

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
8 December 2009**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM and present/responding to roll call were Trustees Boyle, Casey, Fox, Sloan, and President Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Urban and Attorney Durkin. Trustees Novak and Steker were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

President Pulia read a letter from resident George Leseana, 715 Norfolk, recommending the board reject the property tax levy increase.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Casey requested Item A, Record of Bills, be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Trustee Fox made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boyle for the approval of the Consent Agenda Items B and C and on the roll call vote, the board unanimously passed said motion (AYE 5)

Trustee Casey made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan to approve the Record of Bills. Trustee Casey stated that in this economic climate, \$1,800 for lapel pins is not a necessary purchase. Trustee Boyle questioned the Ken Welsch invoice when permit fees are down \$100,000. Trustee Casey pointed out that the loss in permit revenue is from residential permits. Mr. Urban felt that Mr. Welsch is a consultant that has helped to improve customer service which has freed up Mr. DiPasquale's time and his services are needed. On the roll call vote, the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 5)

ACTIVE AGENDA:

A. Attorney Sturino requested Item A, Ordinance re: Temporary Certificate of Compliance, AS-IS Sales and Escrows, be pulled until the next board meeting to be reviewed. Trustee Casey made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan to table Item A of the Active Agenda and bring it back at the next board meeting and on the roll call vote, the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 5)

B. Ordinance Amending Sign Code-Village Manager Urban said that a couple years ago there was a rewrite of the sign ordinance that took out the commercial part of it. It was rewritten with the commercial verbiage back in as it was written before. This was an oversight and should have been put back in. If this is left out until the ordinance is reviewed, there would be no commercial sign ordinance and a business could put up any kind of sign they want with no recourse by the village. Trustee Casey questioned if there is anything in the ordinance about hand painted signs and Mr. Urban said there is nothing in the current ordinance prohibiting hand painted signs but will look into it. Trustee Fox made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boyle to approve the Ordinance Amending Sign Code and on the roll call vote; the board unanimously approved said motion. (AYE 5)

C. Ordinance 2010 Tax Levy-Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey to approve Ordinance with amendment of addition of exact figures in section two, and on the roll call vote the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 5)

D. Resolution Authorizing Village Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement for Postage Equipment. Ms. Kelly Zabinski explained the lease on the Neopost Postage machine will expire on 12/31/09 and will not support the machine after that. Proposals from Neopost and Pitney Bowes have been received for various machines that would serve the village. It is recommended by Ms. Zabinski that the Village lease the DM525 from Pitney Bowes. Trustee Boyle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey to approve a resolution authorizing Village Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement for Postage Equipment and on the roll call vote; the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 5)

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Urban informed the board that there will be no meeting on Dec. 15th, 22nd, or 29th, however, with the authorization from the board for continued payment of bills. The board concurs that the next meeting will be January 5, 2010.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORT:

Trustee Sloan thanked Mr. Hinsdale for playing Santa Claus at the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Ms. Kelly Zabinski asked the board if they would want the auditor to come out and give a presentation and Village Manager Urban suggested putting it on a later meeting agenda.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Pulia thanked the St. Joseph Choral Concert along with the Public Works Department for a great job on the village tree lighting. Five properties were taken out of the flood plain last month by FEMA. A moment of silence was held for three former residents who had passed away, Mr. Larry Sufferdin, Sr., Mr. John Bolowski, and Mr. Peter Wiza.

Trustee Fox requested that in the future he would like the agenda to state the topic of the executive session. Attorney Durkin stated the topic can be listed on the agenda but would also need to have the right to add additional topics if necessary. With no further business to discuss, Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fox, for the meeting to be adjourned to Executive Session and on the roll call vote, the Board unanimously passed said motion (AYE 5) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk