

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN HALL MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
2 February 2010**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM and present/responding to roll call were Trustees Boyle, Casey, Novak, Sloan, and President Pulia. Also present was Village Manager Urban.

PRESENTATION:

Information on the census was presented by Trustee Novak. Mr. Kevin McGrear from the US Census Bureau also explained the census process. The Westchester Census Team was commended for their hard work in getting the word out about the census. Mr. McGrear emphasized that no census information is given to any other agency and is used only for the census. On March 1st questionnaires will be received in the mail and are due back by April 1st. If they are not returned on April 1st a second form will be sent out which will be due back April 30th.

Chief Richard Belmonte gave a presentation on the Organizational Structure of the Fire Department. Captain Greg Anderson explained the equipment and EMS response. Captain Jim Waters went over training and safety requirements, continuing education, and mutual aid agreement with Broadview, Hillside, and Bellwood. Captain Sean Casey explained records and reports, ambulance and engine billing. Lieutenant Jeff LeBeda presented the organizational structure and duties of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Chief Matt Evans presented an overview of the three divisions of the police department. Lieutenant Stephen Stabosz explained the Patrol Division's duties and responsibilities. Lieutenant Kevin Keag explained the duties and responsibilities of the Investigative Division. Lieutenant Mike Hogan explained the Administration and Planning Division which included training records, K-9 division, community relations, and equipment. Mr. Greg Hribel, presented information on the 911 Dispatch Center. Chief Evans presented crime reports from the last couple years pointing out the spikes and decreases in various crimes. Overall Westchester is a very safe community with a low incident of violent crime. Chief Evans also explained the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program. Officer Joe Matto, a member of NIPAS, is the training officer for the department on WMD's. Officer Robert A. Verber explained the new neighborhood watch program.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Novak for the meeting to be adjourned and the Board unanimously passed said motion. (Aye 6) The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk