

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
13 August 2013**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Calcagno, Gattuso, Perry, Reda, Yurkovich and President Pulia, absent was Trustee Steker. Also present were Village Clerk Miller, Village Manager Matthys, and Attorney Durkin.

PRESENTATIONS:

Representative Chris Welch Presented the Village with a check from the State of Illinois for \$250,000 as part of Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity(DCEO) Grant Award. While working with Government Liaison Frank Cortese, monies were found that were initially promised to the Village in 2009 as part of Capital Bills that never made it out of Committee. Representative Welch also commended Chief Adams and his staff for their assistance with a constituent that collapsed while in his office this week.

Doctor's Tom Sullivan/Keith Succhy presented the Villages' (Special Events Committee), a check for \$874.54 on behalf of the Chamber. Monies were raised during Westchester's BBQ Block Party held in July.

Greg Hribal presented a video montage of the Villages' BBQ Block Party.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Timothy Hinsdale commented on Consent Agenda item 7.E. (Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a License Agreement between the Village of Westchester and Wright Advertising Corp. for the Installation and Maintenance of Benches). He was not in favor of the proposed resolution questioning the benefit for the residents giving up the beauty of the Village.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

At the request of President Pulia item 7.E. (Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a License Agreement between the Village of Westchester and Wright Advertising Corp. for the Installation and Maintenance of Benches), was moved to the Active Agenda as item 8.G. Trustee Yurkovich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gattuso to approve the Consent Agenda, items; 7.A-D and 7.F.

7.A. (Approval of the Record of Bills ending 08-09-2013 in the amount not to exceed \$ 1,414,933.00), 7.B. (Approval of Monthly Department Reports for July 2013, Public Works Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Community Development, 7.C.

(Approval of Minutes of the July 9, 2013 Village Board Meeting and Minutes of the July 9, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting)

7.D. (Ordinance Amending the Westchester Municipal Code to Provide for the Regulation of Donation Boxes within the Village of Westchester), 7.F. (Motion to ratify the By-Laws adopted by the Citizens Advisory Board). On the roll call vote, the motion for items 7.A through 7.D and 7.F passed (AYE 6).

ACTIVE AGENDA:

Trustee Gattuso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Reda to approve the Active Agenda, item 8.A. (Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding and Authorizing the Purchase of a 2014 Ford F350 Pick-Up Truck through the State of Illinois Central Management System Joint Purchase System from Bob Ridings Fleet Sales in the Amount of \$29,290.00). Attorney Durkin reminded Board Members this was an exception to bidding and that it will come up in a subsequent Financing meeting. On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.A passed (AYE 6). Trustee Gattuso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to approve the Active Agenda, item 8.B (Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding and Authorizing the Purchase of a 2014 International Five Yard Dump Truck through the State of Illinois Central Management System Joint Purchase System from Prairie International Trucks in the Amount of \$101,145.00). On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.B passed (AYE 6). President Pulia/Manager Matthys noted that item the purchase for item 8.C was to be made from grant monies received from DCEO. 8.C (Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding and Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of a Microwave Communications Device from MapleNet Wireless in the Amount of \$40,731.00). Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by President Pulia to approve Active Agenda, item 8.C. Trustee Perry questioned why the Village was not bidding out this project. Per President Pulia, this is the vendor used by the Norcomm. Greg Hribal noted the company was used for seamless conversion and based upon the project timeline for implementation. Per Manager Matthys, the timeline was pushed up due to Telecommunicators leaving. The vendor has worked with Norcomm previously and has committed to having the Microwave in place to meet the revised cutover date. Delay associated with the bid process, 4-6 weeks, would impede the Villages ability to process 911 emergency calls. Trustee Perry noted he was not comfortable with there not being a bid on the project but understood the urgency. Trustee Gattuso noted he was against the move to Norcomm and feels the service should be kept "in-house". President Pulia noted that a contract has been signed with Norcomm and the Village will be moving forward. On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.C (AYE 4), (NAY 2). (super majority, (4 Trustees), needed to waive bidding). Motion failed. Trustee Yurkovich questioned why the Village waited so long to bid out. Per Greg Hribal, technical specifications were not received from Norcomm till the end of July and they went back and forth with the requirements. There are no additional costs that require a bid. Per Anne Burkholder, cost estimates reflected a savings of 1.2 million over 5 years by moving the 911 center. A motion to recess was made by Trustee Gattuso, seconded by Trustee Perry. Recess 8:02PM. On the roll call vote, the motion passed (AYE 6). President Pulia called the meeting to order. A motion was made

by Trustee Perry, and seconded by Trustee Gattuso to reconvene at 8:14PM, (AYE 6). Attorney Durkin advised the Board that they have the option to vote on the option to reconsider their vote for item 8.C which previously failed. Trustee Gattuso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calcagno to reconsider the vote for item 8.C. On the roll call vote, the motion passed (AYE 6). Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gattuso to approve item 8.C (Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding and Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of a Microwave Communications Device from MapleNet Wireless in the Amount of \$40,731.00). Comments: Trustee Gattuso noted though he initially objected to the ordinance, the resident are more important than any objection he had to the moving of the 911 center. Trustee Yurkovich seconded Trustee Gattuso's comments. On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.C passed (AYE 6). Trustee Gattuso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calcagno to approve the Active Agenda, item 8.D. (Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding and Authorizing the Purchase of a Computer Aided Dispatch System and Records Management System from Computer Information Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$199,695.00). Mr. Hribal confirmed for Trustee Calcagno that Norcomm would only commit to CIS as the vendor for CAD system. On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.D passed (AYE 6). Trustee Yurkovich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to approve the Active Agenda, item 8.E (Motion Advising and Consenting to the Appointment of Brian M. Cross to the Planning Commission and Ratifying such Appointment). On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.E passed (AYE 6). President Pulia administered the oath of office for Mr. Cross's appointment to the Planning Commission. Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calcagno to approve the Active Agenda, item 8.F (Motion Advising and Consenting to the appointment Melissa Headley as Village Hazard Mitigation Officer and Ratifying such Appointment). On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.F passed (AYE 6). (Swearing-in not required per President Pulia). Trustee Gattuso made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to approve the Active Agenda, item 8.G formerly Consent Agenda Item 7.E. (Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a License Agreement between the Village of Westchester and Wright Advertising Corp. for the Installation and Maintenance of Benches). Discussion: Trustee Gattuso has received comments/concerns from residents regarding the benches, why, where, who would regulate them. The benches would be located next to bus stops. President Pulia, expressed hope that the Chamber and other local businesses would advertize on the benches. He has not seen anything that was offensive in other communities he had visited. Fifteen benches are proposed for the Village. Pre Manager Matthys, (7) businesses have expressed an interest in the benches thus-far. Under the current contract there is a "morals clause". Attorney Peter Sylvestry represents Wright Advertising and commented that if there is a problem with the bench it gets removed. Per Attorney Durkin, an exception would need to be added to the contract wording regarding exclusivity. Wright Advertising is not the sole bench advertiser in the community; PACE shelters also have ads on their benches. On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.G passed (AYE 6).

MANGER'S REPORT:

Manager Matthys acknowledged Mr. John Carpino in the audience. He has accepted the Villages' offer as the new Police Chief and will be sworn-in at the next Village meeting, 8/27. He will assume his duties on Sept 1st. Reminder: The Village will host a Town Hall with Congressman Danny Davis, tomorrow, 8/14. The meeting is for resident of Westchester and Broadview. Follett Book store will be moving their National headquarters to the Westbrook Corporate Center. Thanks were also offered to Officer Rob Verber for leading the efforts on "National Night Out" last Tuesday. Letters were also acknowledged from residents for the Fountain and Molly Keane for the BBQ Block Party.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perry/EDC – None

Trustee Calcagno - The E-Recycling went well over the weekend. The Green Committee will be meeting on Thursday, 8/16.

Trustee Yurkovich/CAB – None.

Trustee Gattuso would like to get more involved with the EDC. He suggests implementing a "Certificate of Occupancy" for businesses. It would ensure that if a business leaves, services such as electric/plumbing would be upgraded to where they should be for the next incoming occupant. It would also allow inspectors an opportunity to come in and check things such as square footage. The locations could be posted on the Village website for prospective businesses. Ms Headley noted that the Village currently lists available spaces/demographics on the website. President Pulia suggests that Ms. Headley, Trustee Gattuso, Manager Matthys and Trustee Perry get together to discuss potential enhancements to the existing site. Trustee Gattuso also questioned whether St. Joseph H.S. could be looked at as a potential site for flood mitigation. Per President Pulia, the site has been touched on lightly by MWRD. Everything they do has to have a benefit-cost-ratio. There are two projects which are the priorities that are currently being pushed, Addison Creek and Mayfair Retention. St. Joe's is not off the radar. All possibilities are being looked at.

Trustee Reda/Senior Citizen Liaison – None

Molly Keane/Special Events gave a recap of the BBQ event, there were approximately 3,000 attendees. More than \$8,000 was obtained in sponsorships. She thanked the volunteers. A lot of positive feedback was received as well as opportunities for improvement. Upcoming events: Back to school picnic at the Community Center on 9/06. There will be a 911 Ceremony at the Fountain, 8:30am and a Musical Memorial in the evening...details to follow. A Fall Festival will be held at the Fountain Oct. 5th, 2:00PM-8:00PM. Crestwood Ave will be shut down.

LT. O'Hagan/PD thanked all who participated in the August 6th National Night Out Event. He also thanked Office Rob Verver for coordinating the event. Two awards were received from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorist who issues certificates of appreciation to Officer Adam Rodless and Officer David Mode for exceptional DUI enforcement efforts. Also, school begins 9/19, be careful of the children. Strict enforcement efforts will be in place. On behalf of the Police Department they welcome the appointment of Chief Carponi and look forward to working with him.

Chief Adams thanked the residents that came out for the BBQ. FD will be out on Roosevelt and Mannheim collecting change to "Fill-The-Boot" in support of Muscular Dystrophy. Stay off the cell phones.

Ms. Ann Burkholder/Finance thanked the volunteers of the E-Recycling program. A RFP has been released to vendors for their General Ledger Program. Unregistered vendors can get info on the Village website. Responses are expected by the middle of September.

Mr. Greg Hribal reported that the Village sign has been installed and is up and running. Individuals will be trained on the use of the software. The ETSB is still in effect. A meeting will be held to determine how remaining funds will be used. He also wanted to recognize Nealy Zoon who has been an employee/dispatcher since 2002. He praised her for her dedicated service. She recently took another job.

Mr. Stosier reported that Public Works has been active exercising water main valves and also replacing inoperable valves. They have completed the August curbside brush collection, alley regarding is ongoing. They are continuing with the Ash tree removal program, refreshing pavement striping before school begins this month and have completed their in-house sewer replacement for Newcastle. Phase 2 of the Street Rehabilitation Program will commence later this week. Manager Matthys also noted the retirement of Joe Parenti, who was with the Public Works Department for 26 years.

Ms. Headley reported (13) residents have listed their intent to participate in the Flood Assistance Program. The program is first come, first served. Last month (3) new businesses opened, 170 permits were issued and 199 inspections performed.

Clerk Miller - None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Pulia we are doing a great job and moving forward. He thanked everyone for their comments.

ADJOURN:

With no further business, Trustee Yurkovich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to adjourn the meeting and the Board agreed (AYE 6). The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.



Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk