

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER  
16 JUNE 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Casey, Novak, Sloan, Steker, and Pres. Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Urban. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Every year three police squad cars are replaced. Over the last three years, only two -vehicles have been replaced. Chief Evans would like to replace two -of the older vehicles with a lease purchase agreement for two Dodge Chargers. The old, used vehicles would be placed into the village fleet to be used by village employees for village work. The cost of the lease purchase program was an overall savings compared to out-right purchase. President Pulia suggested next year looking into a green vehicle.

\* A small break was taken while Village Manager Urban was brought in from another meeting.

B. The annual renewal of the Blue Cross Blue Shield medical and dental premium was negotiated down to a 10.17% increase, which is below budget. Village Manager Urban will start looking at other brokers to reduce overall health care costs. There was a consensus to move forward for the next meeting.

C. There are three choices under Illinois law for food service inspection. The village could hire a firm, put someone on staff, or use the county services. Village Manager Urban is in favor of outsourcing to LEHP Management, Inc. in order to maintain more control. \$11,000 has been budgeted for these inspections. Trustee Novak suggested charging all businesses with the exception for not-for-profit starting January 1, 2010. President Pulia would like to compare costs with neighboring communities. Legal counsel will review the LEHP Management agreement. This will be brought forward for a vote at the next regular meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

4A. The security company Illinois Auxiliary Police was recommended as a possible cost savings alternative to our prior security provider Investigative Services Agency. Chief Evans will meet with the company on June 22nd so a decision can be voted on at the next regular meeting. President Pulia would like a list of neighborhood fests that Illinois Auxiliary Police has worked to get feedback on their performance from those villages.

4B. Public Works Director Gross is recommending a resolution authorizing the financing of all public works motor vehicles and operating equipment purchases with a 3-5 year lease purchase. Hope Garret, a summer intern from Northern University has researched the equipment and has prioritized the list. 1) 2 1/2 Ton Truck with 10" Dump, 11" Plow, and Salt Spreader with Pre-wet system, 2) Skid Steer Loader with Attachments and Trailer, 3) Pickup Truck with Lift Gate, 4) Combination Sewer Vacuum and High Pressure Jet Rodder, 5) 1-Ton Dump Truck, 6) Sewer Televising system with enclosed trailer, 7) Asphalt Hot Patcher, and 8) Leaf Loader. Village Manager Urban suggested leasing on a need basis #4, #6, and #8 since these machines would only be used part of the year. He would like to go ahead and lease the other equipment, which would be less costly than buying outright. Some of the savings could be used on personnel. A foreman would be a great help to Director Gross. Trustee Sloan would like to see a scheduled replacement plan for the next few years.

5A. Village Manager Urban will receive final quotes on Village Hall remodeling to bring forward a proposal not to exceed \$27,000 at the next regular meeting.

5B. President Pulia does not feel that any commissions should be paid positions but strictly volunteer. All fees and expenses should be reimbursed. The board agreed to put on the next agenda a repeal of all commission salaries.

5C. Three business have requested a variance on the temporary moratorium, a consulting firm, an x-ray company, and a Government Services Agency. Village Attorney Storino said a public hearing could be waived for these three requests. Staff suggested a variance on the moratorium be given to these three businesses. Mr. Storino will give his recommendation for handling these three businesses and also how to go forward with the moratorium, which is expiring in August.

**INFORMATION ONLY:**

President Pulia and Village Manager Urban will be attending the upcoming Addison Creek meeting. They will also be attending the upcoming Water Agency Meeting on June 25 in Broadview with Trustee Casey. Trustees Novak, Sloan, Steker and President Pulia attended the Cub Scout flag burning ceremony. Trustee Steker reported that 29 applicants showed up for the Fire Dept. test and only 19 passed the physical portion. President Pulia has recommended David Barber for the Fire Pension Board. Village Manager Urban is authorizing National Power Rodding to keep pumps on for one more month and he would like to put up banners on Cermak, Manheim, and Roosevelt Roads. The July 7th COW meeting will be dedicated to Zoning and the Moratorium. July 22nd will be a Town Hall meeting on the progress of National Power Rodding and the cleaning and televising of the sewer system.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Battersby. Of 1905 Balmoralasked if the security company under consideration has ever had any lawsuits against them. He would like to abolish the moratorium. He suggested getting a summer intern for the village mechanic. He would like the village to consider residents raking leaves into the streets and having them picked up. His street looked very good when he viewed the televising done by National Power Rodding.

At 10:10 PM, Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan to adjourn to Executive Session.

Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Casey to come out of Executive Session at 11:27 PM.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Casey made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan to adjourn the meeting, and on the roll call vote, the Board passed said motion (AYE 7) and the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 PM.

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Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk