Williston, Location Code 40402 hereby establishes the following standard work days for elected officials and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Retirement System, based on the time keeping records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body. A copy of RS2417-B is on file in the office of the Village Clerk.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-2017 A RESOLUTION .**

On the motion of Mayor Tanner, seconded by Trustee Siciliano and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting “aye”, the Board approved the acceptance of two etchings and a bust of Abraham Lincoln donated by resident Mrs. John W. Sinon in memory of her husband.

Mayor Tanner asked that the clerk obtain an appraisal on the artwork for insurance purposes.

Trustee Iannone questioned Mr. Guglielmo how he felt about the annual Village-wide tag sale. Mr. Guglielmo replied that he likes the event.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Casella, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.