

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
25 May 2010**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Boyle, Casey, Novak, Sloan, Steker, and Pres. Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Urban and Village Attorney Durkin.

PRESENTATIONS:

Chief Belmonte introduced the new firefighters, Jason Lhotek who joined the department on May 17, 2010 and Nicholas Tomeczko who joined the department on May 18, 2010. President Pulia swore in the new firefighters.

Chief Evans introduced Officer Richard Stieber who has been employed with the village since 1994 with over 15 years of service and was promoted to sergeant. President Pulia swore in the new sergeant.

The following employees were recognized for their years of service with the Village upon their retirement.

Firefighter Captain Greg Anderson with 29 years of service as a firefighter.

Firefighter Wayne Mitchell with 6 years paid on call and 30 years as a firefighter.

Firefighter Michael Gerace with 30 years of service as a firefighter.

Sergeant Steve Stovicek with 30 years of service as a police officer.

Lieutenant Kevin Keag with 31 years of service as a police officer.

Carole Downs with 10 years of service to the Village in the front office.

Carrie Heileman with 26 years of service to the Village in the front office and secretary for the water agency.

Julianne Voss for 30 years of service, originally as police dispatcher and last 15 years as data entry record clerk.

Chief Matt Evans for 31 years of service as a police officer.

Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey to recess the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting and all board members that were present before the break are still present. The board members were all in favor. (Aye 7)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Tim Hinsdale let the board know that Kyle Robbins, a resident who was serving overseas is back for a two week visit.

Ms. Lovita Williams, attorney for New Generations Ministries would like to hear the articulated reasons regarding Item 8. A of the Active Agenda for the decisions the Village has reached concerning the ordinance for text amendment and for special use in an I District. Attorney Durkin stated that the matter is on the agenda to be voted on this evening. The ordinance that was prepared has certain findings in it and if the ordinance is adopted these findings will be the reason for the action taken. They are spelled out in writing in the preamble, the where-as clauses. Ms. Williams asked if the minutes will be available this evening. Attorney Durkin said that he was not referring to minutes but to the actual ordinance. The text of the ordinance would have the findings if the board adopts those and this should have been available on the Village website. Mr. Durkin explained that the ordinance has not yet been adopted but is on the active agenda for this evening.

Pastor James Francis of New Generations Ministries questioned if they were grandfathered from the time they put the special use petition in. Attorney Durkin explained that his petition was to amend the ordinance by adding language that was not previously in there. A grandfather situation is when a use was previously legal and then removed or prohibited in that district. The use was not established or listed in that zoning district. Prior to their application churches were not permitted in business districts or industrial districts but were permitted in residential districts.

Ms. Elizabeth Francis requested a copy of the ordinance after this meeting. Attorney Durkin stated that the Village will provide copies of the ordinance after it is an official act of the Village and voted on. Ms. Francis asked if this will include the reason for a yes or no vote. Attorney Durkin explained that it will contain the findings that this board has made which are already available in the draft ordinance which is available for those in attendance and also online.

Mr. Carl Celestino, representing the Westchester Image Council read a letter from the Image Council thanking all those from the Village that were involved in the 2nd Annual Clean Sweep Day. Also, the Image Council would like to help with the maintenance of the flower pots on the new light poles by donating a water tank for help in watering the new flowers.

Mr. Anthony Luciano asked for clarification about the new text amendment that was passed two weeks ago. The applicants first put the request in October and questioned if any of the work being done from that point on is not considered as a grandfather clause. Attorney Durkin explained that churches were never allowed in the business districts or industrial districts. The prospective tenants asked that this language be added into the zoning ordinance to allow churches. The text amendment that the board adopted 2 weeks ago had no references to churches. There is no grandfathering aspect. Mr. Luciano asked if a church and religious organization are considered the same entity. Mr. Durkin stated that societies or fraternal organizations for a religious organization would be a different use that would not have religious services.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Boyle asked to take off Item B, Record of Bills from the Consent Agenda and Trustee Sloan asked to remove Item A, Minutes of April 20th and 27th, 2010 and Item G, Motion to authorize Village Manager to continue to operate the Village of Westchester Newsletter and to expend funds in

excess of \$10,000. Trustee Casey made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to approve all other items on the Consent Agenda and on the roll call vote the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 6)

Trustee Boyle questioned the number of golf carts ordered for the Fun Fest. Village Manager Urban explained the order was also for the July 4th parade. Trustee Boyle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey to approve Item B, Record of Bills and on the roll call vote the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 6)

Trustee Sloan would like a not to exceed number placed on Item G and is comfortable with a six month time period. Attorney Durkin suggested changing the language to indicate the amendment. Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to approve Item G, with a cap of 6 months, June through November, and on the roll call vote the board unanimously approved said motion. (AYE 6)

ACTIVE AGENDA:

A. Ordinance Denying Application for Text Amendment and for a Special Use in an "I" District: Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan to deny application and on the roll call vote the board passed said ordinance. (AYE 4) (NAY 2) Trustee Boyle and Casey voted no.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Urban reported there will be Coffee with the President at Wally's Donuts this Saturday at 9:30 am and Memorial Day services at the Park District on Monday at 9:30 am at Mayfair Park. Next week's COW meeting agenda will have Economic Development Committee initiatives, water rate increase, and fire hydrant painting and utility billing.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Boyle reported the Park District hosted a 16" softball tournament which was a great success. The Boys Baseball travel program is hosting two tournaments at High Ridge Park this Saturday.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Pulia reported the Citizens Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday in the Community Room. 31st and Wolf Road is scheduled to be demolished but a firm date has not been determined. The Newsletter is scheduled to go out next week. The Pink Tea for breast cancer is scheduled for June 6th from 3:00-6:00 pm at Mayfair Park and all are invited. Summer help has started working cleaning the post office, scraping and painting curbs. The grinder machine with roller has arrived and patching has begun. The alleys have been started as well. Westchester Boulevard is getting the final touches. Thirteen new lights are waiting for Com Ed to hook up and baskets are ready to be filled with flowers. Trustee Casey informed the board the water tank from the Image Council is brand new and suggests the village take them up on the offer and could the medium on Manheim and Cermak continue to be mowed until the Council is up and running. President Pulia asked the board if there was any interest in scaling back the meetings for the summer. Trustee Boyle suggested 1 COW and 1 Board Meeting per month. Village Manager Urban suggested the easiest most professional way was to have a motion for Mr. Egeberg and himself to pay bills and then approve at the board meeting. Trustee Novak was in favor of 1 COW and 1 Board Meeting per month. Attorney Durkin suggested discussion at the COW on June 1st and on June 8th Board Meeting vote to change the meeting schedule for the rest of the summer.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Casey 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 8:55 PM. (AYE 6)

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk