

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER, IL
24 February 2009**

CONSENT AGENDA:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Bailey, Boyle, Buikema, Casey, Fox, Ryan and Pres. Gattuso. Also present were Deputy Village Manager Norton and Village Attorney Storino. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Trustee Casey made a motion, seconded by Trustee Bailey, for approval of Consent Agenda items A, B, and C; on the roll call vote the Board unanimously passed said motion (AYE 6).

STANDING COMMITTEES & OFFICER REPORTS:

Finance Committee - Fox & Ryan: No report.

Public Works Committee - Buikema & Fox: Trustee Buikema reported that the committee discussed preliminary budgets; more details will be discussed once a new Village Manager is in place.

Public Safety Committee - Bailey & Boyle: No report.

Intergovernmental Relations Committee - Boyle & Casey: No report.

General Government Affairs Committee - Casey & Buikema: The General Manager (Anthony Sacco) and Deputy General Manager (Brian Clawson) for the Broadview-Westchester Joint Water Agency presented a brief overview of their responsibilities, functions of the agency, and projected improvement projects of the agency.

Community Development Committee - Ryan & Bailey: Trustee Ryan reported that the committee is in the preliminary stages of reviewing ideas for an expansion of the Village Hall.

Village Attorney - Storino: No report.

Village Clerk - Hayes: No report.

Deputy Village Manager - Norton: Mr. Norton reviewed a report from Hancock Engineering (dated 2/19/09) regarding preliminary flood plain determinations that affect approximately 450-500 homes; it was reported that letters will be mailed to residents per the specific area / outline of the flood plain and that flood insurance may be a factor for certain properties.

Village President - Gattuso: Pres. Gattuso requested that the current Police and Fire Commissioners remain in place until after the April elections; all Board members concurred with the request.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Trustee Buikema made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fox, for approval of an Ordinance: Extending the Temporary Moratorium Ordinance No. 05-1662. During the discussion Trustee Casey asked about the zoning overlay report; it was reported that there was a communication problem between the Zoning Commission and the firm generating the overlay; additionally, a member of the Zoning Commission and the Assistant to the Village Manager reported that there were no written or recorded minutes of the Zoning Commission Meetings available for review; it was suggested that the former Village Manager be contacted regarding this information; Pres. Gattuso questioned the effectiveness of the temporary ordinance; Trustees stated that when proper procedures for applying for a business license are followed, the ordinance has been effective; on the roll call vote the Board unanimously passed said motion (AYE: 6).

B. Trustee Ryan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fox, for approval of a Resolution: Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement Between St. Joseph High School and the Village of Westchester and on the roll call vote the Board unanimously passed said motion (AYE: 6).

C. Trustee Ryan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fox, for approval of a Resolution: Appointing Stanley S. Urban III to the Position of Village Manager; Pres. Gattuso stated that a correspondence from the Attorney General's Office had been received requesting tapes and minutes regarding the ESP / candidate interviews and questioned whether or not the Board should act on the motion tonight; Village Attorney Storino stated that it would be acceptable for the Board to make said appointment at this time; Trustee Casey stated that protocol had been followed for the ESP / candidate interviews as meetings were adjourned to a date certain; on the roll call vote AYE (6) Bailey, Boyle, Buikema, Casey, Fox, Ryan; NYE (1) Pres. Gattuso - stating that he votes NYE to the procedure since compliance has become an issue / was being reviewed - whereupon said motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A resident showed a sample of a fire exit ladder and will talk with the Fire Department about the prototype. A resident from Sunnyside stated his displeasure with the Board. A resident from Downey commented on the goals of the November 2008 referendum committee, wished Mr. Urban well, and expressed his displeasure with the current Board. A resident from Balmoral addressed the Board with concerns for the Attorney General's request, stimulus projects, water quality, and the flooding from Addison Creek.

With no further business to be discussed, Trustee Fox made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey, for the meeting to be adjourned and on the roll call vote the Board unanimously passed said motion (AYE: 6) and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Kathryn Hayes, Village Clerk