

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
OCTOBER 17, 2011
REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

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

Also present: Robert Campagna, Susan Quinn, Patrick Theodore, Ellen and Leonard Ritz, Barbara Seixas, Carla Strauss, Mildred Clinton, Marcia Weiser, Ray Gaudio, Michael Guglielmo, James Sandquist, Michael Kelapire, Patricia Kantro, Connie Leonick, Nicole Contrastrano, Carol Bertalli, Kevin Quinn, Lori Baltzer, Chris Dearborn.

The Mayor and Board of Trustees recognized the players and coaches of the East Williston Little League for winning the District 28 Title at the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Proclamations were issued to each member of the team

The meeting commenced with the continuation of two public hearings, the first to consider Local Law No. 4- 2011 to a revision to the fee schedule for the demolition of detached garage structures. A verbatim transcript of said public hearing is on file in the office of the clerk.

On the motion of Trustee Parente, seconded by Trustee Braitto, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Braitto, Ferro, DeBenedittis and Parente all voting "aye", the public hearing regarding Local Law No. 4-2011 was closed.

The second public hearing was a continuation for proposed Local Law #5-2011 amending section 148-13 of the Municipal Code of the Incorporated Village of East Williston pertaining to parking on Atlanta Avenue. A verbatim transcript of the public hearing is on file in the office of the Village Clerk.

On the motion of Trustee Ferro , seconded by Trustee DeBenedittis, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Braitto, Ferro, Parente and DeBenedittis all voting aye, the minutes from the regular meeting of September 12, 2011 were unanimously approved.

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On the motion of Trustee Ferro , seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Braitto, Ferro, Parente and DeBenedittis all voting aye, the minutes from the agenda meeting of September 26, 2011 were unanimously approved.

On the motion of Trustee Ferro, seconded by Trustee Parente, and with Mayor Tanner and Trustees Braitto, 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 15 calls during the month of September 2011. There were eight fire calls, six EMS calls and one mutual aid to Mineola.

Chief Theodore implored residents to have street numbers on houses and clearly illuminated at night. In an emergency the ability to determine an address can save a life. Street numbers should also be clear of bushes.

The Fire Department will hold its annual inspection on November 5, 2011 at 10:30 am.

The Department will be taking part in a mobilization drill for volunteer response.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Nassau County Police Department Third precinct reported the following information for August 2011: No reports of burglaries or robberies. Three parking violations were issued and four moving violations were issued. Five auto accidents were reported, with one auto injury.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE BONNIE PARENTE.

The Justice Court received a total of 110 violations and collected \$2,440 in fines for the month of September 2011.

The Recreation Committee will hold its annual Ragamuffin Parade on October 29th at 5:00 pm at Devlin Field. The Committee, together with the Fire Department will hold a Halloween party at the Fire House on the night of October 29th.

The Teen Safety Committee held a meeting in September offering suggestions to the Village. A full report will be forthcoming.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL A. BRAITTO

Trustee Braitto reported that the members of the East Williston Fire Department participated in the Williston Day event and held the annual Harvest Fair on the Village Green.

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The new 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe to be used as the Chief's vehicle has arrived. The old Tahoe was put out to bid.

Trustee Braito stated that the Village received information on the reinstatement of a \$100,000 grant for the Fire Department for renovations to the bathrooms, new computers and a new generator. (It was noted that the Library also had its grant reinstated in the amount of \$100,000.)

TRUSTEE JOHN F. FERRO

Trustee Ferro informed residents not to put leaves in the street and to advise their landscapers of the same. Residents may pick up biodegradable leaf bags at the Village office. The bags should be put out for the sanitation contractor to pick up. If a landscaper is hired, he should take away the leaves or bag them for pick up.

Resident Michael Kelapire stated that leaves continually clog the drain near his home on Orchard Drive. When it rains, the area floods and people end of driving on his lawn. The Clerk was instructed to advise Superintendent of Public Works James Bailey of the situation. It was noted that Public Works goes around the Village to clean out drains on a regular basis, but will place special attention to this area.

It was noted that Cashin Associates has been retained to review various streets where flooding/puddling problems occur, and suggest measures to remediate the areas.

Trustee Ferro stated that the Fire Commissioners meeting will take place on October 19th at 7:30 pm.

TRUSTEE CAROLINE DEBENEDITTIS

Trustee De Benedittis presented the Library report. The Senior Committee will meet on Thursday, Oct. 20th. The topic of fall prevention will be addressed. A defensive driving course will be held on November 12th. The cost is \$35. Pre-registration is required. The next Library Board meeting will be held on October 25th.

The Historic Committee will hold a historic home tour on November 19th from 2-4pm. Registration is limited, so it is advisable to send in your form early.

The Beautification Committee will work with the students of The Wheatley School on October 26th in their annual "Day of Service", planting daffodils around the War Memorial.

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MAYOR DAVID E. TANNER

Mayor Tanner informed those present that the Veterans Day observance will take place on Friday, November 11, 2011 on the Village Green. Those participating will assemble at 11:15 am with the ceremony commencing at 11:30 am.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE L. HAUSNER

The Village Clerk reported that one building permit was issued for the month of September 2011: 401 Congress Avenue, 2nd story addition and renovations. 218 Dickson Circle installation of a shed. 12 Ogden Avenue, reconfiguration of driveway. 548 Roslyn Road construction of new driveway and shed...

There were no reports of grants for September 2011.

Water bills were placed in the mail today and are due by November 14, 2011.

Mayor Tanner invited William Wynperle and Anthony Antofsky of DeJana Industries to the meeting to address residents concern about problems with sanitation pick up such as trucks leaking fluids, garbage cans that go missing or switched.

Mr. Wynperle stated that leaking from trucks should not occur, but on occasion, the rubber seal dries out and needs to be replaced. The trucks have been fixed and are not leaking anymore. The trucks have also been checked for leaking hydraulic fluid.

With regard to employees, the sanitation company is a union shop. Employees can bid for routes, and certain employees who had been on the East Williston route bid on another route because of their seniority. A supervisor follows the route when complaints are received to observe actions of the drivers and workers. He said he welcomes feedback in order to make the service better.

Resident Nicole Contrastano stated that she observed workers putting recyclables in with regular garbage.

Resident Mildred Clinton stated that some days, she does not receive a pick up at all.

Resident Barbara Seixas was happy with the former workers, but quite unhappy with the new men on the route.

The Board reminded residents that East Williston has rear yard pickup. Household garbage should be placed in the back. Larger items should be placed in the front.

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The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Carla Strauss questioned the change in the water rates. She was advised that the rates can be found on the Village's web site. The lawsuit on this matter is still pending in court. East Williston is awaiting a written response from Williston Park. All East Williston papers have been filed with the Court.

Carol Bertalli stated that since water is a common commodity, there should be a limitation on what Williston Park can charge.

Connie Leonick asked if the Village has researched other sources of water supply. The Board stated they have been meeting with neighboring districts and Villages to see if there is a viable alternative source of water.

The Board further advised that the 2006 Guastella Associates water study determined the Village of East Williston to be a "wholesale customer". The Village of Williston Park is now charging a retail rate, the same charged to commercial water customers in Williston Park.

Ray Gaudio presented a brief update on the progress on the TVASNAC committee (aircraft issue). A meeting will take place on October 24th at 7pm with FAA representative Jeffrey Clark.

On the motion of Trustee Ferro, seconded by Trustee Parente, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.