

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
24 SEPTEMBER 2013**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Calcagno, Gattuso, Perry, Reda, Yurkovich and President Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Matthys, Deputy Village Clerk Keane, and Attorney Durkin. Clerk Miller and Trustee Steker were absent.

PRESENTATION:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Mr. Josh Albrecht of Lumquest LED Lighting of Oakbrook Terrace explained the background of the company he represents, Lumquest, and why he feels his company would be the best choice for LED lights in Westchester. He stated Cree, the light manufacturer, would like their lights to be in Westchester and they have reduced their price by approximately \$40,000 or 14% from the original proposal provided to the Board. Mr. Albrecht further explained he felt a retrofit is not the best product for Westchester, and that a full head replacement would be a better option. Manager Matthys asked what other locations have the sample fixture? Mr. Albrecht responded with Florida, Elmwood Park, Brookfield and New York and that Brookfield has the exact light that they provided as a sample in Westchester. President Pulia stated he felt it was disingenuous to provide a quote and then later come back with a lower price. The Village new they were comparing apples to oranges with proposals for retrofit lights to full led replacements. Pulia commented that if the Board would like to proceed with a full replacement, they can go out to bid with the specs, if they choose to go forward with this project. Mr. Albrecht responded that the manufacturer, Cree, brought the price down after they found out the Village wanted a retrofit. Village Manager Matthys asked if Cree works with other distributors in Illinois and Mr. Albrecht noted that Lumquest is the largest in the state, but there are others that distribute the product. Village Manager Matthys then noted that the majority of the Trustees had provided feedback stating they preferred the GNP light sample. Trustee Perry then clarified he was viewing the light in Forest Park, which is not the correct light. With no further discussion on the matter, the Board moved to the next public comment.

Mr. Tim Whitehead of Westchester commented that the bus stops in Westchester, specifically on Boeger Avenue and Cermak Road and Canterbury and Mannheim Road intersections obstruct the view for vehicles turning right. He noted that between the bushes and the signage, you cannot see clearly. He stated he understood that the shelters are technically under the jurisdiction of IDOT but in his opinion this is our town and a public safety issue that needs to be addressed. He requested that the bushes should be cut back and that the glass bus stops should not have advertisements that you cannot see through. President Pulia noted Mr. Whitehead's concerns and stated the Village will look into available options to increase visibility at the shelter intersections. With no further discussion on the matter, the Board moved to the next public comment.

Mr. Joshua Davis of G.E. inquired how the Village narrowed the lighting options down to GNP and Lumquest? Village Manager Matthys stated that the Board did entertain a presentation for G.E. lights and that they were in the top three finalists for light options but they were provided the same timephrame for having a sample light placed within the Village and they did not have one installed in a timely manner. She further clarified the timeline between provided to the manufacturer representative and GE, and the Village. He asked depending upon the outcome of tonight, would the Board be willing to allow them the have a light installed? President Pulia noted they would be able to answer that after item 8.A on the agenda was addressed. With no further discussion on the matter, the Board moved to the next public comment.

Mr. Jeff Palmer of Arborjet in Minnesota stated he was here to talk about Emerald Ash Borer Disease and a way to treat the infested trees. He stated it costs approximately \$750 to remove a diseased tree and with his product, it costs approximately \$25 per year to preserve the tree. He is asking the Village Board to reconsider their options of treating the EAB infested trees, and would be happy to go through a full presentation if they choose. President Pulia commented that the Board had extensively reviewed the issue about two years ago. The found that the Village has about 825 ash trees and they decided to remove them, but he is willing to reconsider. He asked Mr. Palmer to provide the information to Public Works Director Dave Stoiser so he can review the proposed option. With no further discussion on the matter, the Board moved to the next public comment.

Mr. Tony Slavic of 1554 Hull stated he was speaking tonight regarding Village Ordinance 2013-1990. Mr. Slavic stated that he understood this was most likely put in place to beatify the Village. But he is asking the Village to revisit this code as he takes care of his property and thinks this should be a consideration of the enforcement of the code. He noted the code could read that boats must be ship ready and R.V's need to be in working condition. Or to have it read they must be stored elsewhere during November through April

and allow the owners to have them out front during the months they are utilized. He requested that the Board make some allowances for those residents who do take care of their property. Mr. Slavic further noted that he fully understands the intent of the ordinance, and was simply requesting that the Board take his proposed revisions under consideration.

With no other public comments and questions, the Board moved to public hearings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to approve the following items on the Consent; Items 7.A (Approval of the Record of Bills ending 09-19-2013 in the amount not to exceed \$ 1,645,773.13), 7.B (Ordinance Creating an Environmental Sustainability Commission for the Village of Westchester), 7.C (Resolution of the Governing Body of the Village of Westchester Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with PNC Equipment Finance, LLC, as Lessor, and Separate Lease Schedules thereto for the Acquisition, Purchase, Refinancing, and Leasing of Certain Equipment within the Terms Herein Provided; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Other Documents Required in Connection Therewith; and Authorizing all other Actions Necessary to the Consummation of the Transactions Contemplated by this Resolution), 7.D (Motion to Advise and Consent to the Appointment of Wayne Busa to the Police Pension Board), 7.E (Motion to Advise and Consent to the Appointment of Bill Ernst to the Fire Pension Board), and 7.F (Motion to Advise and Consent to the Appointment of James M. Gabel and Neil Faulkner to the Citizens Advisory Board). On the roll call vote, the motion for the approval of items 7.A through 7.F unanimously passed (AYE 6) (ABSENT 1). With no further items on the Consent Agenda, the Board moved to the Active Agenda.

ACTIVE AGENDA:

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gattuso to table item 8.A (Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for the Purchase and Installation of LED Lighting from GNP Energy in the amount of \$281,179.00). On the roll call vote, the motion to table item 8.A unanimously passed (AYE 6) (ABSENT 1). Following the item being tabled, President Pulia requested that the Board decide if they would like to proceed with a full light unit replacement or retrofits that way they can go out to bid. Trustee Reda noted that the bidding process is already void since the Board has numbers on the table. Trustee Gattuso noted he is worried they may be rushing the decision and that the Board should decide if they are going to go with retrofit lights or a full replacement. President Pulia then invited Mr. Price Sowers of GNP to speak to the Board regarding the matter since the other two companies were given the opportunity to speak. Mr. Sowers stated that in regards to pure aesthetics he prefers the retrofits over the full LEDs and that it purely his personal opinion. He commented that he has heard the debates many times as he has been in the business for eight years. He feels he can offer communities a lot of assistance regarding weighing the costs. Mr. Sowers noted that he recently went through a similar process with a municipality who ultimately decided to go with the long-term ownership cost and return on invest. He noted that many times, the final decision comes down to the amount of hours the lights themselves are worth, and how much that provides in savings overall. He stated has been straight with the Village from the start and that Cree is a great company. He will not bash other company's products unless they are made in China. Mr. Sowers stated the Board just needs to decide what it is they want, long-term cost of ownership, aesthetics, return on investment, or other factors? President Pulia noted that based on the GNP numbers, the residents of Westchester would save more due to energy savings. Trustee Calcagno asked how the Village can we save \$15,000 more in maintenance with the retrofits? Mr. Sowers responded, they were provided the numbers by Public Works and they plugged them into the calculation used by GNP to calculate such savings. Trustee Calcagno, feels the companies should all have the same maintenance savings overall. Village Manager Matthys then explained how to calculate the equivalent costs of the companies excluding the maintenance cost. Mr. Sowers then stated that GNP tries to lean towards the conservative side of numbers because they rely on referrals from other communities and want to be as accurate as possible.

Following Mr. Sowers comments, the Board instructed Mr. Joshua Davis of GE that he may put up their sample light.

MANGER'S REPORT:

Village Manager Matthys reported that the regularly scheduled Board and COW meetings of October 8th are rescheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2013. She also noted that the annual leaf bag program is in full swing and will be delivered to residents by mid-October. She also reminded residents that the Fall Festival is scheduled for October 5, 2013 from 2-8 pm at the Memorial Fountain.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

In response the LED light discussion, Attorney Durkin reminded the Board of the difference between RFBs and RFPs and that an RFP does not tie them to the lowest bidder.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Gattuso noted that the car shows and concerts at 31st & Wolf are coming to an end. He stated they have been well attended and he has received great feedback and is looking forward to next year's events. President Pulia asked Trustee Gattuso if he is still interested in having the Village host any of the concerts and Trustee Gattuso responded he would like to sit down in January and go over the options for the 2014 season.

Trustee Calcagno reported that the Green Team has a meeting scheduled for the next week. The committee is now will be known as the Environmental Sustainability Committee, "ESC". Mr. Carl Celestino, Chair of the ESC, thanked the Board for the opportunity to solidify the green team and serve the Village of Westchester.

Trustee Yurkovich reported that the CAB is holding its annual food drive this fall through December and will again have the toys for tots drive.

Ms. Keane reported that the Village will have its annual Shredding Event November 9, 2013 from 9-Noon in conjunction with the final E-Recycling event of the year.

Chief Carpino reported he will attend a Norcomm migration meeting tomorrow and that he is personally visiting schools in town to introduce himself. He also noted they are on their second round of interviews for police administrative clerks and that he recently held his first Department Meeting, which went well.

Chief Adams thanked everyone for their support for the morning and evening ceremonies on 9/11. He commented that both were well attended. He also thanked Ralph Zaccariello for his assistance putting together the ceremonies. Saturday, October 12th from 10am -1pm will be Fire House Open House. This year's fire safety theme is get Cooking with Fire Safety.

Ms. Burkholder reported they are in the process of demonstrations for the proposed general ledger software. They have been very satisfied with the proposals given and that any of them could be best for us at the best price.

Mr. Hribal stated there will be an ETSB meeting held tomorrow at 2:00 pm. He also reported that Scott Pitts, a telecommunicator, had his last day this past week. Mr. Hribal wanted to make mention of him and what a great employee he has been. He has always gone above and beyond his duty and has been a phenomenal coworker. Mr. Hribal commented that the City of Aurora is lucky to have him and we will miss him.

Mr. Stoiser reported that the Public Works Department have been crack filling but they currently have some machinery under repair. The Department is near our goal of taking down the first 200 Ash trees. They repaired two water main breaks today and a valve will be going in after 9 pm tonight when it will not disrupt the shopping mall. He also reported that the Bond and Hull project is almost complete and that the remaining street improvements are on their way, concrete has been replaced. Derby and Bristol will be ground in the coming weeks. The water main replacement is underway as well. They also placed eleven school crosswalk warnings around town and that the recently purchased VFDs will be dropped off tomorrow.

President Pulia requested Mr. Stoiser provide the Board a list of the next 10 streets to begin street improvements. The Board would like to get a price in December, when the market is most favorable. The Board would like to keep construction progress going throughout the Village.

Trustee Gattuso noted that the Public Works Crew did a great job fixing main break today and that his business only had to shut down for 20 minutes today, they were fantastic and he asked Mr. Stoiser to relay the thanks to the crew.

Ms. Headley reported that the Highland Golf Course submitted their paddle hut plans today. She will be doing second interviews for the part-time plan reviewer tomorrow.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

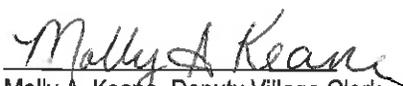
President Pulia reported that he received work form Representative Chris Welch that the Westchester Public Library will receive \$150,000 to do permeable paving. He commented that this shows how when we are working together, we can get things done in the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Pulia noted that an executive session would be held after the Committee of the Whole Meeting this evening under the exemption 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

ADJOURN:

With no further business, Trustee Yurkovich made a motion seconded by Trustee Calcagno to adjourn the meeting and the Board unanimously passed said motion (AYE 6) (ABSENT 1) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.


Molly A. Keane, Deputy Village Clerk