

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
6 July 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 Reifsynder.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATON

Vito Burdi expressed concern with the number of break-ins at senior residences and asked if a flyer could be put in the newspaper to alert the community. President Pulia stated that an announcement will be put in the next newsletter. Brian Grimley, 10422 Canterbury asked what is being done to address the flooding problem and noted the various water issues he has had in the last couple years. President Pulia explained that National Power Roding has been out to televise the sewers and many repairs have been made but the last storm was too severe and the pipes could not hold it. Village Manager Urban will have the pipe at Mr. Grimley's street looked at and suggested he have his lateral pipes looked at. Mr. Grimley asked if there is any type of reimbursement from the village in which Village Manager Urban stated there is no policy in place. The only type of monetary assistance is federal disaster money. President Pulia suggested installing an overhead sewer may help and is looking into a Village program to help residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Alley Program: President Pulia has received requests from residents for the alleys to be paved and if there is a shared program that the village is offering. There was a grant for about \$800,000 to have alleys done in concrete. The grant money was used for the construction costs and the residents paid for the engineering fee only. Trustee Casey explained there was a 50/50 program for the alleys but it was very pricey. Then there was grant money available from the state but much of the money got tied up in Springfield. Trustee Gattuso stated that the Village paid over \$300,000 to complete the project at a reasonable cost to the residents. But with no money the remainder of the alleys has been put on hold. President Pulia asked the board if they would get an estimate on the Manheim Road alley. Trustee Novak suggested ranking the alleys like the streets were ranked. The board will continue to discuss the problem.

B. Vehicle Stickers: Fee Structure and Due Date Change, On-Line Payment Plan: Trustee Gattuso requested a reduced fee for antique cars and moving the due date to June. The board concurs with changing the date to June. Trustee Novak noted that there will be a loss of 364,000 so this needs to be adjusted in the budget. Mr. Egeberg stated that there has been a \$35,000 increase in stickers this year. Trustee Boyle suggested an April 30th deadline instead to keep it in the fiscal year. Attorney Durkin will draw up the paperwork to change the sticker deadline to April 30th and a \$10.00 per year for antique plates.

Attorney Durkin arrived at 8:35 PM.

C. Cooperative Agreement w/Triton for EMT Ride Along Program: Chief Belmonte was notified by Triton if the fire department would participate in an EMT Ride Along Program for their EMT students. Attorney Reifsynder stated an agreement was presented to the Village from Triton and reworded and rewritten and sent back to Triton. It is now with Triton's attorney and will be returned. Chief Belmonte stated that the fire department has a similar program with Loyola Hospital and will share that agreement with the village Attorney.

D. Gardner Road Phase II Bid Results: Bids were opened June 11th, 2010 for Gardner Road Phase II. The low bid was for \$265,000 from K-Five Construction. The final Village share for construction will be \$26,500 after reimbursement from IDOT and Broadview. \$31,400 was included in the FY11 budget, so the Village will come in \$4,900 under budget.

E. Parking on Balmoral Avenue: Trustee Gattuso has been asked by residents that live on Balmoral if parking could be allowed on both sides of the street. Trustee Boyle stated that the road project was federally funded and certain guidelines had to be followed. Trustee Casey noted that it might cost too much to stripe the other side again. The board does not want to pursue this now.

F. Fire Engine Repair: Chief Belmonte stated that one of the engines failed a pump test and therefore cannot be used at a fire. Upon inspection the engine had water and oil leaking into it. There are two possible scenarios, the engine repaired for \$34,600 with a 5 year warranty or a new engine with a 12 year loan. There has been an average of \$6,000 yearly repairs on this engine. Trustee Gattuso is in favor of purchasing a new engine for \$375,000. Chief Belmonte would have all equipment from the old engine to the new one and the first payment would be May 1, 2011. Trustee Boyle agrees that it is a 20 year old engine and a new one is needed and is in favor of spreading the payments over 15 years. Trustee Sloan asked if there are any other pieces of equipment that will need to be replaced in the next couple years. Chief Belmonte stated that all other equipment is new. Trustee Steker stated that 20 years for an engine is good and agrees with purchasing a new one. Trustee Casey agrees on the purchase. Mr. Egeberg will look for a better loan rate. The consensus is to go forward with this emergency purchase. The old engine will have a \$8,000-\$10,000 trade-in value.

9:25 PM, a five minute break was taken.

9:31 reconvened

G. Storm Damage Costs: Mr. Egeberg stated the tree service bill from Sinnott is over \$40,000 and needs to be approved. Mr. Novak asked if all trees had to be replaced right away. Village Manager Urban stated some of the tree replacement was already in the budget. The Village will replace all storm trees not through the 50/50 program. From June 18th-20th there were 982 calls and 125 calls to 9-1-1 with more on the weekend. President

Pulia asked if the board would like to purchase a large generator. Trustee Casey suggested talking with the Park District to see if they would like to co-op with the Village because of the location. Village Manager is getting quotes from vendors for new and used generators. Mr. DiPasquale was not sure if the voltage on the Park District is compatible but would look into it.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Fire Hydrants: Ms. Garrett explained that the person doing the sandblasting has had a lot experience with this type of paint removal. The project is over budget by \$6,900 so does the board want to go forward with 60 hydrants? Mr. Egeberg stated that the bonds came in lower so there is extra money. Trustee Novak stated that just because there is extra money it does not need to be spent. Mr. Egeberg stated this is the utility fund and it has to be sent on utilities. Trustee Boyle felt with such a good price we should go forward with this. Trustee Steker and Casey would like to go forward with the full project.

B.. LED Street Lights: The Village recently applied for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to retrofit our existing street lights using high efficiency, long lasting, environmentally friendly, LED street lighting fixtures. The total cost of the project to replace 549 street lights will be \$408,768 and the grant would cover \$400 per fixture for a total grant of \$219,600. The total cost to the Village would be reduced to \$189,168. The payback period without the grant would be 9.2 years and the payback period with the grant would be 4.3 years. The savings amount takes into consideration the savings due to reduced electricity costs and reduced maintenance charges. One LED street light fixture costs about \$650 and lasts an average of 10 years. Staff recommends approval of this project if grant money is received. Trustee Sloan was concerned with safety issues because LED lights do not provide as much light. Staff will look into the level of lighting and wait and see if the grant comes in.

C. Sidewalk Bid Opening: The FY 2011 budget has \$40,000 budgeted for the Sidewalk Replacement Program. The low bidder was Schroeder & Schroeder, Inc. with a bid of \$45,950 and approximately \$125.00 per standard sidewalk square. The project will come in under budget of \$40,000 through removal of some non 50/50 work. \$62.50 is the resident's cost. Based on the number of residents requests for participation in the program, there will also be an opportunity to replace some trip hazards and improve the ADA compliance of some sidewalks at intersections.

D. Purchase of Roller and Asphalt Paving Box: Mr. Fecarotta recommends the purchase of the Double Drum Vibratory Asphalt Compactor and Self Propelled Paver and Propane Heated Screed Paving Box that the village has been renting for \$1,200 per month for the roller and \$3,500 per month for the paving box through July. The roller would cost \$14,350 and the paving box \$12,500 after rental credits. The Public Works has started a program of spot pavement replacement and this equipment has helped to create a more professional product.

E. 2010 Street Improvement Project: Ms. Garrett stated that both contracts came in lower than expected and would like them approved.

F. Sign Code Update: Mr. DiPasquale stated that the new sign code draft is almost complete. The next step is to send it to the planning committee and then a public hearing. Trustee Sloan asked how the new fees compare to the old. Mr. Rathje stated sign fees are similar to what is in place now. Trustee Casey would like to go forward with this and see what the public has to add at the public hearing. President Pulia said this will be scheduled as soon as possible to be put on the consent agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Appointments: President Pulia appointed Ms. Jackson to the Citizens Advisory Board and Dr. Suchy to the Police Pension Board.

b. Red Light Camera, Wolf and Cermak: President Pulia does not feel the amount of accidents at Wolf and Cermak warrant a red light camera. The board concurs with this.

INFORMATION ONLY:

President Pulia presented information for the board to review on overhead sewer programs that other villages have in place.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Steve Battersby stated that he feels that Balmoral is safer with parking on one side.

Mr. Tim Hinsdale complimented the Village on the way the storm was handled.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gattuso to adjourn to Executive Session and the Board passed said motion (Aye 7) and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk