

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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 9:08PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Calcagno, Gattuso, Reda, Steker, Yurkovich and President Pulia. Absent was Trustee Steker. Also present were Village Clerk Miller, Village Manager Matthys, and Attorney Durkin.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. LED Lighting – President Pulia/Ms. Matthys.

Price Sauers/Partner, provided a slide show presentation of GNP Energy. They are a provider of LED lighting. Several vendors have come before the Board for consideration. This is not a project where it could be bid as some vendors have patent components. Manager Matthys will do a summary of the various presentations. We need to look at the cost benefit for each vendor and determine which one suits the Village needs.

B. Participation in the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) – Ms. Matthys

Per Manager Matthys, this is a joint purchasing program, similar to what the Village has with the State. There is no financial obligation however if the Village chooses to go with Price Sauers/GNP Energy, the Village would need to sign the Interlocal agreement to receive the equipment discounts.

C. Attorney for Fire and Police Commission – President Pulia/Ms. Matthys (Discussion Only)

In situations where there is discipline and advice to the Police and Fire Commission it would be a conflict for attorney's of Storino Ramello and Durkin to provide both. President Pulia recommends law firm, Kline Thorpe Jenkins be considered to support the Police and Fire Commission Attorney Durkin supports the recommendation.

D. Required Construction Fencing – Residential Projects (Discussion Only) – Trustee Reda/Ms.Headley.

The Village current code is silent on the requirements for residential construction fencing. There is language for commercial property excavation. The staff recommends Title 14 Buildings and Construction could be amended to include similar to 3306.9 relative to residential construction. Manager Matthys suggests that Ms Headley check with some of the surround communities and come up with additional language that could be used regarding residential construction safety/fencing.

E. Bid Results – 50/50 Sidewalk Program – Mr. Stoiser

Two (2) bids were received, only one was a responsible bid which was received from Globe Construction. The bid was \$7.03 per square foot for sidewalk removed and replaced including gravel installation. Globe was the successful bidder last year and presented a unit cost of \$5.45 per square foot. The staff recommends that the Village re-bid this project to get more favorable pricing. There are currently over 100 scheduled to be done in-house. Mr. Stosier does not believe PW can take on the additional work of 300 additional squares at this time. Consensus: Re-bid Project.

F. Road Maintenance - Bristol (south of Roosevelt) and Derby Lane – Mr. Stoiser (p. 13)

Numerous complaints received from business owners regarding pavement and potholes. Mr. Stosier recommends going in with a pavement milling machine and do some edge grinding and put in a 2" in patch. The middle of the road is in decent condition. Mr. Stosier recommends Central Blacktop perform the work at a savings,(equipment rental), since they are working on another Village project in the area. Per Attorney Durkin, there is no Board action required since expenditure is within spending limits, less than \$500.

G. RFP Results – Ambulance – Chief Adams (handout)

Approximately 6 months ago a committee was formed to research ambulance manufacturers. Proposals were requested from six suppliers. Road Rescue and Wheeled Coach were the only (2) bidders that responded by the deadline. Upon review of the bids Chief Adams and committee recommend that the bid be awarded to Wheeled Coach sold through Fire Service, Inc. This is based on their current fleet of Wheeled Coach ambulances, the previous apparatus history that the fire department has with Fire Service, the options to build the most efficient ambulance, and the overall value of the vehicle the FD is currently seeking. Net Price \$196,666.00. He is looking to waive the bidding process. He is looking for a preapproval on the chassis. Item was budgeted. The grant was for the rescue truck. Life expectancy 7-10 years. Attorney Durkin clarified, the Chief is looking to place the order and ratify at the next meeting. Chief Adams was requested to forward info on trade-in to Attorney Durkin.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. EDC Business Survey – Trustee Perry/Pastor Joe Mills (Discussion Only)

Per Trustee Perry, Pastor Mill will present at the 8/27 meeting.

B. Video Gaming – Ms. Matthys (Discussion Only)

Several Board member visited Stellas Café video gaming facility in Hoffman Estates. They are awaiting their gaming license from the State. Reviews from the visit were favorable. Attorney Durkin's office is crafting an ordinance to allow video gaming in Westchester. Manager Matthys wanted to address any concerns/questions of Board members.

Attorney Durkin summarized, the current ordinance prohibits video gaming. Gaming could be allowed by simply saying video gaming is permitted as licensed by the State. Other Municipalities do not want to rely upon the State with their limited resources and investigators. They want to impose their own licensing. He recommends using the language that is in the statute but adopting a local ordinance for the control of licensing. In the event there are any problems the license could be pulled rather than waiting for the State to take action. Gaming licenses are taking approximately 1 year for approval. President Pulia described the layout of Stellas. Clerk Miller noted that she also visited Stella's and supports generating revenue for the Village. She however suggests opening the issue up for further discussion with the residents in the spirit of transparency. No Gaming / No Gentlemen's Club has been part of the fabric of the community. President Pulia noted that the agenda is posted on the Village website. He realizes this is a change from thinking and welcomes anyone with concerns step forward and present information that the Board may not have.

C. Monopole Lease Update – Ms. Matthys (p. 14)

The Village was approached by a company working with Verizon that was looking for a site to obtain a site for a monopole to improve their service. A site was identified behind the firehouse, 35x35. The negotiator for the company has been working with Matt Holmes and Manager Matthys to negotiate a lease over the past couple of months. They are not willing to go beyond \$1500 per month. Current Cell Tower lease sites are bringing in \$2500-3000 per month. Manager Matthys does not feel negotiations are going in the best interest of the Village. She recommends that negotiations cease. Board members concur.

INFORMATION ONLY:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Andy Esposito / Village Plumbing Inspector noted that some of the homes they inspect do not have gas curbs, (6" curb that prevents a gasoline leak from entering the home). He recommends this for homes that have attached garages. He also recommends Infiltration and Inflow(I&I), pipes be lined. President Pulia requested that he contact Ms. Headley and get the recommendation on paper and also see what other municipalities are doing. He also recommends that Mr. Esposito accompany the Villages' Electrical Inspector during visits to ensure both are in sync with compliance requirements for residents/businesses.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discussed, Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gattuso to adjourn for Executive Session. On the roll call vote the Board passed said motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55PM. (AYE 7)


Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk