

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC.VILLAGE OF EAST WILLISTON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of East Williston was held on Monday, June 10, 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: Maureen and Philip Chappo, Ronnie and Michael Kelapire, Lori and Michael Baltzer, Mildred Clinton, Carla Strauss, Marcia Weiser, Michael Guglielmo, Rita Botensten.

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 May 13, 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 May 28, 2019

On the motion of Trustee Siciliano, seconded by Trustee Iannone, and with Mayor Parente and Trustees Siciliano, Iannone, Casella and Dunne voting "aye", the Board approved the abstracts for May 2019 Nos. 20180586 - 20180674 .

TRUSTEE REPORTS

MAYOR BONNIE L.S. PARENTE

Mayor Parente stated that since taking office, she has increased communication through email blasts, reporting on social media and writing a column in the Williston Post about Village topics, meetings, etc. She also advised residents that if they encounter a problem that is Village-related to call or email the Village office and report the issue, rather than first posting on Facebook. This way, the concern can be investigated in a more expeditious way by Village personnel.

Regarding email blasts, she reminded residents that if they do not seem to be receiving what is sent out to first check the spam folder, as she has encountered the emails going to the spam folder. This often occurs with mass-sent emails. Residents can also sign up again on Eastwilliston.org to ensure they receive pertinent information.

Mayor Parente stated that with regard to security, she had met with the commanding officer of the Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct. The local patrol has been responding more frequently to issues in the Village, as more speeding tickets were issued within the last month. The Board is also exploring other methods of which to increase security in the Village. This information will be reported upon at future meetings.

Mayor Parente stated that a joint presentation by East Williston and Williston Park on vaping awareness was held on June 4th and was well attended. The Nassau County Police Third Precinct presented information educating parents about the issue. Another presentation is planned for the future.

Mayor Parente noted that her sister was recently at Devlin Field and found Juul pods around the dugout, so vaping is definitely a problem with youth in the community.

Mayor Parente advised that the Village has been advised by National Grid that until permission has been granted for the Northeast Supply Enhancement Pipeline Project (NESE) to proceed, National Grid has suspended the processing of all new and upgraded gas service requests as of May 15, 2019 to customers in Brooklyn, Queens and Nassau. As such, anyone now applying for additional or replacement gas fixtures or appliances will need to have a separate permit which must include gas load calculations for all existing equipment, pursuant to the International Fuel Gas Code, provide gas load specifications, and a load verification permit issued by the Village plumbing inspector. An email blast and flier will be sent to residents shortly.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-18 A RESOLUTION REQUIRING A LOAD VERIFICATION PERMIT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT OR ADDITIONAL GAS FIXTURES AND SETTING FEES FOR SUCH PERMIT.

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 the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees ("Board") has been informed that until permission has been granted for the Northeast Supply Enhancement Pipeline Project to proceed, National Grid has suspended the processing of all new and upgraded gas service requests as of May 15, 2019, and

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the Board that National Grid will not add any additional gas load to existing accounts, the Board believes it necessary to require current gas load calculations for all existing or additional equipment prior to the issuance of a plumbing permit for replacement or additional fixtures,

NOW, THEREFOE, BE IT RESOLVED,

Given the restrictions in place through National Grid, in addition to such other requirements as the Village Plumbing Inspector may deem necessary, a Load Verification Permit shall be obtained through the Village Plumbing Inspector prior to the issuance of a Plumbing Permit for the installation of additional or replacement gas fixtures;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

The fees charged with respect to the Load Verification Permit shall be: (1) a standard filing fee of \$50.00; and (2) and inspection fee of \$15.00.

RESOLUTION #2019-19 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING MORATORIUM ON CONSIDERATION OR APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees ("Board") having previously passed a Local Law which put in place a moratorium on consideration or approval of applications for conditional use permits or the amendment of existing conditional use permits as that term is used by Section 160-40 of the Code of the Village of East Williston ("the Code") in order to provide the Village of East Williston with an opportunity to review its Zoning code and to consider changes to its Zoning Code, particularly section 160-40, and

WHEREAS, said Local Law allows for the extension of that moratorium for up to three periods of ninety days each by resolution of the Board, and

WHEREAS, the Board deems an extension of ninety days necessary for it to complete the consideration of changes to its Zoning Code.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above-mentioned moratorium be, and the same is hereby extended for ninety days from its effective date, or up to and including September 25, 2019.

DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER SICILIANO

Trustee Siciliano thanked the Beautification Committee and the Department of Public Works for all of the beautiful plantings around the Village Hall and Village Green. He also thanked resident Barbara Seixas for the hanging flower baskets around the Village Hall.

A new flag pole was installed at Devlin Field to replace the very old, and rusted pole that occupied the area for many years.

Public Works has been replacing pavers around the Village Hall and vicinity.

The LED replacement lighting program has just received bids for fixtures and installation companies. RealTerm Energy is currently reviewing the bids and will report back to the Village later this month

The Village is compiling a list of sidewalk slabs that are being lifted by Village trees that need to be replaced

Trustee Siciliano presented the Library report. The 2019 Summer Reading Program kicks off the week of June 17th through 22nd with the theme "A Universe of Stories". 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 May 2019. There were nine emergency calls, six general alarms and two mutual aid calls to neighboring fire departments.

Members of the East Williston Fire Department attended "fire school" at the Nassau County Fire Training Academy in Old Bethpage during the month of May.

The East Williston Senior Group will hold an Ice Cream Social on June 20th at 1pm. Guest speaker Nancy Musumeci from Hellen Keller Services for the Blind will be on hand to discuss services and free programs offered by the organization.

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 May 2019 reported 20 parking violations, four moving violations and three Village ordinance violations, with \$1,925.00 total monies collected and no New York State surcharges.

TRUSTEE RAFFAELA DUNNE

Trustee Dunne reported that the Beautification Committee did a wonderful job at placing new plantings around the Village Hall.

The East Williston Little League will be hosting the Division 10U Williamsport Tournament from June 26 through July 15.

VILLAGE CLERK MARIE HAUSNER

The following building permits were issued in May 2019:

117 William St	Addition & interior alterations
117 William St	Relocation driveway
117 William St	Demolish garage
75 Robbins Dr	Mudroom & garage addition
75 Robbins Dr	Expand driveway
24 Ridge Rd	Additions
37 Orchard Dr	HVAC
201 Derby St	Expand driveway
9 Donald St	AC
15 Robbins Dr	Demolish house
15 Robbins Dr	Demolish shed
15 Robbins Dr	New residence
15 Robbins Dr	Patio & retaining wall
15 Robbins Dr	Driveway
15 Robbins Dr	AC units
200 Dickson Circ	Addition, new Porch & egress window
15 Downing St	AC
137 Charles St	BB curbing
168 Glenmore St	Replace AC
71 Bengueyfield Dr	Underpin
171 Bengueyfield Dr	Demolish house
171 Bengueyfield Dr	New residence
171 Bengueyfield Dr	3 car garage
171 Bengueyfield Dr	Driveway
171 Bengueyfield Dr	AC units
171 Bengueyfield Dr	Generator
169 Glenmore St	HVAC
169 Glenmore St	Driveway

The Nassau County Police Department Third Precinct report for April 2019 noted one auto accident, four aided cases (other than auto). No reports of burglary. One incident

of robbery (“meeting gone bad”). No reports of larceny or criminal mischief. No moving violations and four parking violations were issued.

Mayor Parente stated that she was advised by the Village Justice Court that the police issued three speeding violations in front of the North Side School.

The Mayor opened the meeting to residents.

Rita Botensten asked if there was any update on access to the North Side School as it pertains to the installation of a fence. She also wondered where the students will go in the event of a fire.

Trustee Iannone stated that East Williston School District Superintendent Dr. Elaine Kanas will be meeting again with the Fire Department Commissioners and discussing access points for the fire department and truck turning radius. It was noted that the East Williston Fire Department can gain access from East Williston Avenue. There are three sliding gates shown on the plans at the east, west and south.

Mayor Parente added that the proposed retaining wall has been removed from the school’s plans. The retaining wall has been questioned by the Village Building Inspector and Public Works Department. The Village did not request that it be taken off, however.

The Nassau County Police Department felt the wall is a safety point.

Mrs. Botensten thought there was only one sliding gate.

Maureen Chappo felt there were too many openings in the fence.

Mayor Parente stated that the Fire Department recommended additional gates.

Mrs. Botensten was still concerned about where the students will go if there is a fire.

Trustee Iannone stated that the School Board will need to address that question as fire drills are a part of their protocol. The Village is just acting as a conduit for information from the School District. He encouraged residents to attend the School Board meetings.

Philip Chappo felt the Village Board contributed a great deal to discussions, and wanted to keep that momentum going.

Trustee Iannone, again stated that when he speaks with representatives of the School District, it is his lone voice. He encouraged other residents to speak to the School District.

Michael Baltzer asked if the School District had to adhere to the Village Code.

Mayor Parente stated that the School District is bound by the regulations of the New York State Education Department. The Village is not able to oppose all of their plans. The District responded to all of the Village's concerns except for the height of the fence.

Michael Kelapire asked if PSEG/National Grid will be repaving areas where they had been working to upgrade utility systems. He noted that Hewlett Road has a rather large pothole that needs to be filled.

Trustee Siciliano stated he will have Public Works take a look to see if they can patch the hole.

Mr. Kelapire also stated that the first house on Meritoria Drive where work has been going on for quite some time still has a construction fence around the property. He also noted that the contractors track dirt all over the road.

He was advised that Building Inspector Jared Mandel will be alerted to this issue.

Mr. Kelapire also noted that the utility pole near 15 Meritoria is leaning.

Mrs. Hausner said she will report this to PSEG.

Mr. Kelapire also requested that the Village plant trees on Orchard Drive.

Mr. Kelapire also asked if the Village can investigate putting extra street lights on School Street.

Mrs. Chappo stated that the storm drains on Andrews Road always seem to be full of water.

Trustee Siciliano said he will alert the Public Works department.

Mr. Baltzer asked if the new Williston Park water tower has had the water tested and if it is within accepted levels. He was advised that the testing is still going on, and that the tower has not yet been put back into full service.

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Mr. Kelapire stated that Jeanne Trotter and Ronnie Kelapire did a wonderful job planting flowers for the Beautification Committee.

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