

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**INC.VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, September 9 , 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: Carrie O'Farrell (Nelson and Pope), Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Ritz, Philip Amico, Kathleen Daw, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kelapire, Marcia Weiser, Raymond Gaudio, Philip Amico, Michael Guglielmo, Mr. Hurleigh, Coaches, Players and Families of East Williston Little League District 28 11U Team.

**RESOLUTION 2019-28 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 a proposal from Nelson & Pope dated August 28, 2019 for a traffic study of Downing Street at a lump sum fee of \$5,200.00.

**RESOLUTION 2019-29 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEGATIVE SEQRA DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO AMENDMENTS TO THE EAST WILLISTON VILLAGE CODE FOR CONDITIONAL USE PROPERTIES .**

On the motion of Mayor Parente, seconded by Trustee Siciliano and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Casella, and Dunne all voting "aye", the Board approved a negative SEQRA declaration with regard to amendments to the East Williston Village Code for conditional use properties.

**RESOLUTION 2019-30 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZED THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE VILLAGE CODE PERTAINING TO CONDITIONAL USE PROPERTIES IN THE VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON TO THE NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.**

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Dunne and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Casella, and Dunne all voting "aye", the Board authorized the submission of the proposed changes to the Village Code pertaining to conditional use properties in the Village of East Williston to the Nassau County Planning Commission.

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The Board of Trustees presented the East Williston Little League coaches and players proclamations for their win at the Williamsport District 28 11U win for the 2019 season.

The meeting proceeded with a public hearing to consider a local law amending the Village Code Section 160-40 entitled "Conditional Uses and Permits". A verbatim transcript was taken of said hearing and is on file in the office of the Village Clerk.

**RESOLUTION 2019-31 A RESOLUTION APPROVED LOCAL LAW 2019-2 AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE SECTION 160-40 ENTITLED CONDITIONAL USES AND PERMITS SUBJECT TO A RESPONSE FROM THE NASSAU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.**

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Dunne and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Casella, and Dunne all voting "aye", the Board approved Local Law #2019-2 amending the Village Code Section 160-40 entitled Conditional Uses and Permits subject to a response from the Nassau County Planning Commission

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Casella and Dunne voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2019.

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 the minutes of the agenda meeting of August 26, 2019

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Dunne, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Casella and Dunne voting "aye", the Board approved the abstracts for August 2019 claim numbers: 20190084 - 20190153.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**  
**TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE**

Trustee Iannone reported that the East Williston Fire Department responded to 18 calls in the month of August.

The Department's new rescue vehicle will be arriving soon. He noted that almost half of all calls for the East Williston Fire Department are 9A or emergency calls.

As always, 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, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm for pizza and dessert with entertainment by Frank Stallone. On October 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER SICILIANO**

Trustee Siciliano stated that sidewalk work should commence by the end of September. Other public works projects being undertaken are tree planting, stop line painting and the reading of water meters, which will be ending on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

A new sander has been ordered for snow plowing season to replace old equipment that is now out of service.

The Board will be undertaking a traffic study of Downing Street to investigate ways that traffic calming in the area can be implemented to cut down on speeding and perhaps congestion.

The village anticipates the pilot program for the LED lights to commence sometime in September. An email blast will be sent when the lights are about to be 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  
Afternoon book club will be reading "The Female Persuasion" by Meg Wolzer on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The evening book club will read "Educated: A Memoir" by Tara Westover on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Movie "Hotel Mumbai" will be screened on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Tween Trash Bag Dress Contest will take place on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Mr. Mouse puppet show will take place on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. The Library asks residents to stop by and see all the museum passes that they offer for a three day period.

**TRUSTEE ANTHONY CASELLA**

Trustee Casella presented the Justice Court Report for August 2019. There were 11 parking, three moving and no village code violations were dispensed with in August. Fees collected of \$1,550.00 with no New York State surcharges.

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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.

Fall Tennis with Jayne Alterman will commence on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Pickleball will take place on Wednesdays from 9:30am to 10:30am beginning on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

#### **TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE**

Trustee Dunne stated that the Recreation and Beautification Committees will be preparing welcome baskets for new residents.

Trustee Dunne noted that since the ball field at North Side cannot be utilized, Devlin Field will be used more than usual. It was noted that now that surveillance cameras are up and running, it is hoped to cut down on vandalism and littering.

The Teen Safety Committee has met in both July and August. They are discussing ways to utilize Village spaces to cut down on youths congregating when parks are closed. One suggestion was to hold a movie at night at Devlin Field.

The Beautification Committee initiated a program to split perennial plants and plant them along the railroad. Resident interested should contact the Village office to be put in touch with a Beautification Committee member.

#### **VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER**

The following building permits were issued in August 2019: 68 Bengeyfield Drive, interior alterations to home. 30 Orchard Drive, replacement of driveway and apron. 131 Charles Street, addition and renovations to home and installation of a new patio. 20 High Street, interior alterations to home, 370 Charles Street replace inground pool. 147 Bengeyfield Drive, replacement of patio.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report for August 2019 was not received in time for the meeting tonight.

**MAYOR BONNIE L.S. PARENTE**

Mayor Parente stated that Nassau County installed a traffic beacon at the North Side School on East Williston Avenue, with a “push button” operation for the crosswalk. Nassau County Legislator Richard Nicoletto made this a priority on behalf of the Village to enhance efforts for vehicles to drive slower in the area.

The Village will hold the 9/11 candlelight vigil on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on the village green.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Kathleen Daw asked if Roslyn Road and East Williston Avenue will be repaved.

Mayor Parente stated that the Village has been in constant contact with Nassau County about the condition of the roads. The Village was advised the County will undertake repaving as soon as National Grid has completed its work on gas mains.

Trustee Siciliano stated that National Grid has agreed to restore all Village roads they have worked on.

Michael Guglielmo stated that he spoke with a foreman from National Grid when they were working on Roslyn Road. The foreman advised him that they are only responsible to replace what they destroy.

Trustee Siciliano stated that he is pushing to have a meeting with National Grid on this matter.

A resident questioned the trees removed at 15 East Williston Avenue.

Mayor Parente stated that the family is working with the building department to obtain permits to work on the home.

Mr. Halpern asked about the installation of the fence around the North Side School.

Mayor Parente gave a brief update on the fence installation. While the Village cannot provide comment due to the pending Article 78 served on the Village by the East Williston School District, she did say that the School District did not obtain a permit to construct the fence and there is a question as to whether they need to obtain such a permit. The School District started to construct the fence, and then area residents sued the District (an Order to Show Cause) to obtain a stop work order. All parties will be appearing in front of a judge on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

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Mrs. Kelapire questioned work at 2 Robbins Drive. Construction seems to be complete, but, but the property still has a portolav on it and the yard has not been landscaped. When it rains, mud runs down the street.

Mayor Parente said she will advise Building Inspector Jared Mandel to check on this and report back to her.

Mrs. Kelapire asked if the Village had any Code restrictions on the painting of chimneys a certain color.

Mayor Parente stated that the Code does not address this issue. She noted that some residents have asked the Village to create an Architectural Review Board. Other residents have stated they are totally against the institution of such a Board.

Trustee Iannone stated that East Williston has no uniform style to it's houses, so it would be difficult to institute an Architectural Review Board.

Mrs. Kelapie stated that with all of the new construction taking place, the Village is not quaint anymore.

Philip Amico asked if building codes are applied differently throughout the Village.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that the Village Zoning Code has different residential districts, so different areas have different criteria for construction on the property.

Mayor Parente noted that the Village is working on getting more code enforcers, to issue summons for violations.

Jeanne Trotter stated that weeds along Roslyn Road are not being trimmed by Nassau County.

The Clerk was asked to contact Legislator Richard Nicoletto's office about this issue.

Mrs. Trotter also said that the trash cans around the Village Hall are often overflowing on Saturdays.

Trustee Siciliano will advise public works to empty the trash cans more often, especially before the weekend.

Mrs. Trotter asked about the Village entrance sign on East Williston Avenue, just east of the railroad tracks.

Trustee Siciliano stated that the stanchions for the sign are about to be installed and the sign has been ordered.

Mrs. Trotter also asked about having the benches on the Village Green power washed, and questioned the use of Round Up weed killer by public works employees.

Trustee Siciliano stated that public works will clean the benches after meter readings cease, and he will address the use of Round Up with public works staff.

Mr. Hurleigh of Sumter Avenue stated that he has witnessed cars speeding south on Sagamore Avenue after the trains arrive at the East Williston station. Drivers do not stop at the stop sign at the intersection of Ogden and proceed to speed down the road.

Mayor Parente said she will contact the commanding officer at the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct and ask for an officer to be stationed in the area during that time.

Kathleen Daw asked about the installation of the new LED lighting.

Mayor Parente stated that when the pilot program, consisting of one light in each quadrant is about to be installed, and email blast will be sent out to residents to solicit feedback.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Dunne, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.