

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
11 June 2013**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustee Calcagno, Perry, Reda, Steker, Yurkovich, and President Pulia. Trustee Gattuso was absent. Also present was Village Clerk Miller, Manager Matthys, and Attorney Durkin.

President Pulia noted, Executive Session will be held at the conclusion of the COW if the Board so desires.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bid Results- Water Main Replacement Contract - Mr. Stosier - Due to condition of the watermain on Heidron and Highridge Ave., Public Works has decided to replace the watermain ahead of street rehabilitation which was planned. Christopher Burke Engineering pulled together plans and bid them out. Six bids were received for the 2013 Water Main Improvements Projects. Unique Plumbing was the low bidder at \$402,515.50. They have done work for the Village in the past and have completed work on time and on budget. Funds have been set aside in the Utility Budget and some monies subsidized by the Street Improvement Program. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of July. It is the recommendation of Mr. Stosier and Christopher Burke Engineering that the Village accept the bid and award said contract to Unique Plumbing. President Pulia asked the item be put on the Consent.

Per Attorney Durkin, Unique Plumbing would like to get the work started and not have the 2 week delay till the next Board meeting. The item cannot be voted on this evening, however, if no one has an objection, Mr. Stosier or Ms. Matthys can execute the contract and get the work started. At the next Board meeting their action can be ratified. Attorney Durkin would not recommend this if anyone on the Board had any objection.... No objections were noted by Board Members.

B. Zoll Defibrillator/AED Purchase – Chief Adams budgeted for a new defibrillator and AEDs. He is requesting a waiver of bids. He negotiated the trade-in of an approx. 18yr. old defibrillator no longer in use or supported by the manufacturer, and a late model AED that the fire department owns to upgrade to the X-series defibrillator, which has the latest in technology when it comes to cardiac care. Fire fighters are familiar with the unit and it interacts with their patient software they currently use. Total cost: \$27,766.00 includes the trade-ins, (\$5,100) for the old defibrillator and (\$1,000) for the old AED. There were no objections to the item being put on the Consent.

C. Overhead Sewer Program – President Pulia (Discussion Only) President Pulia forwarded copies of other Village programs (Lombard, Palatine, Forest Park). Residents would be reimbursed for some of the costs associated the installation of an overhead sewer, check valve / lift station. President Pulia questioned whether the Board wanted to consider such a program. Manager Matthys /Anne were asked to provide input if monies were available. Melissa provided estimates from the Villages' plumbing inspector of the options. Discussion followed whether the rebate would be graduated or one rebate per household. A decision needs to be made as to how much is available and how much to allocate per household. The Village would need evidence of the work that was done. Manager Matthys thoughts were that of a first come, first served once the program dates were announced. Policy would need to be determined of parameters and how far to go back. Questions: 1) Is the Board in favor of the program? All Board members were in favor of the program. 2) How much money is available to commit out of the Water fund? Manager Matthys cautions the Board to set an amount that can be sustained, \$25-30k. She will present the excess fund balance. 3) What would be the rebate? President Pulia recommends \$1000 however, manager Matthys will take a look at the permits requested to get an idea of how many people may apply. She will then provide a recommendation.

D. Amendment to Amendment to Municipal Code Chapter 11.38, entitled "Automated Traffic Law Enforcement System" of Title 11 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Westchester, Cook, County, Illinois – Manager Matthys. Attorney Durkin addressed the amendment. He was contacted by the attorneys for Safespeed who were doing due diligence reviewing the Villages ordinances. They want the Village to extend some of the time limits from 14 days to 21 days, to have fines processed and adjudicated. There was an agreement upon 21 days. Five sections of the Village code need to be amended to reflect the agreement. There were no objections to the item being put on the Consent Agenda.

E. Westchester Fire Department "Fill the Boot" campaign – Chief Adams – Fire fighters were previously unable to collect for MDA due to Village ordinances. They provided Chief Adams with information on an Illinois Public Act 097-0692 which was brought into Law on June 15, 2012, and allows firefighters to collect for charitable organizations. State Law supersedes the Village ordinance. Manager Matthys also noted that Fire fighter Matt Martin brought to her attention that 40 families in the area benefit from the MDA foundation. An insurance sample was also provided where as MDA will cover all of the firefighters who participate. The Village would not be responsible. The Police Department collected for a Veterans organization last year. It was recommended that the Village ordinance be updated to reflect the changes of State Law.

F. Properties Available for Sale Under Cook County Delinquent Tax Sale – No Cash Bid Program (Discussion Only) – Manager Matthys. The Village received a list of properties in town by PIN numbers that have delinquent taxes dating back to 2011 and subject to tax sale. As a local government the Village has an opportunity to do a "No Cash bid" for the properties. Matt Holmes from Attorney Durkin's office has been investigating and will be summarizing his findings so that the Village can determine if they want to bid before the properties are made available at the general tax sale. There are approximately 22 parcels, a block in the middle of Addison Creek, which the Village may own. More to come....

G. Consideration of Consolidation of Planning Commission and Zoning Board – (Discussion Only) – President Pulia. Per President Pulia, there have not been a lot of issues to come before the boards and he is recommending combining the two. He thinks it will be more manageable with (7) members vs. (14). Everyone's term is almost up and can be removed at any time. There were no objections by Board members combining the aforementioned boards/commissions.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Emergency Generators (Discussion Only) – President Pulia - Information was provided at the previous Board meeting identifying estimated quotes for generators at Village Hall, Fire Station 1 and 2 and the Pump station. President Pulia recommends requesting bids for Village Hall and Fire Station 1. He states a generac from Home Depot could be used for Fire Station 2. Manager Matthys noted the she and Mr. Hribal have been working on the budget for the grant survey for the 200k scheduled to come from the 2009 Capital Bill. They have considered the function of the Village building as an Emergency Operations Center. Some of the cost, e.g. the generator mentioned, has been proposed in the grant application to be funded by the Bill. The application should be submitted by the end of the week. Manager Matthys will confirm whether the grant prohibits the Village from spending the money prior to approval.

B. Fireworks – President Pulia (Discussion Only) – President Pulia. Request that the Village use Tony Renery, who has provided fireworks for the fest for several years. Cost: \$20,000, which would be paid out of the Hotel/Motel tax. If the Village decides to go with Mr. Renery, the item would need to be on the next agenda and the bidding process waived. A contract will be available for review at the next meeting. There were no objections to the item being added to the Consent Agenda.

Information Only:

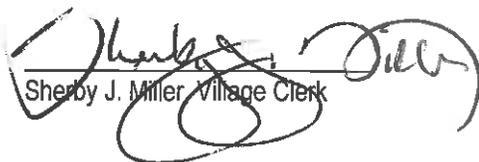
Trustee Reda questioned where the food came from at the Village? President Pulia responded, the food was from the Post Office Drive conducted May 11th. She will work to get volunteers to help organize the food.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Carol Demonbreun, 3040 Downing, expressed the following concern: 1) The alleyway was graded but water still backs-up and flows toward her house, (Mr. Stosier to follow-up). 2) She noted the growing-up of shrubbery on the alleyway. President Pulia informed Ms. Demonbreun that once the alleyway is vacated, as in this instance, ½ goes to her and ½ to the other property owner. She should follow-up with the neighbor regarding the removal of the shrubbery. The Village cannot tell her to remove them. 3) Sidewalk for handicap is not even, (Mr. Stosier to follow-up).

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discussed, Trustee Calcagno made a motion, seconded by Trustee Reda to adjourn. On the roll call vote the Board passed said motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23PM to Executive Session. (AYE 6), (Absent 1).


Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk