

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC.VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Tuesday, October 15, 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, Anthony J. Casella, Raffaella Dunne, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner

Also present: Margaret Casella, Paul Walters Walter Rivera, James Lark, Matthew Cuomo, John Quigg, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Chappo, Rita Botensten, Michael Guglielmo, Carla Strauss, Mildred Clinton, Mr. & Mrs. James Daw, Guiliana Acheson, Marcia Weiser, P.O. Maguire, Costanza and Cooper, David Isaacs.

Police Officers Maguire, Costanza and Cooper were present at the meeting to give out materials of interest to residents on various topics. Officer Maguire wanted to introduce himself as the newest member of the POP Cop team.

RESOLUTION 2019-34 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM NELSON & POPE DATED AUGUST 28, 2019 FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF DOWNING STREET AT A LUMP SUM COST OF \$5,200.00 .

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Casella, and Dunne all voting "aye", the Board approved

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On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Casella and Dunne all voting "aye" the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of September 23, 2019.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Casella and Dunne voting "aye", the Board approved the abstracts for September 2019 claim numbers: 20190154-20190195.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

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

The Department welcomed first grade students from the North Side School for a presentation on fire safety by Chief Clark and Firefighter Devaney.

The department is looking for new members. If anyone is interested, they should come to the firehouse on Thursday nights around 8pm and speak to one of the chiefs or commissioners.

Trustee Iannone reported that the East Williston Senior Group will be meeting on Thursday, October 17th, the group will welcome Erin Bienkowski of the Alzheimer's Association who will give an informative presentation on healthy living for your brain and body. The group will meet again on November 21st

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano reported that the department of public works is preparing for winter. A new sander was purchased and plows are being installed on village trucks.

The traffic study of Downing Street will commence on October 21st. The engineering firm needed five straight days of school being open to obtain an accurate count of vehicles traversing the street.

Bi-annual hydrant flushing will take place commencing October 28th and will continue until November 1st between the hours of 9:30am and 4:30pm.

Sidewalks replacement continues where village trees are lifting sidewalks.

The new village entrance sign on the north side of East Williston Avenue across from the village green has been installed.

He added that if a residents sees a light out to contact the village office to report it for repair.

Trustee Siciliano presented the Library report:

Pre-school story time with Miss Steph will take place on Thursdays at 10:30am. Toddler story time with Miss Dee will take place on Fridays at 10:30am. Tween pumpkin

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painting will take place on October 24th at 4pm- \$2 program fee. Halloween Spooktacular will take place on October 26th at 10:30am (\$2 program fee). Traveling Pets will take place on November 5th. The movie "The Sandlot" will be shown on October 16th at 1pm

TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE

Trustee Dunne stated that the Beautification Committee is still offering the perennial plant spitting program. Residents interested should contact the village office.

Trustee Dunne noted that the Teen Safety Committee together with the Recreation Committee will be presenting the Move Night Under the Stars on October 18th at 6:30pm at Devlin Field. The village received a donation from the Williston Post/Haller Zaremba Insurance Agency in the amount of \$200 for snacks for attendees that night.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY CASELLA

Trustee Casella presented the Justice Court Report for September 2019. There were 22 parking, 14 moving and five village code violations were dispensed with in September. Fees collected of \$785.00 with \$118.00 in New York State surcharges.

The Recreation Committee will continue to hold yoga classes on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Gentle yoga will take place on Wednesdays from 6-7pm.

The Come Play with Me program takes place on Mondays at 10:30am.

Movie Under the Stars presenting "Toy Story 4" will take place on Friday, October 18th from 6:30-8:30pm.

The Halloween Event (formerly the Ragamuffin Parade) will take place on October 26th at 2pm at Devlin Field.

Lastly, the Recreation Committee is looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Maeve Kilgo.

Trustee Casella stated that he will be resigning as Trustee effective October 16, 2019. He advised those present of his participation in Village committees and politics since his move to the Village in 1967. He was elected Mayor in 1991 and subsequently left the Board in the 90's., In 2016 he felt the need to run again for the Board due to the water issues with Williston Park and to aid in negotiating a long-term contact with them.

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Mayor Parente thanked Trustee Casella and presented him with a plaque recognizing his service to the residents of East Williston.

Mayor Parente introduced resident James Lark who was sworn into the office of Trustee.

MAYOR BONNIE L.S. PARENTE

Mayor Parente stated that as promised, she wanted to provide a brief update to residents about the North Side School fence litigation.

As everyone is aware, work on the fence was halted by a lawsuit brought by residents in the vicinity of the school.

The court upheld the stay from construction of the fence until a permit is issued. As of this date, the East Williston School District has not applied for a permit to construct a fence. Also, no appeal has been filed as of this date.

It is also noted that when an application to construct the fence is submitted, it will be denied by the building department. At that time, the School District will have to make application to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance to construct the fence. In applying for a variance, the School District will have to submit a radius map and have a mailing sent to homeowners within a 200 foot radius of the property.

Residents expressed concern that there was no open discussion with the School Board about the fence. Residents spoke to them, but they did not listen.

A resident stated that safety of the children should come first. This resident stated that the School Board had said that no other school in Nassau County is without a fence.

Another resident stated that that is not true. There is an elementary school in Garden City on busy Stewart Avenue that does not have a fence surrounding the school.

David Isaacs asked if the school can put up a temporary fence in the mean-time for the safety of the children.

The Board advised that no work on any fence may take place.

James Daw rhetorically asked what lesson the Board of Education is giving to the children of the East Williston School District. He said the lesson is one of arrogance on the part of the District, ignoring the law and treating a fellow governmental agency as an afterthought.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in September 2019: 16 Downing Street, replacement of driveway and apron. 143 Charles Street, legalize and maintain driveway. 16 Meritoria Drive repair of driveway. 405 Sagamore Avenue, installation of hot tub, legalize and maintain cellar stair, expand driveway and replace patio. 418 Latham Lane, addition and renovations, front portico. 432 Sagamore Avenue, replacement of central air conditioning unit. 42 East Williston Avenue, rear addition to home. 388 Congress Avenue, replacement of driveway. 10 Downing Street, replacement of central air conditioning unit. 27 Post Avenue, close off bedroom/bathroom doorway.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report for August 2019 stated no auto accidents. Seven aided cases. No reports of burglary, robbery or criminal mischief. Three moving violations and five parking violations were issued.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report for September 2019 stated no auto accidents, nine aided cases. No reports of burglary, robbery or criminal mischief. Fourteen moving and three parking violations were issued.

Residents are reminded that backflow prevention tests must be done and sent to the Village by December 31, 2019. The test must be performed once per year and the Village must report these tests to the Nassau County Department of Health. If you did not get your backflow tested in the spring when the sprinkler system was opened, please have the test performed when you sprinkler system is being winterized.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

John Quigg asked if the fire siren in front of his home on Hewlett Drive can be shut off or removed. It seems that the siren is going off more often than in the past.

Mayor Parente stated that the only time the siren only tones out is when there is an actual fire call, but not when there are EMS calls, which are one of the most frequent calls the East Williston Fire Department responds to. As this has been addressed in the past, in addition to fire radios possessed by department members, the sirens are an added layer of communication needed to quick response to a fire call and that each volunteer department on Long Island still utilizes siren detail to alert members of fire calls.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Dunne, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.