

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER  
5 JUNE 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Gattuso, Novak, Perry, Sloan, Steker, Yurkovich and President Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Matthys, Deputy Village Clerk Keane, and Attorney Durkin.

**PRESENTATION:**

Bruce Horek was recognized by the Board for celebrating 40 years of business within the Village of Westchester. Mr. Horek humbly accepted the award and thanked the Board for honoring him and his family. They are proud to be celebrating 60 years of life within Westchester. He also thanked his wife Colleen who was also in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

Mr. Bernie Famer of 1124 Newcastle commented he felt he was not allowed to mow the lawns and the ones done before the 30<sup>th</sup> were done by another mower. He felt disappointed in the way the Village handled the situation. Village Manager Matthys responded that she attempted to return Mr. Farmer's phone call to inform him they received three competitive bids and quotes. They are waiting to finalize the mowing schedule. She also wanted Mr. Farmer to know he was back in the rotation. Mr. Farmer also stated he feels the Village should very permits for work being done within the Village because it is a revenue source. He also feels that truck enforcement is not working hard enough and they should team up with Hillside to catch offenders. President Pulia responded that they currently have a truck enforcement team working diligently. Chief Padalik informed Mr. Farmer they a working with surrounding communities on truck enforcement.

Ms. Rose Marie Brailo of 1359 Manchester Ave. requested that she be able to submit a letter in response to the newsletter article regarding the sign that will be going up. She feels it is important for the Village to remember our history and what premise the village was born on, an English Village. President Pulia responded to let her know that the item is only on the COW Agenda and will not be formally voted upon. They will take into consideration her letter she provided the Board.

Mr. Timothy Hinsdale of 1613 Kensington commented that 10 months ago he complained to the board about the lack of Westchester based food vendors at the fest and asked that the 30 vendors be invited to the fest. He stated that according to the Chamber website, only two were Westchester vendors. He does not feel it is appropriate to have so many vendors from out of town. Ms. Matthys commented that the Village provided the Chamber with a list of restaurants within the Village and they currently have five vendor spots open, and they are more than welcome to participate. Mr. Hinsdale advocated that someone act as an ambassador to these businesses and that a letter is not enough. He feels it should have been a personal invitation.

With no further comments from the public, the Board moved to the Consent Agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Trustee Steker asked to pull item 7.E (Ordinance Amending Chapter 11.35, Entitled "Asset Seizure and Impoundment of Motor Vehicles Used in the Commission of Certain Offenses", of Title 11, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" of the Westchester Code) from the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Yurkovich to approve the following items on the Consent; Item 7.A (Record of Bills), Item 7.B (Department Reports), Item 7.C (Approval of Minutes Special Meeting of April 17, Board Meeting of April 24, and COW Meeting of April 24, 2012), and 7.D (Ordinance Waiving the Bid Requirements and Authorizing the Purchase of Asphalt from Allied Asphalt) The motion unanimously passed (AYE 7).

Trustee Yurkovich made a motion seconded by Trustee Gattuso to approve item 7.E (Ordinance Amending Chapter 11.35, Entitled "Asset Seizure and Impoundment of Motor Vehicles Used in the Commission of Certain Offenses", of Title 11, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" of the Westchester Code) for discussion. Trustee Steker feels the Board should not lessen the penalty because of the severity of some of the offenses. President Pulia agreed with Trustee Steker regarding the fees and provisions. Trustee Sloan asked if the Board can amend the fees and Attorney Durkin advised that the language could be changed. Trustee Sloan asked if the Adjudicator would still have the authority to change this? Attorney Durkin advised that the Adjudicator would have the authority to release the vehicle without the bond if the stop was not valid. Trustee Yurkovich and Trustee Gattuso then amended their motion to replace the term \$300.00 with \$500.00 in each area of the Ordinance. The board unanimously passed said motion (AYE 7). With no further items on the Consent, the Board moved to the Active Agenda.

**ACTIVE AGENDA:**

Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to suspend the rules of discussion at a prior meeting for Item 8.A (Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Public Auction of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Westchester) and the motion unanimously passed (AYE 7). President Pulia explained that they will be auctioning off 4 vehicles at the WCMC Auction on June 16<sup>th</sup> and everyone is welcome to attend. If the minimum bid is not met, Manager Matthys will have the authority to approve a lower bid. With

no further discussion, Trustee Yurkovich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gattuso to vote on Item 8.A and the said motion unanimously passed (AYE 7)

Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gattuso to suspend the rules of discussion at a prior meeting for Item 8.B (Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for Improvements to the Northeast Corner of Cermak Road and Mannheim Road located in Westchester) and the motion unanimously passed (AYE 7). President Pulia explained that met with Forest Preserve representatives and found that Westchester had never entered in to an agreement. Papers were drawn up and never acted upon. The Village took the original agreement and added the piece about the fountain and submitted to the County for approval at Commissioner Toboloski's office and Mr. Arnie Randal. The fountain will be dedicated to public safety personnel on or around September 11<sup>th</sup> of this year. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Novak and seconded by Trustee Steker to approve item 8.B, Trustee Sloan commented he was concerned that the diagram did not fully encompass the garden and that it may need to be updated to define the entire parcel that we will be obtaining, with no further discussion the said motion unanimously passed (AYE 7).

#### **MANGERS REPORT:**

Manager Matthys reported that the Municipal Aggregation bidding was completed on May 24<sup>th</sup> with the successful bidder being First Energy Solutions at 4.86 cents per kilowatt hour which will provide an average savings of over \$300.00 annually. Residents will be receiving a letter which will explain the opt-out program. Ms. Matthys also reported that on June 9<sup>th</sup> Relay for Life will be happening in Mayfair Park. Additionally, beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>, wristbands will go on sale at Village Hall at a cost of \$15.00 per wristband. Ms. Matthys also reminded everyone that the July Fourth Parade participation forms are due no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Durkin reported that the master supply agreement with First Energy has been settled with the changes requested and they have been asked to use it as a model for future agreements with other communities.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Chief Padalik reported the Police Department is preparing for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and upcoming Westchester Fun Fest. They are also working on planning the National Night Out for August 7<sup>th</sup>. They have made preliminary plans to get the community involved with a walk and end some type of celebration.

Chief Adams reported that Rick Malik retired with 23 years May 31<sup>st</sup>. He had been a part of the village for a long time. On May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2 Westchester paramedics were recognized at Loyola for their response to a scene. He also reported that Station 1 did a great job cleaning up the station (black shift) even added new area of a flower garden. He reminded residents that with school getting out to please be cautious and look out for the kids.

Finance Director Anne Burkholder reported that the auditors were out last week for preliminary work on the FY12 Audit. They will be receiving a letter from them to complete.

Trustee Perry reported that at the next EDC meeting they will be receiving the results from surveys at the CMAP Strategic Plan.

Trustee Novak reported the Electronics Recycling event will be held on Saturday June 9, 2012. Also Trustee Novak has been having discussions with Inland Band regarding hosting a summit with local businesses to hear what they have to say, this is currently in discussion mode.

Trustee Yurkovich reported the CAB will have a meeting on next Wednesday.

Trustee Gattuso reported that they had a car show yesterday and there were over 200 people in attendance enjoying the live entertainment and invited everyone to join for future shows and looks forward to offering future events.

#### **PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Dr. Tom Sullivan who is involved in each area of Village is also very involved with the veterans. Tom won a guitar from Rocky Lynn who performed at his house and the show went live on the internet to the world specifically Afghanistan and Iraq. President Pulia shared that the concert was wonderful did about 10 songs and he will be at Westchester Fest. President Pulia also reported that the paving endeavors are on their way, they have laid several tons of asphalt throughout town on Crestwood and Westchester Blvd. The new machine is going pretty well however the roller does have an issue but it should be fixed very quickly. The Public Works summer help are in place and chipping is going well too. He also informed Ms. Brailo that at the CMAP meeting, the Old English Village was represented.

#### **ADJOURN:**

With no further business, Trustee Sloan made a motion seconded by Trustee Yurkovich to adjourn the meeting to executive session and the board unanimously agreed (AYE 7) and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

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Molly A. Keane, Deputy Village Clerk