

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Boyle, Casey, Gattuso, Novak, Sloan, Steker and Pres. Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Urban and Village Attorney Durkin.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robbins received a presentation adopted February 23, 2010, of the adoption of their son's Marine Company. Kyle Robbins is stationed overseas with the men and women of Easy Company and the village will continue to send them care packages.

Mr. Jim Egeberg was hired as the new Finance Director for the village and started on March 8, 2010. Mr. Egeberg comes to the village with extensive municipal finance experience.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Steve Battersby, 1905 Balmoral commended the police department for a great job done when he called 911 regarding juvenile vandalism on his block. Mr. Battersby also questioned if Mr. Gattuso's appointment required approval of the board and President Pulia stated that it did. He also agreed with Trustee Boyle that the sidewalks should not be completely blocked. Mr. Battersby asked if more specific information could be placed on the agendas for the future.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Boyle requested item B, Record of Bills be pulled from the consent agenda and President Pulia requested item D, Motion to Appoint Bond Counsel, also be pulled from the consent agenda. Trustee Boyle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan to approve the Consent Agenda with item B and D removed and on the roll call vote the board unanimously approved said motion. (AYE 7)

B. Record of Bills. Trustee Boyle made a motion seconded by Trustee Casey to approve the Record of Bills. Trustee Boyle requested holding payment to Subia Construction for \$7,000, for building demolition, completion, and clean up until the work is completed. Manager Urban said the check will be voided and rewritten after completion of work. On the roll call vote the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 7)

D. Motion to Appoint Bond Counsel. Trustee Sloan made a motion seconded by Trustee Steker to approve appointment of Bond Counsel to Ice Miller not to exceed \$9,000. Mr. Phillip McKenna assured the board that all comparisons were comparable and all four firms were given the same information. Trustee Casey is concerned with how the bid process has been handled and feels everyone should have been gone out to bid at the same time. He would like to do a better job with the bid process in the future. Trustee Boyle questioned if there will be additional fees down the road. He would like to go back to all four firms and get their best and final offer. Village Manager Urban stated that only one company came in with add-on fees. President Pulia asked Mr. McKenna if he felt that these would be the final numbers from these firms. He agreed with Village Manager Urban that only one firm had add-on fees. He suggested the most important aspect of the selection is getting an exact price with a not to exceed and also who will actually be doing the work. Going back for a final price will not bring the total down by very much and would not be worth it. Trustee Sloan suggested that it is time to move forward and accept the quote from Ice Miller not to exceed \$9,000. Village Manager asked Mr. Egeberg if he is comfortable working with Ice Miller and he stated he is very comfortable. Mr. McKenna stated that the letter of engagement will have the language of not to exceed the dollar amount. Trustee Novak agreed with Trustee Casey that future bids must be handled appropriately. Mr. McKenna stated that after approval it will be 75-90 days to issuance. On the roll call vote the board passed said motion. (AYE 6) Trustee Boyle voted no on said motion. (NAY 1)

ACTIVE AGENDA:

Resolution Approving a Policy Regarding the Sale of Surplus Personal Property. Trustee Boyle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to approve Policy Regarding the Sale of Surplus Personal Property. Trustee Sloan would like to amend in Exhibit A, Item #2, the language to include newsletters, periodicals, as well as newspapers to save on publication costs. Attorney Durkin explained that the resolution would need to be rewritten to add new language and will make those changes. All village items must be sold and can't just be thrown away. On the roll call vote the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 7)

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Village Manager Urban reported that bids for the Gardner Road project were opened by IDOT. The entire 4500 feet of Gardner Road has been televised and all but 570 feet has been cleaned. This 570 feet is an area that has no pipes and new pipes have been ordered and repair has begun between Devonshire and Roosevelt Road. Manchester televising has begun and the public works will continue to get as many streets done as possible. All streets have to be televised before any street repairs can begin. \$7,000-\$9,000 is the cost for the new pipe alone. Letters were sent to the residents to keep them informed. Trustee Gattuso asked if any of the pipes can be repaired using sleeves and President Pulia stated that the Gardner Road pipe was beyond that point. Sleeves can be considered for other pipes that are in better condition. Mr. Hribal is having a camera installed on the ceiling of the board room for taping meetings to be put on Comcast or placed on the website.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Boyle stated that the Public Safety Committee met this evening and is making great progress with many good things being discussed. 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 reported that Janet Rife from Divine Infant would like the village to host Chinese nationals to tour the village facilities. Ms. Rife works at ITT and is sponsoring these groups. Another group from ITT will tour the crime lab as well. The Town Hall meeting is scheduled for March 30th, legislative drive down is March 23-24, and March 12th is the Severe Weather program at St. Joe's. The Sensible Dollar ribbon cutting was well attended. Liquor Violation hearings will be held on April 5th. Police activity emails are now going out to keep the board informed. WCMC Spring Auction is scheduled for June 19th at Triton and the village could put items into this auction. A letter should go out against the Quinn Initiative to decrease local share of taxes. It is recommended that a letter be sent to legislators voicing objection to this initiative.

Chief Belmonte reminded everyone of the Illinois Mabas Expo VIP evening on March 24th and requested if anyone is planning on attending, they should RSVP as soon as possible.

Chief Evans reported the Safety for Seniors seminar will be held at the library on March 24th. The 2nd Team Police Academy for 7th, 8th, and 9th graders will start on March 22nd. The Neighborhood Watch information is in the lobby of the police station.

PUBLIC:

Mr. Tim Hinsdale was happy to hear that the village is taking the hiring of businesses seriously.

Mr. Battersby questioned if meetings were going to be held outside of the Committee of the Whole meetings. Trustee Boyle explained that any committee can meet outside of the scheduled meetings. This evening's meeting was about the addition of defibrillators and 12-lead heart monitors.

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 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. (AYE 7)

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk