

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**OCTOBER 31, 2011**  
**AGENDA MEETING**

Agenda Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, October 31, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

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

Also present: Patrick Theodore, Dan Cramblitt, Tom DelaPorte, Rafaella Siskind, John Mirando, Jay Pomerantz, Robert Vella and members of the East Williston Little League Board.

Rafaella Siskind of the Teen Safety Committee reported that the Committee met in early September and discussed the follow: youths congregating before and after dusk, youths will go where they "are not being watched". Many of problems have stemmed from youths not from this school district. Carle Place School District has security guards who chase those congregating on school property.

Ideas that were suggested:

- Move yoga outside to the Village Green
- Hold a farmers market
- Install checker tables on the Green
- Involve the School District to hold family fund nights
- Perhaps have a Ralph's Ices kiosk in the summer months to activate spaces
- Place signs around the Train Station Pavilion and vicinity of the presence of security cameras in the area
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It was noted that there seems to be a problem in enforcing the law keeping people from congregating or walking through the park at night.

Trustee Braitto stated that one of the problems in this case is that there is no physical fence around the park, as Mineola and Albertson have fences around parks. He further stated that the legislation allows people to traverse the park, but not loiter in the park.

Trustee Parente stated that Floral Park has similar problems with parks that do not have fencing around them.

Trustee Parente said that the Teen Safety Committee will reconvene in March 2012. At that time, the Committee may have more suggestions for key events a specific times.

Trustee DeBenedittis suggested an event like Monday night Volleyball.

Trustee Braitto stated that the solution to youths congregating in the Toddler Park is to install a higher, sturdier fence (such as estate fencing). A gate should be installed to be unlocked in the morning and locked at night.

Jay Pomerantz and Robert Vella and representatives from the East Williston Little League met with the Board proposing the donation of improvements to Devlin Field, similar to those undertaken at Sagamore . Also discussed was the request for the removal of two trees in the field of play at Devlin. They asked if the work could start preparation work on the field soon before the onset of winter to allow the turf to be placed on the field in the spring.

The turf has a standard eight year warranty, with an expected useful life of 10 to 12 years. The preparation work entails drainage and excavation.

The Little League asked if dog walkers could be kept off the field.

Trustee Parente and Jeffrey Blinkoff expressed concerns about prevailing wages to be paid to workers on the project. Mr. Blinkoff stated that he will contact NYCOM for an opinion letter for the Little League donating the turf surface for the field.

Mr. Pomerantz stated that the funds used to renovate the field are from fundraising events and contributions, not Little League registration. He added that the Little League is planning great 2012 season kickoff in the spring.

The Board felt positive about the proposed project, but before any work could commence, the issues who would sign certain contract documents for the work, the wages to be paid, etc. needed to be investigated.

Trustee Braitto asked about the placement of underground drainage. It was explained that perimeter drains would be installed.

The Little League also wanted to put up sponsor banners at Devlin Field. They were advised to pass the information as to size, color and material by Robert Campagna.

Patrick Theodore, Dan Cramblitt and Tom DelaPorte met with the Board on Fire Department matters.

Trustee Braitto asked that the Chiefs contact Pierce manufacturers (maker of the fire trucks) to find out what maintenance needs to be performed on each vehicle on a six month and annual basis, based on hours of use for the trucks.

The Chiefs should also get prices from Firematic for generators on the trucks.

Pat Theodore addressed the damage to the outside of the firehouse structure, water damage and replacement of all cap flashing and aluminum. It was noted that Reality Roofing was called to obtain an assessment of what needs to be done.

The Chiefs and the Board discussed the use of personal cars (used by chiefs) when responding to a fire or call. Trustee Braitto explained that the Treiber Group had provided the exact same information now, as they did when the question came up a few years back.

Dan Cramblitt had a list of streets where trees needed to be trimmed so the trucks would not hit low branches.

Other items discussed:

- Funding of Fire Department account for Fire Tracker bills (the Department falls short in the first quarter; perhaps funding amounts could be changed to \$6,200, \$3,100, \$2,100 and \$2,100 respectively for each quarter).
- The bidding out for electrical services for installation of AC outlets for 45 kw and 60 kw and outlets in company room.
- Replacement of radio room.

John Mirando, PE was present at the meeting to discuss water issues with the Board. Mr. Mirando was formerly employed by Dvirka & Bartilucci, the water engineers for the Village before taking a position with the Village of Sea Cliff. He noted that he had reached out to Guastella Associates who had performed a rate study for the Villages of Williston Park and East Williston in 2006/07. Guastella had not gotten back to Mr. Mirando as of the meeting being held tonight.

Items discussed:

- Study to investigate what it costs Williston Park to supply water to East Williston for a wholesale rate.
- What constitutes a "wholesale" customer.
- Contention is that the water meter at the Long Island Railroad Tracks (meter between the two Villages to measure usage) is no different than a commercial customer.

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- Possibility of obtaining water from other water districts.
- Cost of water from Williston Park had historically been set at 78% of rate they charged their water customers.
- Obtaining an engineer's affidavit and that of former mayors as to the rate.

Trustee DeBenedittis reported on the following Library items:

- Stated that the Library had two new staff members, Janet Milo and Katherine Quinn.
- Library raised \$630 from book sales.
- Possibility of the Library getting a "panic button" in the event of an emergency in the Library.
- Library has found a location to put a display case within the Library.

Trustee DeBenedittis stated that the Historic Committee received an overwhelming response to the historic walk-through tour on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Other items discussed:

- Protocol for placing information on the website in a timely manner.
- Chief's vehicle striping.
- 470 Sagamore Avenue – being looked into by the Historic Commission. Possibility of holding a public hearing.
- 2% tax cap necessitates a budget presentation taking place sooner than in past years.
- Preparation of a pie chart illustrating how much discretionary funding vs. non-discretionary funding the Village has (sanitation/salaries/insurance, etc.). At the December meeting, a resolution to hold a public hearing in January should be undertaken.
- Annual Inspection change of date; check on when last payment was made.
- The continued need for PDQ Security to patrol Pavilion/Parks area.
- Atlanta Avenue parking issue. Signs match the code, but still have enforceability issues. Continuation of public hearing will be noticed in the Williston Times.
- Fee structure for payment to plumbing inspector.
- Titus Way and East Williston Avenue. Overgrowth of bamboo from a resident's property growing onto the Wheatley Acres area.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 p.m.