

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Boyle, Casey, Novak, Sloan, and Pres. Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Urban and Village Attorney Storino.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

President Pulia swore in Mr. David Barber to the Fire Pension Board. Dr. Keith Suchy was sworn in last week in the Village office.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mike Malpier would like the Fire Department to reconsider his ladder platform concept. He also feels the water bill and sewer tax is too high. Garbage pick up went up as well and it is too high for seniors.

C. Lobbyist Susanne Hack gave an update on progress in Springfield. The governor signed the Capital Bill on July 13, 2009, a 31 billion, 5-year capital program. She has had over 10 years experience working in government with Speaker Madigan, Assistant Governor Quinn and in private practice working in Springfield. Capital money is based on revenues from communities, bonds, and video poker. No money will be issued until bonds are issued. The first things that will be funded are shovel ready projects and she will work to get those projects before our legislatures. There are also emergency road funds available that she will try to secure for Westchester. The village should get all projects ready and prioritize them and she will bring them to Springfield.

D. President Pulia presented a Distinguished Citizen Award to John Cunningham and a Certificate of Commendation to Lt. Travis Spiropoulos for their help in extinguishing a fire in one of the vendor booths on late Saturday evening after the fun fest.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Trustee Sloan would like to remove from the consent agenda item A. Trustee Casey made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan for approval of Consent Agenda items B, C, D, and E and on the roll call vote, the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 5) Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boyle to place Item A of the consent agenda up for discussion. Trustee Sloan asked what the American Express bill was for and Village Manager said it was for a convention to Washington. Trustee Boyle asked about Residential property bill, which Pres. Pulia said, was for grass cutting and other maintenance which are bill backs to residents and the village is waiting for the money. Trustee Novak questioned how current the National Power Rodding bill was and how far much of the \$750,000 has been spent. Mr. Norton said that \$565,000 has been billed so far. All bills were unanimously approved. (AYE 5)

**ACTIVE AGENDA:**

President Pulia said remaining appointments would be made at the next regular meeting.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

A letter from the attorney of the Pension Board stated that the Pension Board made the changes to their procedures recommended by the Village auditors.

**ATTORNEYS REPORT:**

None

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Novak said that at the last census only 85% of residents responded to the census, which resulted in a loss of about \$200,000 per year to the Village. He hopes to get 100% participation with the upcoming census. Trustee Casey thought the Town Hall Meeting was very well received and thanked President Pulia for initiating the meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Pulia would like to have more Town Hall Meetings to keep residents informed. He has received many calls from residents regarding street conditions, maintenance, and upkeep of homes, multiple families living in single-family homes resulting in more street parking, and two flats converted into three flats without proper code enforcement. According to the Property Rental Code that is on the books, property needs to be inspected when tenants move in or out. He said the board needs to make decisions regarding this issue. The Water Reclamation District sent a letter informing the village that the 24-inch pipe on Roosevelt is adequate for dry weather flow. When storm water is added it is inadequate. This problem needs to be addressed especially before any streets are redone. Trustee Boyle asked if a smoke test could be done to find illegal hook ups. A smoke test could be done but Hancock Engineering suggested a slope test might be better to improve flow of water. The new water agency pumping station will be put on the current property, which will save a lot of money. Trustee Casey has resigned from the Water Agency Board due to work conflicts. President Pulia would like to go outside the board to look for a replacement if none of the trustees can commit to the daytime

meetings.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey, for the meeting to be adjourned to Executive Session and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Novak to move back to Open Session. And, with no further business, Trustee Sloan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Casey, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

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Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk