

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
27 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, Steker, Yurkovich, and President Pulia. Also present were Village Clerk Miller, Village Manager Matthys, and Attorney Durkin.

PRESENTATIONS:

President Pulia asked the Boards approval to hear a presentation from Pastor Joe Mills on the Economic Development Committee(EDC), during the Board meeting instead of the COW meeting,(information only). All agreed.

President Pulia noted his long standing relationship with Chief John M. Carpino and proceeded with his Swearing-in Ceremony as Chief of Police for the Village of Westchester. After the administration of Oath, Chief Carpino acknowledged family and friends in attendance. He noted is extensive background in Law Enforcement, his willingness to work with all, and stated "He is committed to the Village 100 percent".

Pastor Joe Mills/Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee, provided a summary of tasks of the committee. Also in attendance from the committee was Allison Musal. Pastor Mills noted the EDC has been hard at work. He summarized the recent business survey provided to approximately 700 businesses. There was a 23% response rate to surveys. Most businesses are renting their space. The average business has been in operation 14 years, longest 51 years. The largest business has over 2,000 employees, average employees per business 32, most of their customers are coming from Cook County. As the economy improves businesses are seeing an improvement in sales. Improvements by the Village were suggested for several areas, e.g. roads and signage. (Further details can be provided by contacting the EDC).

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Michael Allred, (Q's Restaurant) of Hillside spoke positively of Video Gaming which is currently in his restaurant. He feels it has helped his business. Jean Klotter commented on the Video Gaming. She personally does not like to go to places that have Video Gaming.

Steve Battersby questioned the licensing fee associated with the Gaming ordinance. President Pulia noted it was \$25 per machine as mandated by the State. It is different for Villages such as Hillside, which are Home-ruled.

Sharon Van Pelt expressed concern about Video Gaming in the Village. She does not support this initiative and believes it is detrimental to the Village despite the economic advantage.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Yurkovich requested that item A. (Approval of the Record of Bills ending 08-22-2013 in the amount not to exceed \$ 609,016.44) be pulled. He would like for the Park District bill totaling \$1,947.56 be voted on separately. Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gattuso to approve the Consent Agenda, items; 7.B -7.E. 7.B. (Approval of Minutes of the July 23, 2013 Village Board Meeting and Minutes of the July 23, 2013 Committee of the Whole Meeting). 7.C. (Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property of the Village and Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Sales Contract with Fire Service, Inc for the Purchase of a New Ambulance). 7.D. (Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute an Agreement to Participate in the Interlocal Purchasing System Provided by the Region VIII Education Service Center, Mt. Pleasant, Texas). 7.E. (Motion to Retain Michael T. Jurusik as the Attorney for the Village of Westchester Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, retroactive to August 15, 2013). On the roll call vote, the motion for items 7.B through 7.E passed (AYE 7), Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gattuso to approve the Consent Agenda, items; 7.A (Approval of the Record of Bills ending 08-22-2013 in the amount not to exceed \$ 609,016.44). On the roll call vote, the motion for items 7.A passed (AYE 6), (ABSTAIN 1).

ACTIVE AGENDA:

Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Reda to approve the Active Agenda, item 8.A. (Ordinance Amending Title 5, Entitled 'Business Licenses and Regulations,' and Title 7, Entitled "Public Peace, Safety and Morals," of the Village of Westchester Municipal Code to Provide for the Regulation of Video Gaming. On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.A passed (AYE 7). Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gattuso to approve the Active Agenda, item 8.B. (Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute an Escrow Agreement with PNC Capital to Protect Against Increasing Market Interest Rates for the Financing of the Purchase of a 2014 Ford F350 Pick-Up Truck, a 2014 International Five Yard Dump Truck, and a Computer Aided Dispatch System and Records Management System in the Aggregate Amount of \$330,130. On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.B passed (AYE 7). President Pulia made a motion, seconded by Trustee Reda to approve the Active Agenda, item 8.C. (Motion Approving a Police Chief Employment Agreement with John M. Carpino and Authorizing the Village President and Village Clerk to Execute and Attest, respectively, said Employment Agreement. On the roll call vote, the motion for item 8.C passed (AYE 7).

MANGER'S REPORT:

Reminder- the front office will be closed observance of Labor Day. The Park District will be hosting it's annual "Back To School" event September 6th. Featured will be a presentation by Radio Disney, and free swim, weather permitting. In conjunction, the Village will be hosting a Movie in the Park, "Finding Nemo". Two ceremonies are planned for 9/11...the first beginning at 8:30AM, at the memorial Fountain, and a "Celebration of Heroes" also at the fountain, 6:00PM. Community choirs and Pastor Darius Brooks of Grace Central Church will be featured.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perry/EDC – Report covered by Pastor Joe Mills during presentations.

Trustee Steker – A meeting will be scheduled within the next 2 weeks for the Police and Fire Commission. Applications were due 8/26. President Pulia noted Trustee Stekers assistance with the sign at Balmoral and Mannheim, commenting "it is just lovely, it's readable, the bricks match".

Trustee Calcagno - The Green Committee will be provide a presentation during the COW.

Trustee Yurkovich/CAB – The Committee met 8/26. They are in the planning stages for a "Get Out and Play" day for the children.

Trustee Gattuso - The bands and car shows are going well. Monday night, "Elvis was in the house". There were approximately 250 cars in the parking lot, and approx. 100 spectators watching Elvis. Thursday night concerts are picking up, this week "Screaming Ends", a Rolling Stones band, is being featured.

Trustee Reda/Senior Citizen Liaison – None

Chief Adams welcomed Chief Carpino. With the recent heat waves, he urged residents to check on their neighbors, especially the elderly. He noted the cooling centers are not officially open but could be utilized during normal business hours. Stay off phones in the School Zones and look out for the Kids.

Ms. Ann Burkholder/Finance welcomed Chief Carpino. She noted that Staff is reviewing a draft report of the audit that was conducted earlier this summer. A final report is expected to be presented to the Board during the second Board meeting of September. President Pulia commented that he noticed some of the line items were advanced, they will be addressed during the COW.

Mr. Greg Hribal reported that over 350lbs has been collected for the prescription turn-in project. He also noted he is working (along with Molly and Valerie), to adjust the graphics on the Village sign at Balmoral and Mannheim.

Molly Keane/Special Events recap 9/11 event. She also thanked the First Responders. A Fall Festival will be held at the Fountain Oct. 5th, 2:00PM-8:00PM. Crestwood Ave will be shut down.

Mr. Stosier/Public Works welcomed Chief Carpino. The Public Works Department has been active patching the seams on the blvd east of Mannheim. Valve exercising, Ash tree and graffiti removal is ongoing. The water main replacement on Hidore, High Ridge and Charles is nearing completion. The Fire Line behind Good Will was replaced, (emergency call-out), there was substantial water loss. The external paving project on Hull and Bond is moving along....Project should be complete by Labor Day. The 50/50 sidewalk bids will be opened on 9/04.

Ms. Headley, welcome to Chief Carpino. The Golf Course has applied for permits for their Paddle Hut. Follette has applied for tenant relocation permits at the Towers. One person has been reimbursed for the Sewer Overhead Flood Program (3) additional requests are pending approval by the end of the week.

Clerk Miller - None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Welcome to John Carpino. Antique street lights have been refurbished and erected at the Memorial Fountain. Earlier today, President Pulia Chaired the Cook County Steering Committee. There are (27) members....meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is 9/24, 10:00AM. The goal is for Cook County to have a mitigation plan in order to receive monies from FEMA in the event of a disaster event. He also attended a flood meeting in the Village of Lyons. The focus was to get municipal entities moving forward on their plans. The Steering Committee will put together volume 1 of the plan. Volume 2 will include the (105) communities in Cook County. Westchester and Oak Park currently have plans. A County plan is expected to be in place for approval by 5/14 and reviewed every 5 years.

ADJOURN:

With no further business, Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to adjourn the meeting and the Board agreed (AYE 7). The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.



Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk

