

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER  
23 APRIL 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Gattuso, Novak, Perry, Sloan, Steker, Yurkovich and President Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Matthys, Deputy Village Clerk Keane, and Attorney Durkin.

**PRESENTATION:**

President Pulia read the Proclamation recognizing the Proviso West Honor Roll Students and congratulated those students present on their academic achievements.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

Ms. Helen Waters of Gardner Rd. asked the Board why they are not asking for bids for the communication center? President Pulia responded there are only three companies with this system. NORCOMM is familiar with our location and fire dispatch services already. Ms. Waters expressed concern that large items are not put out for bid such as the Waste Management contract. She also stated that during the last storm she did not see anyone around Gardner Rd and since the alleys in that area are higher than the yards the water runs off of the alleys into the yards on Gardner Rd. Additionally, Gardner Rd is raised higher than the yards and causes additional water to flow into the properties in that area.

Mr. Steve Nelson of Newcastle expressed his concern about sewage water backup during rains. He feels since the Eisenhower expressway was completed the water runs into Westchester. President Pulia responded yes, the Eisenhower does flow into Addison creek and so do many other communities. Mr. Nelson wanted to know how they will fix the sewer problem in that area of the community. Pulia responded that in 2010 all the sewers were televised and some repairs were made, he does not recall any sewers that required an immediate response. The Village has replaced many sewers throughout town since then. Mr. Nelson responded that since the highway was put in, that area has had an issue with sewer in their homes. Pulia noted this is occurring all over the community when the systems are at capacity. Mr. Nelson requested that sandbags be placed throughout the community earlier than they have been.

President Pulia told the public that MWRD does have plans to mitigate flooding and Addison Creek is on the list to be a recipient of a relief project. They are hopeful this will alleviate some of the flooding in this area. However, the project will not be completed until at least 2017. None of the mayors in this area are happy with that time frame. He also noted MWRD has three lower Des Plaines watershed projects planned for the future, one in Northlake, the one at Mannheim and Lake St, and creek stabilization in North Riverside. They are trying to put some sort of storage facility in the Mannheim and Lake area. He explained that MWRD has control over these projects. The Village is hosting a Town Hall meeting on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at St. Joseph High School with representatives from MWRD.

Bernie Farmer of 1124 Newcastle stated that he understands the Village cannot control the weather. He wanted to know how many people in town and out of town were present for the flood. He understands we have done a lot of work to try and alleviate this problem before and is concerned why National Power Roding is back working on the flood issues. He didn't see people throughout the Village except for President Pulia. He thinks the management of employees needs to improve. President Pulia commented the command center was in place, and that many of the employees had difficulty getting to Westchester. Mr. Pulia also noted that National Power Roding is doing the sewer lining south of Roosevelt rd, it was identified by the Village Engineer as something that could assist flooding issue in that area. There is another basin to be done in the South area in the future. Mr. Farmer feels there is a certain amount of feet that need to be shown have been televised each day and it should be reviewed by Public Works. Public Works Director Dave Stoiser noted that National Power Roding is cleaning the sewers in preparation of the lining south of Roosevelt Rd.

-Vince Zaroni of 2549 Hawthorne stated he was speaking on behalf of his mother. Mr. Zaroni noted that salt creek is going through her house. He asked if the reservoir going to be made larger and if the Village can work with Cook County to prevent the water from flowing into the back of his mother's home. President Pulia noted that it is Forest Preserve property and the water is flowing from the pipe into Salt Creek. When the creek is over the top of the pipe, it doesn't have anywhere to go. Mr. Zaroni asked if the Village would be willing to purchase the property.

-Ed Tracey of 1452 Norfolk noted he is 50 year resident of Westchester and he has a problem with the alley running into his yard when it rains because it is elevated and not paved so there is a lot of runoff into his property. President Pulia noted it may need to be leveled and that Public Works will investigate the issue.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The public hearing for the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2013 and Ending April 30, 2014 opened at 7:48 and all Village Board Members were present. President Pulia noted the draft budget was made available for the public on April 12, 2013 and notice of the hearing was published in the Sun Times on April 15, 2013. The Board then opened the hearing to public comments, with no public comment on the roll call vote, the hearing adjourned at 7:50 PM (AYE 7)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan to approve the following items on the Consent; Items 7.A (Record of Bills in the amount of \$ 573,187.65), 7.B (Approval of Minutes of the March 26, 2013 Board Meeting, Minutes of the March 26, 2013 COW Meeting, Minutes of the April 9, 2013 Board Meeting, and Minutes of the April 9, 2013 COW Meeting), 7.C (Resolution Approving Engineering Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering LLC for Water Main Replacement Design). On the roll call vote, the motion for items 7.A through 7.C unanimously passed (AYE 7).

**ACTIVE AGENDA:**

Trustee Gattuso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Novak to approve item 8.A (Motion to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Norcomm for E911 Telecommunication Services and on the roll call vote, the motion passed (AYE 5) (NAY 2).

Trustee Steker then made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to approve item 8.B (Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2013 and Ending April 30, 2014 in the Village of Westchester). Trustee Novak then requested Finance Director Anne Burkholder to provide a quick update on the presented budget. Ms. Burkholder gave a few highlights noting that all funds were within the 32% requirement and that two new funds, Debt Service and Capital Projects, had been added due to the bond issuance earlier this year. Trustee Sloan noted that due to the previous vote of 8.A there would be changes to the budget after approval and the vote should reflect that. Trustee Steker and Trustee Perry then amended their motion to approve the alternate budget which reflects the Norcomm decision and on the roll call vote the said motion passed (AYE 6) (NAY 1).

Trustee Yurkovich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to approve item 8.C (Resolution Amending Section 6-12, Entitled "Outside Employment" of Article 6, Entitled "Work Rules" of the Village of Westchester Personnel Policy Manual) and on the roll call vote, the said motion passed (AYE 5) (NAY 2).

Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan to approve item 8.D (Resolution Amending Section 8-1, Entitled "Promotions" of Article 8, Entitled "In-Service Placement" of the Village of Westchester Personnel Policy Manual) and on the roll call vote, the said motion unanimously passed (AYE 7).

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan to waive the requirement of prior discussion at a Committee of the Whole meeting for item 8.E (Motion to Authorize Community Development Director to Waive Permit Fees for Flood Restoration Projects related to April 18, 2013 Flood Event). Trustee Yurkovich then made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gattuso to approve item 8.E and on the roll call vote, the motion unanimously passed (AYE 7).

Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan to waive the requirement of prior discussion at a Committee of the Whole meeting for item 8.F (Motion to Waive the Requirement of Prior Discussion at a Committee of the Whole Meeting and Discuss Village Manager Contract) During the discussion Trustee Gattuso and President Pulia noted they feel the board should discuss this in closed session, not open. Attorney Durkin advised that they can do it now or at the next meeting. President Pulia feels it should be put on next agenda. He requested the board to respond to him with the documentation of her review prior to the next meeting. The Board then requested that it be done prior to the next meeting. President Pulia noted we could have a special meeting prior to then but he will need all of the review responses prior to calling the meeting, and the Board agreed. With no further items on the Active Agenda, the Board moved to reports.

**MANGER'S REPORT:**

Manager Matthys reported that the Spring Clean up date is April 27<sup>th</sup> and all volunteers welcome. She also thanked all the Department Heads and staff for their assistance during the flood. She recognized the board member-elects for their assistance too.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Durkin did not have a report this evening.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perry noted that the EDC is currently gathering information about signage and organizations within the community.

Trustee Gattuso noted that the car shows will be starting up in May on Mondays from 6-10 pm it's the 7<sup>th</sup> year of the car show. Thursday night concerts will also be starting soon.

Ms. Keane reported that Spring Cleaning Day will be on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 8 am -12 pm, volunteers are needed. Also, Cinco de Mayo Fiesta will be held at Gladstone Park on Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 3 pm – 8 pm, hope everyone will be able to enjoy the event.

Chief Padalik reminded residents there are scam artists who may be trying to take advantage of those affected by the flood, and asked residents to please call the Police Department so they can investigate. Trustee Novak added that the Village does not authorize anyone to use our crest or go and do work.

Chief Adams commended the Fire Department on their work during flood; he also thanked the MABAS 19 & 11 for providing assistance during the flood.

Ms. Burkholder reminded residents that vehicle stickers are due April 30. Prices will double on May 1, 2013. Staff has also been working together to gather preliminary numbers regarding flood costs.

Mr. Stoiser noted that Public Works has been working on storm mitigation and clean up. Prior to the flood they were performing pavement restoration from main breaks. He also stated the concrete program began this week.

Ms. Headley reminded everyone that even though the Village is waiving fees for permits, you are still required to obtain a permit for the work to be done. She also informed the Board that the Dunkin Donuts ribbon cutting was done on Friday.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Pulia thanked all the employees for their work during the flood on April 18<sup>th</sup>, he noted Mike Otters, who was in the audience, kept watch on the retention pond all night. Unfortunately the amount of water that filled the retention pond made us pump the ponds, and the creek overflowed. He also commented that the flood water began coming up the pump, which had never been an issue in previous floods. Mr. Pulia thanked Mr. Mike Masters and Illinois Homeland Security for allowing us to obtain a generator at the Mayfair Retention Pond. Thankfully, it did not have to be used. He also commented that the Police Department did the best they could to block off impassable streets throughout town and there were so many streets that we had to rent barricades from IDOT. He commended the E 9-1-1 staff on their work handling the influx of calls. President Pulia also stated that the Board is committed to correcting the flooding issue in our area and has proposed ideas to MWRD in an effort to mitigate the problem. He again thanked the Department Heads and Village Manager for all their efforts during the flood. Ms. Matthys noted that they will have two additional Waste Management trucks in the area this week for additional pickups due to the flood. Mr. Pulia then reminded residents to complete the individual flood assessment forms which are located all throughout the community. He stated that during rescue attempts, the Village did lose a fire truck and a police squad, however no one was injured, there were no fires, and no fatalities which was good. He praised the residents for their patience and helping those neighbors who were less fortunate. He explained that once the assessments are received, they are submitted to Cook County who then provides them to Governor Quinn, who then presents them to President Obama in an attempt to receive FEMA assistance.

#### **ADJOURN:**

With no further business, Trustee Yurkovich made a motion seconded by Trustee Sloan to adjourn the meeting and the board unanimously agreed (AYE 7) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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Molly A. Keane, Deputy Village Clerk