

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
13 October 2009**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM and present/responding to roll call were Trustees Boyle, Fox, Novak, Sloan, and President Pulia. Trustee Casey was absent. Trustee Steker would be late. Also present were Village Manager Urban and Village Attorney Monica Kiehl.

PRESENTATIONS:

Firefighter Paramedic Matt Martin, Kevin Dotson, and Loyola University Paramedic Student David Jenks were presented awards for their quick response to a resident's call for help while suffering a heart attack. Dr. John Lopez, Director of Interventional Cardiology Research at Loyola Hospital was on hand to help explain the procedure used by the Paramedics.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Steve Battersby, 1905 Balmoral, questioned if anything has been resolved regarding who belongs to the sanitary sewer at Gardner and Roosevelt Roads. Village Manager Urban responded that it has yet to be determined whose it is, however, initial testing has shown no leaks and it has been televised and a flow study has been completed. It appears that it would be the Sanitary District's sewer.

Tim Hinsdale expressed support for Active Agenda B, Ordinance Granting a Side Yard Variance-1857 Kensington and urged the Board to vote in favor. Mr. Hinsdale also expressed his disappointment in the treatment he received at the Village Hall after requesting information on the Side Yard Variance to be discussed at the Zoning Meeting that evening and being told this information was not for public viewing. Village Manager Urban explained that a FOIA must be requested in order to give staff adequate time to put the documents together. He apologized for the way Mr. Hinsdale was treated and said a training seminar is to be given to staff next week to address customer service.

Brian Farmer came home to find his home broken into and when he called police they failed to show up. He then went to the Police Station and requested to speak with Chief Evans. Chief Evans was not available but then failed to call him back. Chief Evans apologized but had not received the message and offered to speak with Mr. Farmer about the incident.

Trustee Steker arrived at 7:22 PM

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker for the approval of the Consent Agenda, and on the roll call vote, the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 7)

ACTIVE AGENDA:

A. Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Novak for the approval of Ordinance Granting Special Use for Cell Tower to the Park District-10835 Wakefield. Village Manager Urban explained this cell tower is similar to the other one in town. It went before the Zoning Board of Appeals and passed unanimously. Trustee Boyle asked if a camera can be tied into the cell tower and Mr. Urban said that it was not discussed yet. Trustee Boyle requested in the future if the board can review the minutes from the Zoning Board meetings and Mr. Urban said this will be provided in future packets. Mr. Urban also said that the Village has been in negotiation with the company ClearWire to put an additional cell on the water tower. Trustee Fox asked if this is the same cell provider that the village was negotiating with three years ago. He also asked if a cell tower could be erected in the retention pond so the village can benefit instead of giving the revenue to the Park District as was done three years ago by the previous president. Trustee Fox also thought all options should be explored before voting on anything so that possible village land could be used. Mr. Urban said that staff would be happy to look into that. Trustee Steker felt the board should not hold up the Park District since they were approached first. Mr. Urban thought the village may want to look into an Inter-Governmental Agreement for future deals. Trustee Sloan does not want to damage the relationship with the cell phone provider or the Park District. Trustee Novak asked how crucial it was to make a decision tonight and Mr. DiPasquale explained that the plans are not ready which will put a delay on permit issues so putting a hold on a decision will not have an impact on this. Village Manager Urban suggested deferring this from tonight's agenda and put it on the next agenda. Trustee Boyle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fox to table Active Agenda A, until October 27 and on the roll call vote, the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 7)

B. Trustee Boyle made a motion seconded by Trustee Sloan for the approval of Ordinance Granting a Side Yard Variance-1857 Kensington. Mr. Urban stated that this went before the Zoning Board and passed unanimously. On the roll call vote, the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 7)

C. In discussion on an Appointment of Employee to Broadview-Westchester Joint Water Agency, Village Manager Urban pointed out that according to Council the Village has a right to appoint another village employee to the Agency. If a resident volunteer would be brought in to replace Trustee

Casey, the village would have to rewrite the village ordinance along with the inter-governmental agreement between the Water Agency and Broadview. Trustee Boyle volunteered to fill the position.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Urban reported that he and President Pulia attended a Chamber strategy meeting on Saturday September 26, 2009 and their Board meeting today. He reported that they are going through some changes to identify what they want to do as a chamber going forward. He will keep the board up to date with any news. He reported Mrs. Barbara Lucchese is a big supporter of the Garden Club and Image Council and would like to donate \$1,000 toward a fountain for the property on the northeast corner of Manheim and Cermak Roads dedicated to the members of the police and fire department and Westchester US service members. President Pulia said he would like to match her donation to get the project underway. He has also found some old wooden Westchester signs that he is repainting to put at various entry points into the village.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Trustee Novak met with the Census Team on September 30th with members from all organizations. There may be opportunities for employment for follow up after the census. He reported also that he met with Mr. DiPasquale and the IL Dept. of Natural Resources to consider joining the Community Rating System which would allow a discount for residents that have flood insurance. They are also looking into ways that residents can get out of the flood plain. Trustee Fox reminded everyone about the Lions Club/Image Council Beer Tasting Fund Raiser at Fresh Meadows this Saturday.

Trustee Steker attended the IML Conference and came away with a lot of great information.

Trustee Boyle reminded everyone of the Blood Drive at the Park District this Saturday.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Pulia agreed the IML Conference was very informative. Pres. Pulia and Manger Urban attended the West Central Mayors Conference in Washington D.C. and met with several congressmen, toured the White House, and networked with many other mayors. Tammy Duckworth will give the keynote address at the Veterans Run event next month. The Cermak Road project is near completion and the sewer project is making progress. A spare ambulance was received from the Village of North Riverside for the police dept. and ESDA. Chief Evans will use this as a command vehicle for events. President Pulia also reminded everyone of the Town Hall Meeting on October 20th at the Primary School to discuss building permits and plan submissions. Last Wednesday, the Forest Preserve District granted permission for a waterline from Ashley Woods to Hickory Lane to 31st Street. The next step is to go to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Chief Evans reported that Mrs. Lucchese donated a bicycle for bike patrol. He would like to thank the Village for the acquisition of the ambulance. A new part-time CSO was hired and new squads are out on the road. Chief Evans also received a \$30,000 grant for traffic enforcement.

Dennis DiPasquale reported that he and his staff are getting acclimated to the move to the front office and are doing cross-training. They are working on the presentation for the town hall meeting.

With no further business, Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fox, to adjourn to Executive Session and on the roll call vote, Trustee Fox, Novak, Sloan, Steker, and President Pulia voted (Aye 5) and Trustee Boyle voted (Nay 1) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk