

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
25 June 2013**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

President Pulia recognized recipients of the Presidential Award of Academic Excellence. Recipients were from Westchester Intermediate School, (Jerry Ball, David Galandek, II, Sofia Reda), and Westchester Middle School Students (Frankie Burns, Lukas Dumasius, and Stephan Majors). Students have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 GPA or higher. He congratulated them on their achievement and presented them with plaques. Trustee Reda presented the award to her daughter, Sofia, and Trustee Calcagno presented the award to family member, David Galandek II.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Timothy Hinsdale had three areas of concern: 1) He questioned the installation of flags on Cermak Rd, their height and what are they? He commented they were state flags but did not feel there was much benefit. 2) What Westchester business were solicited to provide food for the upcoming Village BBQ? Manager Matthys noted an ad hoc committee was formed, M. Keane placed calls to all vendors within the Village who pay "places for eating tax" and only received two responses from interested parties, letters were also sent out of events planned. Christopher Speakeasy is the only vendor that has signed up thus-far. 3) Who cut the trees down around the Village fountain and why? Mr. Stosier responded that Public Works removed the trees which had been marked previously by the Forester. Approval was received verbally from the Forest Preserve District. The Village has an intergovernmental agreement with them. Permits were not required.

Bill Ostendorf, expressed concern regarding Storm Water Management of Parcels of Commercial property west of Wolf Rd. He also noted concern for the Mayfair Watershed by his home. He has experienced water in his basement twice over the past 3 years and is concerned about the contributors to the flooding. He cited some of the new developments at Wolf and Cermak. The ponds are not retaining the water. It is flowing into the creek unrestricted. He noted no restrictors at the pond located by Hampton Inn off Enterprise Drive, Golf course off 22nd Street, the Tower sites and 31st Street. He feels the Village needs a "Storm Water Management Plan" and suggests the Village gets a copy from MWRD and have it reviewed by Christopher Burke Engineering. President Pulia noted a study conducted by Hillside engineers. The Village has also put in plans with the Governor to expand the reservoir. The Board is looking at remedies.... trying to find locations to put something underground. The Storm Trap project at Hines has been looked at as an example, but benefit-cost-ratio also has to be looked at. The Board will continue to look at mitigation for the issue.

Carl Celestino, member of the Westchester Image Council addressed the Board. Due to a loss of membership the Council is being dissolved. Per their articles, upon dissolution their assets are to be distributed to the federal government or a state or local government for public purpose. An amendment and cashier's check in the amount of \$2,919.15, is presented to the Village for the public purpose of the upkeep of the Mannheim Road Medium, the Westchester Blvd Gardens, and the Memorial Fountain. Mr. Celestino also noted they have tools which they would like to donate to Public Works for the upkeep of the garden. He thanked the Village for their support over the years. President Pulia noted his appreciation of the Council and provided Mr. Celestino a copy of Barbara Lucchese pamphlet, and her reflections of Westchester.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to approve the Consent Agenda, items; 7.A. (Approval of the Record of Bills ending 06-21-2013 in the amount not to exceed \$ 761,955.78), 7.B. (Approval of Minutes of the May 28, 2013 Village Board Meeting and May 28, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting), 7.C. (Ordinance Amending Chapter 11.38, entitled "Automated Traffic Law Enforcement System," of Title 11, entitled "Parking" of the Westchester Municipal Code), 7.D. (Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bids and Awarding a Contract Approving the Purchase of a Defibrillator and Two AED Devices from Zoll Medical Corporation in the amount of \$27,766.00), 7.E. (Resolution Accepting a Bid and Approving a Contract for Water Main Replacements with Unique Plumbing in the Amount of \$402,515.50. (On the roll call vote, the motion for items 7.A through 7.E passed (AYE 7).

ACTIVE AGENDA:

Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Reda to approve item; 8.A. (Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding to the Agreement between the Village of Westchester and the Combined Counties Police Association (Police Civilian Unit) (On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.A passed (AYE 5), (NAY 2).

Trustee Gattuso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to approve item 8.B. (Ordinance Amending Section 2.56.010, entitled "Department Created," of Chapter 2.56, entitled "Police Department," of Title 2, entitled "Administration and Personnel" of the Westchester Municipal Code. (On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.B passed (AYE 4), (NAY 3).

Trustee Yurkovich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to approve item 8.C. (Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bids and Awarding a Contract for Fireworks to Flashing Thunder Fireworks), (On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.C passed (AYE 7).

Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calcagno to approve item 8.D. (Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2013 and Ending April 30, 2014 in the Village of Westchester). During discussion, Attorney Durkin requested that the dates for the ordinance reflect "Fiscal Year 2013-2014". Motion amended. (On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.D is: (Pending per confirmation from Attorney Durkin), (AYE 4), (NAY 3).

Trustee Yurkovich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Reda to approve item 8.E. (Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Lease with the United States Postal Service – Westchester Branch), (On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.E passed (AYE 7).

Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to approve item 8.F. (Resolution Approving a Village Manager Employment Agreement between the Village of Westchester and Janet M. Mathtys). (On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.F passed (AYE 4), (NAY 3).

**Follow-up: Trustee Perry questioned the number of votes(5) required on a 2/3 votes for 8.D Budget Amendment to pass. Attorney Durkins will look at the statute and confirm. The vote on 8.F only requires a majority vote, not super majority.

MANGER'S REPORT:

Belated birthday wishes to Clerk Miller. The next scheduled movie night is Tuesday, July 2nd, featuring "Despicable Me". The IncrediBulls will perform before the show. Snacks will be available. The July 4th Parade will kick-off at 9:30AM. Check website or Newsletter ... the parade route has been adjusted. Village Hall will be closed July 4th in observance of the holiday. with "West Nile" virus. She advised residents to take precautionary measures when they are outside.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perry/EDC - None

Trustee Yurkovich/CAB - None

Trustee Reda/Senior Liaison – None

Trustee Steker/ETSB – They are trying to match the brick for the Village sign. President Pulia suggests a white stone since it will be difficult to match the brick.

Trustee Gattuso noted the Monday car shows and Thursday concerts were going well. He invited everyone to come out.

Trustee Calcagno /Electronic Recycling – None

Chief Padalik read thank you note from North Riverside Police Department regarding condolences for Chief Tony Garvey.

Chief Adams received a thank you note from resident for checking on their brother that was having trouble breathing.

Ms. Anne Burkholder reported Auditors are on site. They are awaiting the return of a handful of questionnaires that were mailed out to staff and Board members. She will inform the Board when a report is issued.

Mr. Greg Hribal reported for Molly Keane that the parade route has changed... check website or Newsletter. The deadline for entrants has been extended. The internal work for the Village sign is almost complete. Comcast is trenching some of the overhead lines to help prevent outages.

Mr. Stosier reported on Paving updates. The first Phase is nearing completion. The final layers of asphalt are being laid this week. Phase 2 will be starting up after July 4th. A grinder has been rented for some in-house patching. They are also working on the transformer for the fountain.

Ms. Headley reported a draft document is available for the Comprehensive Plan Open House. It is scheduled for Tuesday July 16th, 4-7PM, at the Westchester Community Church. She invites all to come out and see the plans for the Village. Follow-up continues with Business Retention Surveys...ten percent have been completed thus-far.

Clerk Miller - None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Pulia noted that he thought of the idea of the flags along Cermak. He initially considered United Nations flags. "We are United in States". He was able to find a reasonable rate for them.

Fountain update: On Friday, the marking service for ComED hit a fiber optic line and spent the next 8hrs restoring it. The fountain is ready...installation of a transformer is pending. Approximately (15) diseased ash trees were cut down in the area of the fountain. President Pulia also purchased military crests to surround the fountain. A flag pole is also pending. He hopes the area will be a focal point of the community. He is working to get the property turned over to the Village from the Forest Preserve District.

A proclamation was made making June 28, 2013, Chicago Black Hawk Day for the Village of Westchester. The team is being recognized for winning the National Hockey League Championship and bring the Stanley Cup back to Chicago.

ADJOURN:

With no further business, Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Reda to adjourn the meeting and the Board agreed (AYE 7). The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.


Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk