

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
26 May 2009**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Boyle, Casey, Fox, Novak, Sloan, Steker, and Pres. Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Urban and Village Attorney Durkin. Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fox, for approval of minutes to be tabled until next Board meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting was presented to the Village and Jack Norton from the Government Finance Officer Association.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Battersby from the 1900 block of Balmoral questioned the purchase of public works equipment as opposed to contracting work out. Village Manager Urban said it would be discussed at a later meeting but was under consideration. He also expressed concern for the conditions of the new sewers on Balmoral and would like to see results of National Power Rodding when they finish his street and Village Manager Urban will notify when they are ready to televise Balmoral.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Fox made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey to remove item B, Resolution Repealing a Resolution on February 12, 2008 establishing the Appointment Procedures for the Officers of the Village of Westchester, from the consent agenda and bring to the floor for discussion. Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker for approval of Consent Agenda items A, Record of Bills, C, Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between the Village of Westchester and All Information Services, Inc. (AIS), and D, Ordinance Amending the Village Code, Chapter "Emergency Management Agency", and on the roll call vote, the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 7) On discussion of Item B, the Resolution Repealing a Resolution establishing the Appointment Procedures for Officers of the Village, Trustee Fox feels there will be no checks and balances if this resolution is repealed. Village Manager Urban did not feel officers needed to be approved through his office and the Trustees should handle this. Trustee Casey wanted to stress this resolution was strictly for officer positions only to make sure they have all the necessary professional qualifications. President Pulia assured everyone he will only bring qualified candidates to the board for their approval and will speak with the Village Manager and Attorney with any questions. Trustee Novak and Sloan agreed that President Pulia will make sound judgment in appointments and would like to revert back to the old resolution. Trustee Boyle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey to table Item B for more discussion and on the roll call vote, the motion failed. (Aye: Trustee Boyle, Casey, and Fox; (Nay: Trustee Novak, Steker, Sloan, and President Pulia) A motion was made by Trustee Novak, seconded by Trustee Sloan to approve Item B and on a roll call vote, motion was passed. (Aye: Trustee Novak, Sloan, Steker, and President Pulia) (Nay: Trustee Boyle, Casey, and Fox)

ACTIVE AGENDA:

- A. Trustee Boyle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey for approval of the Resolution Appointing Barbara Brandt to the Position of Treasurer of the Village of Westchester and on the roll call vote; the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 7)
- B. Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan for approval of the Resolution Appointing Donald J. Storino of the law firm of Storino Ramello & Durkin to the Position of Attorney of the Village of Westchester and on the roll call vote; the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 7)
- C. Trustee Fox made a motion, seconded by Trustee Novak for approval of the Resolution Appointing Stan Urban to the Position of Village Manager of the Village of Westchester and on the roll call vote; the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 7)
- D. Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker for approval of the Resolution Appointing James R. McNally to the Village of Westchester Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and on the roll call vote; the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 7)
- E. Village Manager Urban along with Public Works Director Gross will be reanalyzing Public Works equipment requests. With the shortened week, they were unable to present an analysis in time for meeting. Public Works staff and work load will be reevaluated and more information will be presented at a later date.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. Mr. Urban would like to give new officials a tour of Village facilities with employees available to answer questions, possibly on a Saturday in June.
- B. The Village has already received \$550,000 in stimulus money and Village Manager Urban would like to contract Susanne Hack as a lobbyist for the Village to see what kind of money she can bring to Westchester. Both President Pulia and Village Manager Urban feel that the Village needs to have someone who knows their way around Springfield in order to get additional funds. Ms. Hack's fee for four months is \$10,000 and Village Manager Urban will keep in close contact with Ms. Hack to make sure she is working hard for the Village. He will also contact the Village of Broadview to see if they would be interested in splitting the cost of Ms. Hack's services since some of the grant money is for the Broadview Westchester Joint Water Agency. Trustee Casey cautioned the need to stay on top of Ms. Hack's progress. Trustee Novak agreed with Trustee Casey but felt now is the time to act to make sure we receive more stimulus money. Trustee Fox was opposed to all lobbyists.

ATTORNEYS REPORT:

None

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Boyle would like to recognize at a future meeting the Knights Baseball Team who brought home the championship this past month. Trustee Sloan attended the Illinois Municipal League Conference on May 15th at which they emphasized the upcoming census and the importance of accuracy of questionnaires. Trustee Sloan also attended the Metropolitan Water Reclamation meeting and received updates on current projects, which are behind at this time due to the slow economy. Trustee Casey attended the Broadview Westchester Joint Water Agency meeting where they discussed infrastructure needs going forward. Trustee Steker was in Springfield with the Firefighters Association. Trustee Novak has been in contact with FEMA about getting a rating for the Village of Westchester.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Pulia met with Mr. Peraica about the water line needed for the Chicago Highlands. President Pulia would also like to see more vigilant effort with code enforcement regarding such things as uncut grass and boarded up homes. He would like each department to look at their budget to see if cuts can be made in any areas. Future officers President Pulia would like to bring forward are James Walters for the Ethics Committee and Dr. Suchy for the Police Pension Board.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Boyle made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker, for the meeting to be adjourned and on the roll call vote, the Board unanimously passed said motion (AYE 7) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk