

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
FEBRUARY 13, 2012
REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor David E. Tanner, John F. Ferro, Bonnie L.S. Parente, Caroline DeBenedittis, Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Attorney, Marie L. Hausner, Village Clerk.

Trustee Michael A. Braitto was excused from the meeting.

Also present: Robert Campagna, Patrick Theodore, Barbara Seixas, Mildred Clinton, Carol Bertalli, Michael Guglielmo, Michael Kelapire, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Sasso, James Sandquist, Carla Strauss, Marie Greico, Susan Quinn, Dan McGill, Christopher Siciliano, Ray Gaudio, Ellen Ritz.

Mayor Tanner stated that the Board was to present a proclamation to former Village Treasurer Virginia Masterson, however, she could not be present this evening. The Mayor read the wording of the proclamation for those present.

Mayor Tanner introduced Michael Delury as the new Treasurer. The Mayor administered the oath of office to Mr. Delury filling the unexpired term of Ms. Masterson.

The meeting commenced with a public hearing to consider Local Law #2-2012 amending the Village Code as it pertains to the definition of "Structure" within the Code. Particularly the Board will consider the application of the word "structure" with respect to flagpoles, air conditioning equipment, outdoor play sets, permanent basketball poles, paved terraces and similar items. A copy of the verbatim transcript of said hearing is on file in the office of the Village Clerk.

A RESOLUTION NO. 2-2012 APPROVING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2012 AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DEFINITION OF "STRUCTURE" WITHIN THE CODE AS FOLLOWS:

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

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston, New York as follows:

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Section 1. Amending the Village Code with respect to the definition of "Structure" as follows: Anything constructed for erected on or under the ground or upon a structure or a building. "Structure" shall be deemed to include such things as buildings, dish antennas, decks, driveways, fences heaters, signs, solar energy systems, swimming pools and their appurtenances, paved terraces, walks and walls. A flagpole installed on private property shall not be considered a structure if it was installed before February 13, 2012 so long as only one flagpole is on the subject property and no more than two flags are flown at any time. A flagpole installed on private property after February 13, 2012 shall not be considered a structure so long as: (1) only one flagpole is installed on the subject property; (2) the diameter of the flagpole does not exceed six inches; (3) the height of the flagpole does not exceed the lesser of the actual height of the home on the subject property or the maximum height permitted under the Village Code for a home on the subject property; and (4) no more than two flags are flown from the flagpole at any time"

Section 2. Exercise of supersession authority. The Village hereby exercised the power of supersession granted to it pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law 10(1)(ii)(e)(3) with respect to the within local law and hereby supersedes Village Law section 7-706(2) to the extent it requires notice for publication other than has been, or will be, provided as to the within local law.

Section 3. Effective Date. This law shall take effect immediately.

On the motion of Trustee Parente , seconded by Trustee Ferro, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Ferro, Parente and DeBenedittis all voting aye, the minutes from the regular Board meeting of January 13, 2012 were unanimously approved.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Ferro and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Ferro, Parente and DeBenedittis all voting aye, the minutes from the agenda meeting of January 30, 2012 were unanimously approved.

On the motion of Trustee Ferro, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Ferro, Parente and DeBenedittis all voting aye, the Board unanimously approved the abstract of claims.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Patrick Theodore stated that the East Williston Fire Department responded to a total of 14 calls during the month of January 2012, as follows: seven fire calls, five EMS calls and two mutual aid calls to other fire departments.

He added that the Department has been attending the Fire Training Academy with Westbury Fire Department.

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TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE.

Trustee Parente presented the report of the Justice Court for January 2012. The Court collected \$1,255.00 in fines.

The Recreation Committee continues to hold yoga sessions on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and Wednesday evenings. The tennis courts remain open, as the weather has been mild this winter. The Committee held a wine and chocolate pairing event on February 9, 2012.

Trustee Parente reminded residents of the "Help a Neighbor" program to aid residents in shoveling snow. The Village is looking to connect individuals who are willing to help shovel sidewalks and driveways for those who have health issues and cannot perform these activities on their own. The program is a good way for teens to obtain community service credit.

The Teen Safety Committee welcomed new member Amanda Leonick and obtained feedback from her regarding issues she feels are pertinent to the mission of the committee.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL A. BRAITO

Trustee Braitto was excused from the meeting.

TRUSTEE JOHN F. FERRO

Trustee Ferro had no report.

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

Trustee De Benedittis presented the Library Report. The Daytime Book Club will meet on February 14th to discuss "The Man in the Sharkskin Suit". The Senior Committee will hold a computer seminar "Computer 1st Grade" on February 16th. Pre-school and Toddler Story Time continues on Thursdays and Fridays respectively at 11:30 am. The Library Board will meet on February 28, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner stated that the Village will hold Grievance Night on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 from 7 to 8pm where Village residents who have not yet had the opportunity to review their Village assessment can come in and file a grievance if they wish to do so.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

Building permits issued for the month of January 2012: 6 Ridge Road, installation of a central air conditioning system. 20 Post Avenue, installation of a hot tub, paved terrace and stone wall. 9 School Street, installation of 1st floor brick veneer.

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The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report for December 2011 reported a burglary at 5 Robbins Drive. No parking or moving violations were issued. Three auto accidents took place, with no injuries reported.

The Police report for January 2012 contained no reports of burglaries or robberies. No parking violations were issued and two moving violations were issued. There were three reported auto accidents and three auto injuries.

There were no reports of grants for January 2012.

The Village Hall will be closed on February 20, 2012 in observance of Presidents' Day.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Michael Kelapire asked if the Village 2012-2013 budget will exceed the 2% tax cap. The Board explained that while they did pass the legislation to exceed the cap, they would do everything to be as fiscally responsible as possible and keep costs down.

Ray Gaudio stated that TVASNAC will be holding a meeting at the Garden City Library on February 27, 2012 at 7:30 pm to discuss airline traffic around the area. FAA representatives and elected officials will be present. He noted that the FAA Refunding Act facilitates funding for how air traffic flows around the country, and bypasses the Clean Air Act. Congressman Ackerman, Congresswoman McCarthy and Senator Gillibrand voted against the bill. Senator Schumer voted for the bill.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Braitto, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.