

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER  
10 November 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and present/responding to roll call were Trustees Boyle, Fox, Novak, Sloan, Steker and President Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Urban and Village Attorney Durkin. Trustee Casey was absent. The ROTC from Proviso West presented colors. President Pulia announced this was Government Day with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from the Westchester Middle School who were at the Village Hall to learn about the different departments and government positions. The following students participated in the day in the following rolls: Mayor: Alex Bedoy; Trustees: Alyssa Pinter, Zach Blair, Takyrica Woods, Chloe Delaney, Jazielynn Romero, and Gina Christopher; Clerk: Jorell Socorro; Village Manager: Diamond Bryant; Public Works: Adam Lozano; Police Chief: Destiny O'Day; Fire Chief: June Gianan Community Development: Eriel Frazier.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Firefighter Lt. Jeffrey G. LeBeda presented awards for essays written for the 2009 Fire Prevention Week at Westchester Schools. Winners from each school read their essays. Presentations were also made at each of the schools to the winning students. The winner from the Primary School was Amya Miskdeen, from the Intermediate School Matt Zuro, and from the Middle School Katelyn Camacho.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Miss Gabby Gangey, 1909 Hawthorne thanked Mayor Pulia and all village employees for giving the students of WMS the opportunity to participate in the Government Day event. Tim Hinsdale commented on what a fantastic event the Veterans Weekend was.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan for the approval of the Consent Agenda item A, Minutes of 9/15, 10/13, and 10/20, and on the roll call vote, the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 6)

Trustee Boyle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker for the approval of the Consent Agenda item A, Minutes of 9/22 and on the roll call vote, the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 5) Trustee Fox was absent at the 9/22 meeting and abstained from the vote.

Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boyle for the approval of the Consent Agenda item B, Record of Bills and on the roll call vote; the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 6)

Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boyle for the approval of the Consent Agenda item C, Monthly Reports, and on the roll call vote, the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 6)

Chief Evans reported a meeting was held this week on the Red Light Camera. He said that many neighboring villages had representatives at the meeting and there was discussion on amending the law in February. Some of the concerns were suspension of driver's license, the amount of money going to the vendors, and receiving a warning notice and Chief Evans was in favor of the warning module. Chief Evans reported of the seven towns represented at the meeting, there was a 29% reduction of violations since cameras have been in use. President Pulia suggested putting monthly statistics of the red light camera on the website. The camera flashes 5000-5500 times a month and of those captures about 10% are sent to the village from Red Speed for law enforcement review. Of those reviewed, 50-75 are true offenders. President Pulia stated that placing this information on the website would show the public the actual numbers for the Red Light program.

Government Day Fire Chief, June Gianan reported the fire department had a mutual aid call on November 9<sup>th</sup> in the Village of Bellwood.

Government Day Public Works Director, Adam Lozano reported the Village has been cleaning up leaves and finished the 50/50 Sidewalk Program last Friday.

Government Day Community Development, Eriel Frazier reported they were working on zoning updates with a meeting on Thursday.

**ACTIVE AGENDA:**

Trustee Fox made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker for the approval of the Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement with School District 92 ½ for Salt Purchase and on the roll call vote, the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 6)

Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boyle for the approval of the Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement with School District 92 ½ for Establishing a Liaison Program and on the roll call vote, the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 6) Government Day Chief of Police, Destiny O'Day, reported that Officer Joe is part of Community Policing and an asset to the Westchester Schools.

Trustee Boyle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker for the approval of Appointments to Economic Development Committee minus Janice Akerstrom, Frank Such, and Mike Wheeland, and on the roll call vote, the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 6) Trustee Boyle questioned if there was an ordinance on the books regarding the Economic Development Committee and what the roll will be of the new committee. Village

Manager Urban stated that it was an ad-hoc committee. President Pulia stated that the Committee will report to the Village Manager and they are an advisory board that will present a plan to the board. Trustee Boyle wanted to make sure the Village Board was a part of the decision-making.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Government Day Village Manager, Diamond Bryant thanked everyone and stated that she learned a lot about Westchester government.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Pulia reported that the Veterans Moving Wall was a great success. The police, fire, and ESDA did a fantastic job. Lt. Duckworth's address was appreciated by all and an inspiration to veterans. After the program, she stayed for pictures with many veterans and residents. Trustee Boyle thanked Dr. Sullivan, Mr. Kasanders, and the Library Board for all their efforts and hard work in putting on the event. President Pulia suggested the Board organize three holiday collections for service men and women overseas, the Proviso Family Services, and the Village Food Pantry. Needed items for the military would be collected and sent overseas to arrive during the holidays, unwrapped gifts for Proviso Services, and food for the Food Pantry could all be dropped off at the Village Hall. The donated Village Christmas Tree was put up next to the Fire Department with a tree lighting ceremony planned. Trustee Fox is in favor of care packages for the troops. President Pulia thanked Dr. Sophie and the School District for helping put this day together.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Fox made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boyle, for the meeting to be adjourned and on the roll call vote, the Board unanimously passed said motion (AYE 6) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk