

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER, IL
28 October 2008**

CONSENT AGENDA:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Bailey, Boyle, Buikema, Casey, Fox, Ryan and Pres. Gattuso. Also present were Deputy Village Manager Norton and Village Attorney Storino. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, representatives from School District 92 ½ thanked the Board for their collaboration and cooperation for posting signs and drafting an agreement for crossing guards. Trustee Casey made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fox, for approval of Consent Agenda items A, B, and C; on the roll call vote (AYE: 5) Boyle, Buikema, Casey, Fox, Ryan; (PRESENT: 1) Bailey, whereupon said motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEES & OFFICER REPORTS:

Finance Committee - Fox & Ryan: A representative from Sikich LLP presented an overview of the Village's Annual Financial Report as of April 30, 2008. It was reported that the Village's finances are relatively stable considering the current economic conditions but that the overall budget will be impacted as the economy continues to change; the report contains specific recommendations for the Police and Fire pension funds.

Public Works Committee - Buikema & Fox: Trustee Buikema reported that this committee met tonight to discuss the purchase of a used bucket truck and salt equipment; it was concurred that the Board that the purchase of these two items will be on the next agenda. It was recommended that the Village purchase a stand-by generator for Crestwood; all Board members concurred and a resolution will be drafted for the next Board meeting. It was reported that bids for a 9-1-1 generator have been received and a resolution will be on the next Board agenda for action.

Public Safety Committee - Bailey & Boyle: No report.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee - Boyle & Casey: Trustee Boyle reported that the Village and the School District have agreed that the Crossing Guards will be trained by the Police Department, that the cost of the guards will be divided between the Village and the School District, and that guard salaries will be on the District 92 ½ payroll.

General Government Affairs Committee - Casey & Buikema: No report.

Community Development Committee - Ryan & Bailey: Trustee Ryan reported that the committee would like the Board to consider amending the Municipal Code to allow for construction of larger detached garages on oversized home lots; all Board members concurred with the recommendation and an ordinance will be drafted.

Village Attorney - Storino: It was reported that signs are not permitted on any right-of-way throughout the Village and that they should be removed.

Village Clerk - Hayes: No report.

Deputy Village Manager - Norton: No report.

Village President - Gattuso: Trustee Fox made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boyle, for an ESP Session following the Regular Board Meeting to discuss pending litigation; on the roll call vote the Board unanimously passed said motion (AYE: 5). A representative from the U.S. Census Bureau for Census 2010 addressed the Board regarding the importance of educating residents about the importance of an accurate census count due to funds that will be allocated to municipalities following the 2010 count based on population.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Trustee Ryan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey, for approval of a Resolution: Adopting and Identity Theft Prevention Program for the Village of Westchester; on the roll call vote the Board unanimously passed said motion (AYE: 6).

B. Trustee Buikema made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fox, for approval of a Resolution: Appointment of Members to the Broadview-Westchester Joint Water Agency; on the roll call vote the Board unanimously passed said motion (AYE: 6).

C. Trustee Bailey made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boyle, for approval of an Ordinance: Authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Westchester; on the roll call vote the Board unanimously passed said motion (AYE: 6).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A resident from Balmoral commented on the completed street project and requested clarification of the November 4th referendum ballot question for the Village of Westchester. A representative from Westchester Place inquired about available Village funds to help pay for the repaving of Westminster; it was reported that all bills have not been received / paid, therefore the Board is not aware of any surplus street funds at this time; Attorney Storino will research if there is an alternative approach to help the Westchester Place Association fund this street project.

With no further business to be discussed, Trustee Bailey made a motion, seconded by Casey, for the meeting to be adjourned and on the roll call vote the Board unanimously passed said motion (6) and the meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Kathryn Hayes, Village Clerk