

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC.VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on November 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Prospect Street, East Williston, New York.

There were present: Mayor Bonnie L.S. Parente, Deputy Mayor/Trustee Christopher A. Siciliano, Trustees James Iannone, Raffaella Dunne, James Lark. Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner

Also present: Matthew & Paula Cuomo, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Chappo, Carla Strauss, James Daw, Marcia Weiser, Scott Wuenneman.

From Badger Meter: Ken Dahlgren, Randy Baxendale.
From Saks Metering: Susan Jones, Joseph Hartery.

The meeting commenced with a presentation by representatives of Badger Meter and Saks Metering about the benefits derived from the installation of cellular read meters.

Trustee Parente informed those present that the issue of cellular read water meters came up on 2016 when Trustee Casella did a great deal of research into the devices and installation. At the time, it was dismissed because it was not the right time to institute this program with pending negotiations with Williston Park on a water contract and what water costs would be with the construction of a new elevated water storage tank in Williston Park.

While the Village Board has not yet decided upon the direction it will be going with regard to the installation of cellular meters, it wanted to have the presentation made so residents could ask questions and have answers addressed.

In essence, the meters in homes within the Village of East Williston are mostly over 20 years old and considered to be an "aged" system. Meters of that age do not register accurately and slow down with time. A cellular-read system will allow for residents to download an application to their cell phone or computer which can monitor water usage and detect leaks.

Mayor Parente stated that a resident had asked her about any potential health risks associated with cellular-read meters. Mr. Dahlgren stated that these meters meet all FCC regulations with regard to exposure to radio waves, and have less of an impact than that of a television or cellular phone.

Susan Jones stated that Saks Metering can install a meter in approximately 20 minutes, and that some appointments can be made after office hours and on Saturdays for the installation. After the meter is installed, Village personnel no longer need to gain access to homes to read meters.

Trustee Iannone stated that a cellular-read system will free up personnel in both the Village office and public works to perform other tasks. The meters will increase productivity of Village personnel.

John Azzara asked how the Village plans to pay for the new meters.

Mayor Parente stated that the Board has not yet discussed implementation and payment of the meter program. She noted that she is not in favor of bonding, but further discussion needs to be discussed by the Board.

Trustee Dunne stated that she just had a cellular-read meter installed and has already noticed patterns to water usage which are leading to more prudent use of water.

Trustee Iannone has had a cellular water meter for a few years now, and it helped in detecting a leak in the early stages, quickly facilitating a repair avoiding a costly water bill.

The Board said it will keep residents apprised of this issue in the future.

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Dunne and Lark all voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of October 15, 2019.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Dunne and Lark all voting "aye" the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of October 28, 2019.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Dunne and Lark voting "aye", the Board approved the abstracts for October 2019 claim numbers: 20190196-20190262.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

Trustee Iannone reported that the East Williston Fire Department responded to 13 calls in the month of October: One general alarm, 7 EMS calls, four mutual aid and one auto accident.

The East Williston Fire Department will once again be hosting Operation Santa. Residents who want to sign up for a visit from Santa on Christmas Eve should come down to the firehouse on the Thursday nights before Thanksgiving and bring an unwrapped gift for each child being visited by Santa. The gifts go to the St. Christopher Ottillie Home, The Mary Brennan Inn and the children's cancer ward at Winthrop Hospital. Fliers for the program will be going out shortly.

The Department will be getting it's new rescue truck sometime in January 2020.

Trustee Iannone reported that the East Williston Senior Group will be meeting on Thursday, November 21st at 1pm to celebrate an early Thanksgiving. Trustee Iannone will speak on several issues of interest to seniors. The group will meet again on December 19th for holiday deserts and a speaker from the Town of North Hempstead Project Independence will discuss the various services they offer. Musical entertainment will be provided by Phil Dee.

Mayor Parente stated that the Village will hold the Annual Tree Lighting on Wednesday, December 4th at 7pm. The Board had checked the School District calendar to ensure that major school events did not coincide with the tree lighting.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano reported that the new Village entrance sign was installed at Devlin Field on the north side of Hillside Avenue.

Sidewalk replacement for 2019 has been completed.

The department of public works is preparing for winter by installing plows on trucks and purchasing road salt. A new sander was purchased to replace an old sander.

He reminded resident that cars should be removed from streets when a snow event occurs, plows can effectively remove snow from streets. Also, residents should not blow snow from their properties onto streets, aim the snow onto lawns.

Sidewalks replacement continues where village trees are lifting sidewalks.

Trustee Siciliano presented the library report:

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- Movies at the Library: Downton Abbey, December 4th at 1pm
- Adult Bookies and Cookies, December 5th at 7pm
- The Children’s Play – A Fairy Tale Winter, December 7th at 11am
- Afternoon book club: “The Children Act”
- Evening book club: “The Christmas Box”
- Teen/Tween Embroidery 101 – December 11th 6:30pm (\$10 fee-sign up in advance)
- Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus, December 15th 9:30 am(adults \$15/children \$10-must sign up in advance)
- Kid’s New Year’s Bash December 30th 1-2pm

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Pre-school/Toddler Story Time with Miss Steph Thursdays at 10:30am

Toddler Story Time with Miss Dee Fridays at 10:30am

Contact the Library to find out about available museum passes available for a three day loan.

TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE

Trustee Dunne stated that the Recreation Committee will once again hold the 5K Drumstick Dash as a Fire Department Fundraiser on Friday, November 28th at 9am.

The Recreation Committee will be holding Adult Paint Night at the Little Art Studio on December 10th.

Yoga classes and the Come Play with Me program continue at the Village Hall.

The Beautification Committee will decorate the Village Hall on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Department of Public Works will start decorating the Village Green and the outside of the Village Hall.

TRUSTEE JAMES LARK

Trustee Lark presented the Justice Court Report for October 2019. There were 13 parking, 12 moving and one village code violation were dispensed with in October. Fees collected of \$1,650.00 with \$93.00 in New York State surcharges.

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Trustee Lark informed those present that the East Williston Little League will be extending the dugouts at Devlin Field and placing roofs on them to protect players. The cost of this work is completed funded by the Little League.

MAYOR BONNIE L.S. PARENTE

Mayor Parente stated that the Village held a new resident reception on November 14th. The event was attended by approximately 15 families who got the chance to meet with the building inspector, members of the fire department, Recreation and Beautification Committees, North Side PTO representative and the East Williston Little League.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in October 2019: 33 Orchard Meadow Drive, replacement of a driveway. 2 Robbins Drive, construction of a patio and retaining wall. 16 Downing Street, garage foundation and reduction. 388 Charles Street, legalize and maintain a deck. 39 Atlanta Avenue, major renovations and additions to home, partial demolition, new detached garage, central air conditioning unit, and patio. 147 Bengueyfield Drive, construction of patio. 15 East Williston Avenue replace façade and windows. 22 Downing Street, replacement of driveway. 382 Feather Lane, major renovations and addition to home, partial demolition, finished basement, central air conditioning unit and new driveway. 37 Orchard Meadow Road, legalize and maintain driveway.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report for October 2018 reported now auto accidents, seven aided cases other than auto. No reports of burglary, robbery, auto larceny or criminal mischief. Fourteen moving violations and four parking violations were issued.

The Village office will be closed for Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving, November 28th and 29th.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Dunne, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.