

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
23 February 2010**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Boyle, Novak, Sloan, Steker and Pres. Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Urban and Village Attorney Storino. Trustee Casey was absent.

PRESENTATIONS:

Officer Giuseppe "Joe" Manna was promoted to sergeant. Officer Manna has been on the Westchester Police force since 1994. In 2005 he was selected as D.A.R.E. officer and liaison to the school district.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The minutes of the Feb 9, 2010 meeting had an error under the Manager's Report. The Profit/Loss is just under \$10,000. This will be corrected on the minutes. Trustee Boyle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Novak to approve the Consent Agenda and the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 5) Neil James was appointed to the Plan Commission and Kari Christiansen and Sucada Bell were appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

ACTIVE AGENDA:

- A. Resolution appointing Paul Gattuso to the vacancy of Trustee Rick Fox. Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Novak for the appointment of Paul Gattuso to vacancy of Trustee Rick Fox and on the roll call vote the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 5) Trustee Boyle thanked President Pulia for the process of choosing a replacement for Mr. Fox's position as Village Trustee. Village Manager Urban suggested swearing in Mr. Gattuso next Tuesday before the Committee of the Whole meeting.
- B. Resolution Authorizing execution of Hancock Engineering Agreements for 2010 Street Improvement Projects. Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan to approve Resolution authorizing execution of Hancock Engineering Agreements for 2010 Street Improvement projects. Hancock Engineering will have eighteen separate contracts for the streets slated to be done if funds are available. This will give the Village "shovel ready" projects when the government money becomes available. These projects are in addition to the state sponsored projects on Westchester Boulevard, Gardner Road, and 31st Street. Trustee Boyle asked if the board felt it a good idea to get other bids for these eighteen projects. Village Manager Urban stated that other projects such as the water tower and fire hydrants are being given to the other engineering companies. Also Hancock has agreed to give the village terms of 150 days. Trustee Sloan asked if the list can be shuffled around depending on the estimate of each street and if the entire list of 25 streets will be done. Village Manager Urban would like to do all the streets but is being realistic about the number being able to be completed in one year. Trustee Boyle asked if streets rated 3 and 4 would get preventative maintenance. Mr. Urban would like to see some streets get by with using a crack sealer or adding a coating. On the roll call vote the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 5)
- C. Ordinance authorizing waiving of bid and execution of contract with HD Supply for replacement of Water Meters. Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to approve Resolution Village Manager Urban commended Ms. Hope Garret, project manager, for her outstanding job of researching the water meter project. This contact with HD Supply is for the purchase of water meters only not to exceed \$220,000. This is the cost of the meters only and would go out to bid for the installation of the meters. The meeting to decide what firm will install the meters will be on March 25, 2010 at 10:00 AM. Mr. Urban is asking to waive the bid process to be able to use the same product that has been installed over the last years. Trustee Novak asked if there was a process in place to see if these new meters will be a savings and if there was it would be a positive thing to show residents. Ms. Garrett explained that they already know the meters are incorrect because the inside and outside readings do not match. On the roll call vote the board unanimously approved said motion. (AYE 5)
- D. Ordinance Amending Parking Code re Sidewalks. Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to approve Ordinance Amending Parking Code re Sidewalks. Trustee Boyle would like to see the ordinance say a partial block is allowed but not a complete block of the sidewalk. Trustee Sloan did not want to see officers making judgment calls on distance. Village Attorney Storino was against verbiage of partial blockage because it would be very difficult to enforce and constitutionally vague. Trustee Sloan explained to the audience what was talked about in the prior Committee of the Whole meeting regarding safety of residents and safety of cars hanging into the street. Village Manager Urban suggested putting a Sunset Clause on this and after a six month trial see how many complaints are received and bring it back for discussion. On the roll call vote the board unanimously passed said motion with amendment of Sunset Clause. (AYE 5)

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Urban will schedule a Special Board Meeting next Tuesday for the swearing in of Paul Gattuso. Under New Business there will be no Server Updates. Mr. Hribal is requesting more time to get additional quotes. Staff will be bringing forward asset liquidations within the Police Department of property such as old monitors and T.V.'s. Consultant and attorney will present update of rewriting of zoning map and sign code. The Building Department and Public Works budget will be presented. The fulltime finance position was posted January 1, 2010 through mid February. 30 resumes were received and it was narrowed down to 9 candidates and then to 4. The Finance Committee met with candidates and one was chosen and an offer will be made for the position with the hopes he will start immediately.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Novak reminded everyone to fill out the census when packets are received when mailed around March 15th. President Pulia reminded everyone to watch out for scammers posing as Census workers.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Pulia attended the Legislative Breakfast with Manager Urban last Saturday and reported that the future picture presented was very bleak with the state budget in very poor condition but still is hopeful to receive some money. The breakfast with Triton College echoed this same budget crisis. The Economic Development Committee met on Monday. Congressman Danny Davis has asked Westchester to host a Town Hall Meeting on April 12, 2010 in the Village Board Room. Resident Joan Francek expressed gratitude to Westchester Paramedics for a job well done. A letter was received from IDOT following up on changes to Bellview Avenue where pavement marking provisions will be installed in the spring. If this does not provide satisfactory results the Village of Westchester is advised to pass an ordinance restricting left turns into and out of Bellview Avenue. C & I Printing is scheduled for demolition on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 and metal sign will be removed and stored for future use if needed. Illinois IEPA has new low interest loans available at current rate of 1.25% and suggested these loans are perfect for larger infrastructure projects. The Village has already applied for loans of this type for the Water Agency Building and the High Ridge sewer project and will be reapplying for new projects.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Boyle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker, to adjourn and on the roll call vote; the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 5)

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk