

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER  
14 July 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 Storino.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Battersby, 1905 Balmoral, asked if in the governor's new bill was there any money for Westchester. President Pulia said there was about \$750,000 from both stimulus packages. Mr. Battersby suggested using the money to redo more streets. Mr. Ruzickz, 2221 Sunnyside, has rocks coming up on his driveway and large potholes. The potholes were filled but now they are large bumps and wants to know if anything can be done about it. Village Manager Urban will have the street department look into it. Mr. Weagant, 2916 Brighton Ct., on behalf of the residents of Westchester Place would like to thank the village for getting them out of the flood plain.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Cook County Emergency Management Agency presented the Westchester Emergency Operation Plan. A plaque was presented to the village from Cook County Commission Stroger commending the plan. Village Manager Urban presented the plaque in appreciation for the work done by Captain Casey from the Fire Department and Lt. O'Hagan from the Police Department.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**ACTIVE AGENDA:**

The contractor is ready to start work immediately on the remodeling of the Village Hall offices. The quote from Performfinish, Inc. was \$19,120, which was within budget. Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fox to authorize Village Manager Urban to enter into an agreement for an As-Built remodeling project of the Village Hall not to exceed the amount of \$20,000 and on the roll call vote; the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 7)

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Village Manager Urban would like to know if the board is interested in looking onto Wright Advertising's "transit advertising benches." If the board is interested, the sign ordinance would need to be changed. Many questions were raised by board members as to the type of advertising, maintenance, and the number of benches that would have to be installed. Mr. Urban will look into the program and get further details. Mr. Urban would like the board to look over the Residential Permit Fee attachment and Zoning Ordinance attachment so they are ready for discussion at a future Committee of the Whole Meeting. Nothing is on the books regarding "Bring Your Own Bottle" to restaurants. Does the board want to establish an ordinance prohibiting BYOB? The whole liquor ordinance needs to be reviewed but Council will immediately write an ordinance forbidding BYOB. The current Reserve Policy is to strive to attain 50% of expenditures or 180 days of bills. At the present time, there is 5 to 5 ½ million in the reserve. Mr. Urban would like to bring the reserve down from 5 million to 3 ½ million and use that 1 ½ million for infrastructure coupled with grant money. Grant money will be available soon and the village needs to be ready. Representative Yarbrough is working behalf of the Village on a proposal for the Gardner Road project, which the state would give \$635,000 in grant money and the rest would be split between Westchester and Broadview. The total cost of the project 1.3 million. She would need to know by July 20<sup>th</sup> if we had the \$330,000 for our half. Concerns were expressed by Trustee Novak about dropping the reserve and would like to see a report on Statement of Change Fund Balance Sheet to see where the funds have been going. Trustee Sloan suggested that Broadview should pay more because of the truck traffic for their industrial park. Everyone felt we should take advantage of this grant money but look further into the reserve before making any changes. Mr. Urban will notify Rep. Yarbrough that we are on board for half of the Gardner Road cost. Mr. Ken Rathje from the consulting company that would rewrite the village zoning ordinances charges a fee of \$150 per hour and feels he could have the zoning ordinances done in about six months. Mr. Urban would like to enter into agreement with this firm not to exceed &20,000 with a 50% completion by April 30, 2010.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

None

**ATTORNEYS REPORT:**

None

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Novak and Steker have a meeting with the census people on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Steker thought the Fest security and operations were great.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Pulia received great feedback from the Fest. The Proviso Municipal Golf Classic is at the end of the month. There has been no update on the Cermak Road project yet. He met with IDOT and an I290 project is scheduled for the future.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker, for the meeting to be adjourned to Executive Session and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk