

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Casey, Gattuso, Novak, Sloan, Steker, and Pres. Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Urban and Village Attorney Durkin. Trustee Boyle would be late. This is the first Village Board meeting being taped and will be aired on Comcast on Friday afternoons between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

PRESENTATIONS:

Chief Evans presented a certificate of accommodation to Sergeant Greg Hayes for apprehension of the TCF Bank robber during a felony stop on Roosevelt Road and Evers Avenue.

7:05 Trustee Boyle arrived

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Steve Battersby, 1905 Balmoral asked if the Water Reclamation District will return to finish cleaning Addison Creek. Village Manager Urban has spoken with them but is not sure when they will return. Mr. Battersby also asked if the Village has a second contract with Hancock Engineering and if so, how are they being paid and is the lobbyist has been paid. Mr. Urban stated that there will be a second contract with Hancock and the fees are scheduled to come out of bond money but hopes to get stimulus money. The lobbyist has been paid.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Novak requested Item B-Record of Bills and Item G-Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Bonds-Motor Fuel Tax and Alternative Revenue Source be removed from the consent agenda. Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey, to approve the Consent Agenda with Items B and G removed and on the roll call vote, the motion was approved. (AYE 7)

Trustee Boyle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to approve Item B-Record of Bills. Trustee Novak asked about the Suburban Life bill and if that cost would now be replaced by the Newsletter. Village Manager Urban stated that not if that was for posting of meetings. Trustee Sloan asked about the tree trimming bill agreement for \$63,750 but remembered the cost agreed upon to be \$45,000 and would like to make sure the budget is adjusted. Village Manager Urban stated that he has met with department heads to discuss. Trustee Novak stated that a few bills had P.O.'s signed after the invoice was received. They should be issued prior to work done. On the roll call vote the board unanimously approved said motion. (Aye 7) Trustee Boyle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey to approve Item G-Ordinance Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Bonds-Motor Fuel Tax and Alternative Revenue Source (not to exceed \$3,700,000). Trustee Novak wants to make sure the budget reflects the current number. On the roll call vote the board unanimously passed said motion. (Aye 7)

ACTIVE AGENDA:

A. Engineering Agreement with Christopher Burke Engineering for Water Main Replacement Project. Trustee Gattuso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to approve Engineering Agreement with Christopher Burke Engineering. Christopher Burke Engineering has prepared a proposal to perform design and construction observation work for the Village on three water mains: Sherwood Avenue, Fleet Street, and Preston Street. The engineering design and construction observation costs listed in the contract are \$187,930. The Village intends to pay for these services from the sale of bonds funded through the water fund. The staff recommends acceptance of the engineering agreement. Attorney Durkin stated that the Village only has a "satisfactory relationship for services" with two engineering firms, Hancock and Burke. In Illinois, there is a state statute, entitled "Local Government Professional Services Selection Act", which regulates the manner in which municipalities may negotiate and enter into contracts for engineering, architectural, and land surveying services. Those procedures do not have to be followed for engineering firms with whom a municipality has established a "satisfactory relationship for services." For this reason additional price quotes, as requested by the Board, cannot be obtained. Trustee Novak questioned the reimbursable expenses and if some of this could be done in house. Attorney Durkin stated he could add language to the contract that would not allow them to hire outside consultants without prior approval. Village Manager Urban will make sure the language is changed and also try to negotiate some of the charges down or completely out. On the roll call vote, the motion was approved with amendments to contract. (Aye 7)

B. Ordinance Rejecting and Waiving Bids and Authorizing Fire Hydrant Sandblasting and Painting Contract. Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan to approve the Ordinance Rejecting and Waving Bids and Authorizing Fire Hydrant Sandblasting and Painting Contract. Trustee Novak questioned the Material Safety Data Sheet on which there were listed some toxic materials. Ms. Hope Garret will research the materials. Chief Belmonte stated that the material safety data sheet can be requested from the manufacturer. Trustee Casey stated it was listed as being a level 2 which is relatively safe. On the roll call vote the board unanimously approved said motion. (Aye 7)

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Urban and President Pulia will be leaving after the meeting for Springfield in hopes of getting some of the money promised. Trustee Boyle will join them in the morning.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Novak reported that the storm presentation at St. Joe's was very informative and a great program. Lt. Adams did an excellent job. The Census reminders went out in English and Spanish.

Trustee Steker reminded everyone of the MABAS event at Rosemont on Wednesday which is open to the public.
Chief Evans reminded everyone of the senior program at the library on Wednesday, being presented by Officer Verber.
Chief Belmonte reported that he might have a Chinese interpreter for the upcoming Village tour.
Finance Director Jim Egeberg reported he is working on the budget with updates coming at the end of the week.
Mr. DiPasquale stated that he hopes to have updates on the sign ordinance soon.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Pulia reminded everyone of the following upcoming events: March 30th, 7PM Town Hall Meeting at the Village Hall, March 25th, IIT training program for Chinese nationals to tour the village, April 8th, possible Chinese delegation coming to view crime lab. President Pulia along with Village Manager Urban and Trustee Boyle will go to Springfield to meet with legislatures with hopes of receiving promised money.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker, to adjourn and on the roll call vote; the board passed said motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. (AYE 7)

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk