

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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Boyle, Casey, Fox, Novak, Sloan, Steker, and Pres. Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Urban. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Joe White of American Asphalt gave a presentation on Surface Asphalt Recycling. This process heats the existing asphalt where it can be re-compacted so it is ready for a thin ½-inch overlay. This is a cost effective alternative to conventional road rehabilitation. The cost savings can reach 35%-40% over new asphalt. Village Manager Urban will get more information on what streets would qualify for this process. Trustee Fox suggested sending this out for bid to make sure we receive the most competitive price.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) 1. Phillip McKenna and Bob Rychlicki of Kane McKenna Associates gave a presentation on TIF Districts. The firm's expertise is in economic development and municipal finance. The concept of a TIF district was explained outlining the certain criteria that need to be met for an area to qualify. The firm has helped many neighboring suburbs develop TIF Districts with the most successful being LaGrange.
2. Ken Rathje and Barbara Gosselar of the Law Firm of Kubiesa, Spiroff, Gosselar, Acker & DeBlasio, P.C. explained the importance of having an updated zoning ordinance. Mr. Rathje specializes in zoning and urban planning and has been a Land Use Consultant for the last six years. Ms. Gosselar expertise is in rewriting zoning ordinances to make sure all parts can be legally backed up. They have worked with many municipalities including Oak Brook Terrace to rewrite and update village-zoning ordinances. In their opinion, zoning ordinances should be redone first to help achieve economic development. The zoning ordinance will define what type of economic development the Village wants and does not want.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustee Novak suggested giving Fun Fest wristbands to other community groups such as the Library or Park District to show we want to involve the whole Village and also having an open house at the Village Hall sometime in the future. Trustee Casey suggested to Village Manager Urban that the gravel alleys are getting worse and need to be graded again. President Pulia would like to look into properties that are not maintained and what can be done about it.

INFORMATION ONLY:

President Pulia will bring the following appointments forward at the next meeting: Trustee Casey to the Water Agency; Trustee Boyle to the 911 Board; James Walters for the Ethics Committee; Keith Suchy for the Fire Pension Board; and Emily Fister as Deputy Clerk. The Cub Scouts will have a flag retirement ceremony on June 13th behind the Community Church. The Census Partnership Program is in need of 1 or 2 Trustees to chair. Department heads and groups need to submit articles and photos for the first newsletter, which must be out by the beginning of July. The new Village Hall hours are on Tuesday from 8:30 AM-7:00 PM and Saturdays from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM. The Open House will be announced in the upcoming newsletter. Village Manager Urban would like to host a Town Hall Meeting at District 92 ½ possibly at the end of summer to show residents the progress of National Power Roding.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Battersby was not in favor of the crack filling process. He asked if a lobbyist was hired and President Pulia told him yes. He also asked how much money has been made to date from the red light cameras and was told \$125,00-\$145,000 was taken in after expenses. He asked if the Village needs a Treasurer and President Pulia told him it was a state ordinance.

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 10:15 PM.

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk