

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
12 November 2013**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Calcagno, Perry, Reda, Steker, Yurkovich, and President Pulia, absent was Trustee Gattuso. Also present were Village Clerk Miller, Village Manager Matthys, and Attorney Durkin.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2013 Tax Levy – Ms. Matthys provided handouts.

B. Enterprise Drive Collector – Mr. Stoiser - The Village has the opportunity to receive Federal funding to pay for 80% of the project improvements. Jim Hancock is present from Hancock engineering. This project is scheduled for fall 2014. The design engineering agreement will be added to active agenda for next meeting.

C. Purchase of a V-Body Salt Spreader – Mr. Stoiser – Per Mr. Stoiser, the purchase of the spreader was included in this year's budget. The goal is to split this Village up into 4 zones instead of 3 to get the salting done in a faster time frame. He has received 3 quotes. Mr. Stoiser recommends purchasing another Flink V-Body Salt Spreader. This item is added to the next agenda.

D. Sale of Surplus Equipment – Mr. Stoiser - New trucks are on order to replace two older trucks. Mr. Stoiser is seeking authorization to sell the two older trucks at an online auction in order to derive the highest bid. This item is added to the next agenda.

E. Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Petition PC-13-0001 Special Use for Drive-Thru (Angel Associates, LP, Petitioner) – Ms. Headley- The plan commission held a public hearing last Tuesday. The petitioners are requesting to add a Burger King with a Drive-Thru to the existing BP station. This would result in an increase in property tax, place of eating tax, business licenses, sign licenses, and sales tax. The commission suggested a six-foot fence be added to the property and a sign to not block the driveway on Gladstone. Plan commissioner recommended a special use permit for the drive-thru. This item is added to the next agenda.

F. Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Petition PC-13-0002 Text Amendments to Chapters 18.58 of Title 18 of the Village of Westchester Zoning Ordinance (Village of Westchester, Petitioner) – Ms. Headley - The plan commission held a second public hearing last Tuesday to look at the Villages' Sign Code to allow "Crown Signage" on one of the Corporate Towers. Plan commission recommended approving the petition unanimously. This item is added to the next agenda.

G. Economic Development Committee's Recommendation to Adopt Façade Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 – Trustee Perry/ Ms. Headley- The Economic Development Committee has looked at various different business incentives and is recommending the Façade grant. This grant is to help businesses with improvements to their outer areas and their signage. EDC recommends approval of the program unanimously. The Board recommends allocating \$60,000 total for the grant to include (8) businesses pending specifications for the program.

H. Economic Development Committee's Recommendation to Consider TIF study Redevelopment Areas - Trustee Perry/ Ms. Headley. The Economic Development Committee recommends to the Village board to look at redevelopment areas. There have been several studies done by Kane McKinner who recommends starting with the Cermak/Mannheim study area. No action required by the Board at this time.

I. Chicago Water Rate Increase – President Pulia (discussion only). The City of Chicago has told the Village that there will be a 15% increase in the next two years. Under consideration is replacing of the water line under the Des Plaines River to a more secure location. President Pulia recommends an increase to 15% also noting the Brookfield/North Riverside water agency would like to partner with the Village to put a new water main from Austin to Hannah Street.

J. Video Gaming Application – Ms. Matthys - Anna's Place is interested in applying for a gaming license. The Village currently does not have a gaming application. A letter was sent to the State to remove the Village from the opt-out list in order to offer gaming applications. Recommendation from the COW is to have an application created for the Village to mirror the application with the State. No action required by the Board at this time.

K. License Plate Recognition Software – Chief Carpino would like to purchase License Plate Recognition Software. The software is the latest technology for Police Officers. There will be 4 cameras instead of 3 on the police car. It captures license plates while the car is driving around. One car would be outfitted with this software. Chief Carpino has received many quotes from different companies. His recommendation is to go with vendor "Federal". Item to be placed on the active agenda.

L. Equipment Disposal – Chief Carpino - Chief Carpino requests that old equipment be traded in to O'Herron's store to receive credit to purchase new equipment. That will be an ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

INFORMATION ONLY:

Handicapped Parking Spaces – President Pulia/ Ms. Headley – There is a group going around checking that handicapped spaces are being marked properly. The police department went around and made a list of properties that are not in compliance. COW recommends letters be sent out to properties found not in compliance. Chief Carpino would like the Board to review Village ordinance 11.32.185 to ensure it is updated. This item is placed on the next Active Agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discussed, Trustee Yurkovich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Reda to adjourn. On the roll call vote the Board passed said motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM. (AYE 6).

Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk