

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC.VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, July 8, 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, Village Attorney Jeffrey L. Blinkoff, Village Clerk Marie L. Hausner

Excused from meeting: Trustee Raffaella Dunne.

Also present: Nancy Zolezzi, Phil Amico, Mildred Clinton, Kenneth and Barbara Dean, David Eng.

On the motion of Trustee Casella, seconded by Trustee Siciliano, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, and Casella voting "aye", the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2019.

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, and Casella all voting "aye" the Board approved the minutes of the agenda meeting of June 25, 2019

On the motion of Trustee Iannone, seconded by Trustee Casella, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, and Casella voting "aye", the Board approved the abstracts for June 2019 20180663 - 20190018.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

MAYOR BONNIE L.S. PARENTE

Mayor Parente stated she wanted to obtain feedback from residents about the Village-wide Tag Sale held in early June by the Recreation Committee. She wanted to get this information now, while the event was fresh in everyone's mind.

Barbara Dean was in charge of the event and advised that 58 households signed up to participate, and three withdrew before the date due to personal conflicts. Three other families wanted to participate, but could not because the date was not convenient for them.

No complaints were received by her or the village office. Mrs. Dean received positive feedback from participants that it was a nice day to share with friends and neighbors.

Mayor Parente stated that she was hoping to get more to provide feedback, as in past years, some residents were not always happy the event, citing traffic/parking issues, attendees cutting through front lawns and a general uneasy feeling of strangers coming into the neighborhood (citing safety and security issues).

Mrs. Dean had not received reports about any events of suspicious persons or crime generated by the annual tag sale.

Kenneth Dean said that residents who felt that strangers coming into village, scoping out homes have the general attitude to "build a wall" around the community. He said it makes him scared that residents feel this way. He also felt that holding open houses (for sale of a house) could also be viewed this way. The annual tag sale is not a criminal issue.

David Eng who resides on Ward Street stated that the Village should allow residents to set up tables on the Village Green to sell their items.

The Board advised that this was done many years ago, but the hauling and removing of things for sale proved too much for residents to handle, so the sale on the Green was not pursued further.

Mr. Eng also advised that someone has placed items for sale in the middle of the road on Ward Street, which he did not think was permitted by the Village.

Nancy Zolezzi also noticed the items on Ward Street placed in the road.

Barbara Dean suggested that the Village Board consider allowing residents to have a garage sale once per year at their respective residences.

Trustee Iannone stated that the Village was trying to strike balance in having the annual tag sale, so people could sell unwanted items. It is just one day for five hours.

Mr. Dean stated that the Village of Sea Cliff has an annual tag sale every year and it is a huge community event with positive results for the village. On that day, the Boy Scouts also plan activities.

Mr. Dean also said that the Community Church of East Williston used to hold their trash and treasure sale on the same day as the village wide tag sale.

Trustee Siciliano stated that due to increased traffic, they stopped doing it on the same day.

Mayor Parente stated that she and the Board will consider all of the input presented this evening.

Mayor Parente noted that with regard to safety and security within the Village, two drunken driving incidents has occurred within the community in the last two weeks. One occurrence was a driver hit a sign pole, and attempted to leave the scene of the accident but was stopped by an off duty police officer.

The second incident involved a driver hitting a fire hydrant, causing it to be taken completely off the main connection, causing extensive damage to the hydrant, and broken water main where water gushed from the hydrant for approximately nine hours before the brake could be repaired.

Trustee Siciliano added that the area on Bengueyfield Drive where the hydrant was hit is just beyond a curve in the road. The vehicle was moving at such a speed where the hydrant broke off and became imbedded in the vehicle.

With Uber, Lyft and taxi services, there was not warrant for people to drive drunk, possibly causing loss of life.

Ken Dean suggested putting signs in the village (much like areas of North Hempstead) that read "DWI laws strictly enforced.

Mayor Parente added that with regard to safety, the Village is planning to have an engineer perform an assessment of Downing Street to look a traffic calming measures approaching the school. The Village has to wait until school opens so that proper review of actual traffic patterns can be looked at.

Mr. Dean suggested that speed bumps be put in the road to deter speeding vehicles and lower the speed limit to below 25 miles per hour.

Jeffrey Blinkoff stated that pursuant to the Vehicle and Traffic Law, a village cannot have a speed limit lower than 30 mph.

Phil Amico stated that people fly down Bengueyfield Drive, often not stopping for stop signs.

Mr. Amico stated that Trustee Siciliano did a great job on June 29th when the hydrant was hit on Bengueyfield Drive. He was on the scene and quickly assessed the situation for repair.

Mr. Amico also stated that at the corner of Concord Street and Roslyn Road, the area is missing a utility pole and needs to have better lighting installed.

Mr. Amico relayed the following to the Board about an incident that took place at his home.

He said he was replacing his patio and repointing the brick work. Workers were performing said work when a car pulls up to his house. A person gets out of the vehicle and says he is the building inspector and says he needs to obtain a building permit to perform the work that is being undertaken.

Mr. Amico asked for some proof as to he was. The man took pictures and was there for 10 minutes.

Mr. Amico said he went into a tirade and told the man to get off his property. The man asked "Are you threatening me?" He said he would have to call the cops.

Mr. Amico said the workers thought this was profiling.

Mr. Amico went to the village office and spoke with Bonnie Kreisman who explained that a building permit is needed to repair and replace an existing patio.

Mr. Amico was issued a stop work order by the Building Inspector.

Mayor Parente advised that the Building Inspector is Jared Mandel.

The Village Clerk advised that she is working to procure Village ID cards for all employees and they should be in employee hands by August 8th.

Kenneth Dean stated that cars park in driveways and overhang into the streets, blocking sidewalks. This is not enforced and tickets are not being issued.

It was stated that residents may not want it enforced since they may not have enough room in driveways to park all of their cars.

Mr. Blinkoff stated that pursuant to the Vehicle and Traffic Law 1202-A1B, parking of cars in a sidewalk (path) is not permitted.

David Eng asked if the village knew if Roslyn Road will be repaved after the work was done by both National Grid and PSEG. He knows it is a Nassau County Road, but was hoping the Village could urge the County to perform the work.

Mayor Parente stated the Village has been in contact with the County and has been given promises by them that the work will take place.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano stated that sidewalk repairs to slabs that are lifted by village trees will commence in late July after bids for work are received.

The LED pilot program should be commencing at the end of August.

Trustee Siciliano presented the Library report. The 2019 Summer Reading Program with the theme "A Universe of Stories" continues. The program runs from July 8th to August 16th which will include crafts, games, programs and treats. Other future Library events include: July 9th, painting a rocket ship bank, July 23rd, creating a solar system mobile. July 25th, Space: The Cosmos Kids, July 31st, create a space sun catcher, August 1st, Long Island Children's Museum workshop, August 6th, create a glow in the dark bracelet, August 13th, create a telescope, and August 15th, Steve Petra's Big Banana Blast off.

TRUSTEE JAMES IANNONE

Trustee Iannone presented the East Williston Fire Department report for June 2019. There were 14 emergency calls, four general alarms and one auto accident, totaling 19 calls for the month.

As always, the Fire Department is looking for new members. Those interested should stop by the firehouse on Thursday nights around 8pm to speak to one of the chiefs.

The East Williston Senior Group is on summer hiatus and will resume meeting in September.

TRUSTEE ANTHONY CASELLA

Trustee Casella presented the Recreation Committee report. Yoga classes continue on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11am and gentle yoga classes take place on Wednesdays from 5:45 – 7:15pm.

The Justice Court report for June 2019 reported 25 parking violations, four moving violations and three Village ordinance violations, with \$1,315.00 total monies collected and \$118.00 in New York State surcharges.

TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE

Trustee Dunne was excused from the meeting this evening. In her absence, Mayor Parente advised that the East Williston Little League won the Williamsport 11U championship.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in June 2019: 205 Harvard Street, legalize and maintain finished basement. 37 High Street, expansion of driveway and apron. 74 Weeks Road, construction of new in-ground pool. 201 Glenmore Street replace driveway pad and construct rear patio. 10 Coleman Drive, legalize and maintain finished basement and kitchen alteration. 27 Ridge Road, construction of driveway and patio. 41 Ogden Avenue installation of central air conditioning. 389 Charles Street, expansion of driveway.

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report was not forwarded in time for tonight's meeting.

There being no further business, on the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Casella, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.