

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM and present/responding to the roll call were Trustees Boyle, Casey, Fox, Novak, Sloan, and Pres. Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Urban and Village Attorney Durkin. Trustee Steker was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Dave Costello, 2318 Downing, stated many government officials are now against the red light cameras. He said his research shows Red Speed received 46% of the revenue with the village keeping only 54%, 80% of tickets are issued for right turn on red. Mr. Costello feels this law is being used not for public safety but for public profit and wants to know what the board will be doing about it. Pres. Pulia feels the saving of even one life is important and stated that the police department reviews all offenses and decides if they are legitimate. He said that the department rejects approximately 18%-20%, and Red Speed rejects about 90% of all captures. All offenses can be appealed by a judge as well and the judge rejects about 20% of appeals. Manager Urban states that the number of offenses are going down in all villages since the cameras have been in place and people are learning to obey the law. Trustee Fox feels that anything within the legal limit to make people comply with the law is a good thing for Westchester. Trustee Casey reminded everyone that the funds are generated by people breaking the law.

Mr. Steve Battersby, 1905 Balmoral, did see an incident where a car turned on red and hit a pedestrian stroller. He said in the campaign there was talk of lowering fees for permits and has anything been done about that. Pres. Pulia said that will be discussed at the next Town Hall Meeting sometime in October.

Mr. Matt Ames from the Village of Broadview Public Works is present and President Pulia asked to move to B. and C. of the Active Agenda so that Mr. Ames could return to his board meeting.

ACTIVE AGENDA:

B. Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey, to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Village President to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Westchester and the Village of Broadview for the Gardner Road Resurfacing Project Emergency Road Repair Program (ERP). Trustee Fox questioned why Broadview was chosen as the lead agency. It is stated in the Resolution that Broadview has a larger portion in the project and is that true. Manager Urban stated IDOT does require one village to be the lead player in the project. Karen Yarborough suggested that Broadview take the lead. Manager Urban feels we have an equal say in the project with an intergovernmental agreement, and is not sure why it states Broadview has a larger portion. Trustee Fox asked if Manager Urban is comfortable with Broadview taking the lead and he assured everyone he is very comfortable. Trustee Casey asked if Hancock Engineering can come to the board meetings to give periodic updates. Manager Urban said they would be coming to meetings along with Hope Garrett to keep the board up to speed. Mr. Ames from the Broadview Public Works Dept. stated that Broadview is now trying to move forward. Anytime that Westchester is uncomfortable with any aspect of the project they will stop and work through it. Broadview is looking forward to a continued working relationship with Westchester. With no further discussion, on the roll call vote, the board approved the resolution. (AYE 6)

C. Trustee Casey made a motion, seconded by Trustee Novak, to approve a Resolution Designating Village of Broadview as Lead Agency for the Gardner Road Project and on the roll call vote, the board approved the resolution. (AYE 6)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fox to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Sloan would like to pull A. Minutes and B. Record of Bills and Trustee Boyle would also like to pull A. Minutes (Aug 25) and B. Record of Bills. On the roll call vote, the board passed said motion. (AYE 6)

A. Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boyle to approve Minutes. Trustee Sloan said that on Aug 18, Mr. Urban only asked for one week to present street lighting maintenance bid to the board, not a couple weeks. The motion was made by Trustee Novak and seconded by Trustee Novak and needs to be corrected. Trustee Boyle said that on Aug. 25, under the Active Agenda, Item C, it does not reflect that a motion was made for approval of Ashley Electric. Also, Item B does not state what the vote was. Tapes will be reviewed. Trustee Boyle said that Aug 25,

President's Report is written in the first person not the third and is not consistent. Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boyle to approve A. Minutes. A motion to approve Aug 18th Minutes with the corrections presented, and on the roll call vote, the board passed motion. (AYE 5) Trustee Fox was not at the Aug 18 meeting and voted present. Trustee Sloan, seconded by Trustee Boyle made a motion to approve Aug. 25th Minutes with corrections and on the roll call vote the board passed motion. (AYE 6)

Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Boyle to approve the Record of Bills. Trustee Boyle asked in the case of the bill for Mr. Ken Welch, are plan reviews ever charged back to the plan holders or is this part of the permit fee. Mr. DiPasquale said some permits are charged plan reviews but not all. Manager Urban said that commercial plan reviews are charged back and a full analysis will be ready by the next budget time. Trustee Casey asked if there has been a reduction in the backlog for wait time for permits. Mr. DiPasquale said that Ken has been a big help and he is able to do other duties. Trustee Boyle asked if the payment to Performfinish for the Village Hall construction is the last. Manager Urban said there is one smaller bill and all work has been inspected.

