

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
13 April 2010**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Steve Battersby, 1905 Balmoral, asked if the Village still had 5 million in the fund. Mr. Egeberg stated that there is a little over 5 million in the fund.

Mr. Tim Hinsdale, 1613 Kensington thanked the board for the great Town Hall Meeting and thanked the board for presenting it.

Mr. Carl Celestino, 928 Newcastle, thanked the Village on behalf of the Westchester Community Image Council, for the support of the village for the upcoming event on May 1st and also thanked Emily Fister for her help.

Mr. Barney Farmer, 1124 Newcastle thanked the village for grinding the alleys. He also asked if the water has been tested because of a news story that just came out which stated that the water has not been tested in 7 years. President Pulia stated that the water for the Village has been tested and is safe. The issue on testing was in Broadview and the case is on-going. There will be a news release placed on the website. Trustee Gattuso stated that the water has always been tested and is safe. Mr. Farmer also questioned the fact that Broadview got rid of 12 fire fighters and is no longer able to provide mutual aid. How will this effect Westchester? President Pulia explained that many of the firemen were let go a number of years ago and there has been no problem with mutual aid. Chief Belmonte stated that Broadview has always lives up to their mutual aid calls and the cuts were made years ago.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Casey made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gattuso to approve the consent agenda and on the roll call vote the board unanimously approved said motion. (Aye 7)

ACTIVE AGENDA:

A. Server Replacement: Over the past 5 years the number of computers used within the village and the reliance upon them has dramatically increased. This increase has taxed the currently installed servers which are the backbone of daily productivity in all departments throughout the village. Mr. Hribal presented 3 vendor proposals to the board of the potential costs involved in this upgrade. Each proposal presented different options and costs and he felt that to complete the upgrade and have an out of building backup solution that would allow us to return to work within days, would cost no more than \$50,000. The board asked Mr. Hribal for his recommendation. Due to the resources of both the police and village servers reaching their capacity Mr. Hribal believes this would be the opportunity to consolidate the two servers and network into one. Trustee Novak would like a breakdown of what is needed now and what could be added at a later date. Trustee Sloan feels a decision should be made soon and final bids from the companies should be received. Mr. Hribal will narrow down the pricing but mainly wanted to make sure the money was allotted for this upgrade in the new budget. He will send out a request for proposal and come back to the board at a later date. Trustee Novak reminded Mr. Egeberg to put a line in the budget for this upgrade.

B. 2010-2011 Budget: Mr. Egeberg stated that he went back and made changes in the budget. The budget projections are conservative but after the first quarter they can be reviewed. The Village operates with two types of funds, governmental, and enterprise. The governmental funds are further classified as either general or special revenue. The General Fund is a catch all fund that accounts for all revenue and expenditures not otherwise classified. The special revenue fund types are established due to restrictions placed on the use of certain revenues. The Village's enterprise fund is its Utility Fund. All costs associated with operating the water and sewer system, and rubbish collection are to be budgeted and charged to the Utility Fund. Currently 10% of liability insurance is allocated to the Utility Fund. Mr. Egeberg recommended that staff bring the budget back after every quarter to get an update and make any necessary changes. Village Manager Urban complimented Mr. Egeberg on his idea of quarterly reviews. President Pulia would like to see each line item reviewed on a regular basis. Trustee Sloan would like to have a goal of quarterly budget meetings and Trustee Novak concurred but feels the Village should live by the budget and not make changes each quarter. Mr. Egeberg noted that if there is a life changing event the quarterly review is necessary. The budget was put together as a worst case scenario so we won't have to make adjustments. Trustee Sloan questioned the allocation of costs and doesn't feel that is the answer. The increase in expenses needs to be addressed along with the additional personnel. Trustee Gattuso pointed out that we cannot predict the future and changes will always be needed. Trustee Casey agrees that we have to live with the budget for the year without tweaking it quarterly. President Pulia suggested sending any questions to Mr. Egeberg. Village Manager Urban will have staff rework the budget and asked board to get questions to Mr. Egeberg as soon as possible. The budget meeting is posted for April 27th and it can be voted on anytime after the meeting. Village Attorney Durkin stated if a budget is not determined by May 1, 2010, the Village still has 90 days to complete. President Pulia questioned if the \$1200 roller will be rented before the budget is finalized and Village Manager Urban said if \$1200 can be found in the budget the roller will be rented.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Urban reported that the Chamber Community Guide is going to press. The Village has purchased a quarter page add in the past and would the board want to continue with a quarter page for \$210 or half page for \$410. The board concurred on purchasing a half page. President Pulia questioned if this could be delivered with the monthly newsletter. Village Manager Urban will look into it. District 92 1/2, Morton Arboretum, and the Village will be participating in an Arbor Day celebration on April 30th. At the next COW meeting the budget, street light maintenance contract, and maintenance will be discussed.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Egeberg has spent the last four weeks learning the payroll system so another person is familiar with it. An ad for a part-time accountant has been placed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Attorney Durkin is requesting an executive session for the purpose of collective bargaining and personnel and property acquisition.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Evans reported an arrest on a car burglary last week on the 2100 block of Sunnyside. The department is working on Community Surveillance proposal that will be funded by grant money with hoped of having it up and running this summer. President Pulia commended Chief Evans on the help in the capture of the fugitives in Western Springs and has received positive feedback on the robo call alerting residents of incident.

Mr. DiPasquale reported the sign ordinance is 98% completed and has been turned over to legal for review.

Trustee Steker reported he will be going down to Springfield for a conference and also will be receiving a life saving award in May. 24, 10 Trustee Boyle reminded everyone of the Blood Drive on Saturday.

Trustee Novak reported that Westchester has fallen to 10th place and the deadline is April 20th.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Pulia received a letter from St. Joe's thanking Lt. Jim Adams for his participation in Career Day and a letter from a resident thanking the paramedics, police, and fire on the great job with their emergency call. A letter to the board was received from St. Joe's students thanking the Village for the storm program. The Proviso Municipal League is hosting a dinner tomorrow at the Best Western.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Gattuso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan, to adjourn to executive session. On the roll call vote; the board passed said motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. (AYE 5) (Nay 2)

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk