

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, March 13, 2017 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 J. Casella, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Esq., Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner.

Also present: Hon. Richard Nicoletto, Patrick Theodore, Philip and Maureen Chappo, Barbara Seixas. Carla Strauss, Susan Corsello, Michael Guglielmo, John Azara, Mr. & Mrs. James Broderick, Kevin Quinn, Coaches and players of East Williston Little League.

The Mayor and Board of Trustees presented proclamations to the coaches and players of the East Williston Little League 2016 New York District 28 Minors Division Championship team. Nassau County Legislator Richard Nicoletto also presented proclamations on behalf of the County.

On the motion of Trustee Casella, 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 February 13, 2017.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone, and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of February 27, 2017.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board approved the abstract of claims for February 2017 as follows: 20160488 - 20160548.

Assistant Chief Patrick Theodore of the East Williston Fire Department reported that they responded to a total of 10 calls during the month of February 2017: six EMS calls, three fire/general alarm calls, and one mutual aid call.

Chief Theodore noted that East Williston assisted the Mineola Fire Department in major fire at K's Auto Repair on Willis Avenue.

Chief Theodore also stated that the Department responded to a call yesterday for a barn fire on East Williston Avenue.

Lastly, Chief Theodore advised those present with the threat of an impending storm tomorrow to clear snow and ice accumulations around fire hydrants. He also asked that if someone has an elderly neighbor to help them by clearing the fire hydrant. If someone needs help with the clearing, they can call the firehouse at 248-7566.

Mayor Tanner stated that the village clerk lives in close proximity to the Village Hall, and thanked Trustee Siciliano for picking her up during snow storms. The Village Hall will be open tomorrow during the impending snow storm.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE

Trustee Parente stated that the East Williston Seniors will meet on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 1:00pm for a St. Patrick's Day celebration.

TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER A. SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated that the Department of Public Works is preparing for the impending storm tomorrow. He asked residents to please remove vehicles from the streets so plows can effectively remove snow. He also advised not to blow or shovel snow back into streets once cleared.

TRUSTEE JAMES L. IANNONE

Trustee Iannone stated that work on the East Williston Fire Department radio room should be completed within two months.

He also reminded residents to keep fire hydrants clear of snow and ice to aid the fire department in an emergency.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY J. CASELLA

The Justice Court report for February 2017 showed a total of 27 violations: 26 parking, one moving violation and no Village ordinance violations. Fines collected totaled \$1,675.00 with \$25.00 in New York State surcharges.

The Recreation Committee will be holding the annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 10am on the Village Green. The rain date is Sunday, April 9.

"Come Play With Me" pre-school program takes place on Fridays at 10:30am. Yoga classes continue to take place on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30am to 11:15am. Gentle yoga takes place on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 7:15pm.

MAYOR DAVID TANNER

Mayor Tanner announced that the Nassau County Police Department 3rd Precinct will be holding a community forum on March 29, 2017 at 7pm at Mineola High School.

The Mayor stated that the Village has reconsidered the subject of the use of email blasts with regard to crime related activity. After much discussion on the matter, it was felt that information dissemination is best left to the police to report upon, as they will have more accurate information in real time, than the Village would have.

He added that the Village will stay on top of the roll out of the Nextdoor.com website and will contact residents when more information on this police website is available.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2017 A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Parente, Siciliano, Iannone and Casella all voting "aye", the Board unanimously approved to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2017-2018 budget on April 3, 2017 at 7:30pm, at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York and that the Village Clerk shall publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Village of said public hearing at least three days prior thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2017 A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2017 AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE

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 unanimously approved to hold a public hearing on April 3, 2017 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York to consider a Local Law amending the Village Code to provide for an amendment to Chapter A162 "Schedule of Fees", and that the Village Clerk shall publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Village of said public hearing at least three days thereto.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in February 2017: 209 Concord Street, installation of a drywell. 24 Ogden Avenue, finishing of the basement.

The Nassau County Police Department report for January 2017 had no reports of burglaries or robberies. No parking and one moving violation was issued. There were two auto accidents with no auto injuries reported.

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Library Director Susan Corsello gave the report for the East Williston Library. The two book clubs (day time and evening) continue to meet monthly. Residents may check the Library website at www.ewlibrary.org.

The Library will be hosting a series of computer training and career coaching courses throughout March and April. These courses were made possible by New York State "Bullet Aid" obtained by Senator Jack Martins.

The Library now has membership privileges at three additional museums. They include the Long Island Children's Museum, the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, and the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery. The memberships were also made possible by New York State "Bullet Aid" from Senator Jack Martins.

The Friends of the Library display case features an exhibit of artwork created by Michael Contrastano, a senior at Wheatley High School.

Mayor Tanner informed those present that included in the New York State Government's upcoming fiscal year budget is a proposal, if passed, would mandate that each county executive consolidate services among villages and special districts. These services would include, but not be limited to libraries, public works, water or other services. This provision would override the Villages right as to how it currently operates. He noted that the Village of East Williston is currently utilizing services through the Town of North Hempstead in the purchase of fuel for Village vehicles and road signs.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Michael Guglielmo asked what services are involved in this budget proposal by the State of New York.

Mayor Tanner stated that basically, the proposal takes control out of the hands of the villages and places it into the hands of the county executives.

Michael Guglielmo asked that given the predicted snow storm, he wanted to know what time he can use his snow blower in the morning to clear his driveway.

He was informed that contractors cannot work before 8am on weekdays, and 9am on weekends however, since he is the homeowner, there is no Code restriction on the time, which should be "reasonable".

Philip Chappo stated that he has filed a grievance on his assessment for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. He wanted to know the process that follows and if he can discuss the grievance with the assessor/consultant.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the assessor/consultant follows rules set by New York State. Once a grievance is filed with a taxing agency, if denied, the petitioner has the right to file for a Small Claims Assessment Review (SCAR) hearing in Supreme Court, Nassau County. Once the grievance is denied, this is the only recourse the petitioner has.

Mr. & Mrs. James Broderick of 10 Sumter Avenue read a letter to the Board of Trustees regarding the removal of a sidewalk in front of their home by them. He stated that they received a violation and appeared in Village Court.

He stated that the Building Inspector and the prosecutor Dwight Kennedy told them to plead guilty when they appeared before the judge. The Brodericks paid the fine and thought the matter was closed, but then received a letter from the Village attorney stating that they must replace the sidewalk (along with their neighbors, the Adams' who also removed the sidewalk and appeared in Court).

Mr. Broderick continued that most of the south side of Sumter Avenue does not have sidewalks, and they are mostly toward the east side of Sumter Avenue near Roslyn Road. He felt that it made no sense to replace the sidewalks. He added that Barbara Seixas house at the corner of Sumter Avenue and Sagamore Avenue has a sidewalk, but it ends at 8 Sumter Avenue. Only 10 and 14 Sumter had sidewalks.

Mayor Tanner stated that sidewalks are *owned* by the Village and the removal of sidewalks is not permitted by Village Code.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2017 A RESOLUTION TO GRANT RELIEF TO 10 AND 14 SUMTER AVENUE FOR THE VILLAGE NOT TO PROCEED FURTHER WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO REPLACE SIDEWALKS REMOVED BY THE RESIDENTS OF SAID PREMISES

On the motion Trustee Casella, with no second by any Board member, a motion was made to grant relief to the residents of 10 and 14 Sumter Avenue for the Village not to proceed further with the requirement to replace sidewalks removed by the residents of said premises

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

Trustee Casella stated that he asked that the resolution be tabled.

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Trustee Casella asked that the Village Attorney research the request made by the Brodericks to not be required to replace the sidewalks they and their neighbor removed.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that there is an existing provision in the Code prohibiting the removal of Village structures (in this case, the sidewalk), by anyone other than the Village.

Mayor Tanner stated that this is a matter of protocol. The Board cannot just pass a resolution to give relief in this situation. It is a matter of changing the Code which will require a public hearing to revise the law.

Trustee Iannone stated that he would appreciate the opportunity to have the Village Attorney research this matter.

It was noted that a resident cannot apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a case such as this, since it a sidewalk (or any Village owned structure) is not the property of a resident, and the Zoning Board has no purview to review such a case.

Mayor Tanner reiterated that a resident cannot remove Village property.

Mr. Blinkoff added that the prosecutor the evening the Broderick's case was heard disagrees that an agreement was made that night with the residents.

The Mayor thanked the Brodericks for attending the meeting.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Parente, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.