Trustee Sloan questioned what the bill for HD Supply Waterworks was for. Mr. Gross said it was for water meters. Trustee Sloan questioned why the Asphalt Hot Patch was not included in the financing options. Manager Urban explained that it was better to pay cash for that piece of equipment. Trustee Sloan questioned why there were refunds for tow fees. Manager Urban stated that Judge Murphy said it was ok to refund certain ones.

Trustee Sloan questioned the Suburban General Construction bill. President Pulia explained it was repair for a collapsed sanitary sewer. He also suggested to staff to mark each bill indicating what it was for.

Trustee Casey asked if Susan Hack will be at a future meeting to talk about her progress in Springfield. Manager Urban stated she will be at a board meeting in October. With no further discussion on the roll call vote, the board passed motion. (AYE 6)

ACTIVE AGENDA:

A. Checklist For Residential Properties-Building Dept. Staff-Manager Urban reported that a committee has created a checklist for the building department to go over with the resident who will then sign stating the list has been explained to them. This is an effort to become more user-friendly and customer oriented and this will begin on Sept. 18th. President Pulia feels this is a good start.

D. Trustee Fox made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey to approve a Resolution for Appointment of Funds for Engineering Costs for Westchester Blvd. Project (2010-2011 Budget). Manager Urban explained that this is a stimulus package project and Westchester needs to show IDOT that this will be in next year's budget. With no further discussion, on the roll call vote, the board passed motion. (AYE 6)

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Manager Urban stated that Trustee Novak and Sloan would like to put in place a financial policy for vendor contract reviews. This policy would be for all future vendors and renewed contracts. Manager Urban requests that the board review the policy. Trustee Novak and Sloan explained that this policy would be for accountability by the vendor. All current vendors will be notified of this new policy and will be included in all future bids. Chief Belmonte outlined the September 11th memorial service to be held at the Village Hall.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Trustee Novak reported the Census team has been put together and will have their first meeting in a couple of weeks. Flood insurance will be discussed at the Sept. 24th FEMA meeting.

Chief Evans reported that a narcotics arrest on Aug. 12th seized \$1,200. A new police officer is being hired mid-September along with 2 part-time CSO's. The last two roadside safety checks have been very successful. Reflectors for stop signs will be going up. Chief Evan would like to place new stop signs in two locations. GPS has been installed in all squad cars and the installation of cameras in squad cars is very near. Officer Robert Verber and Richard Steker have completed 20 years of service with the village. And, personnel files are completely automated.

Public Works Director, Rusty Gross reported the new Asphalt Grinder is working great and tree trimming continues. The Clean Sweep Program will begin, in which they will clean and grade alleys.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Pulia stated that President Obama has designated Sept. 11 as National Day of Service and Remembrance. Also reminded everyone the Crop Walk is this weekend, the 31st Street project is starting soon, removal of sidewalks on Roosevelt will start this month. Mr. Urban will look into the extent of the pavers on Roosevelt. The Prairie House is having a fair on Sept. 19 and Pres. Pulia indicated all are invited. The Westchester Homeowners Association expressed in a letter to Pres. Pulia the appreciation for the help of Mr. Saviano during the roofing project and also for

the work done on the Regency Drive purchase. The Sheriff's Department is looking for nominations for this year's Youth Medal of Honor award. President Pulia indicated those with qualifying service hours should contact the Sheriff's Dept. Board of Commission Metropolitan Water District has invited Village Board members to a cruise on Sept. 16. Pres. Pulia has received calls about street repair and feels the board need to put a street repair plan together and develop a long term plan with preventative maintenance. He would also like the board to consider what they would like to use the money from the Red Light Camera program on. IDOT will be replacing lights on Mannheim Road. Trustee Casey questioned if that will include pedestrian counters. Mr. Gross will be attending that meeting and will look into if counters are included in the plan and at what cost. Pres. Pulia reminded the board that a trustee or civilian is still needed on Water Agency board.

Trustee Casey made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan, to adjourn, and go into Executive Session and on the roll call vote the board passed motion. (Aye 5) Trustee Boyle voted no. (NAY 1) The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk