

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER  
11 NOVEMBER 2014**

President Pulia called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

President Pulia led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Clerk Jessica Spencer called the roll:

Present: Village President Pulia, and Trustees Calcagno, Gattuso, Reda, Perry, Steker, and Yurkovich

Also Present: Village Manager Matthys, Attorney Michael Durkin, Chief Jim Adams, Chief John Carpino, Maureen Potempa, Melissa Headley, and Robert Lewis

There was one presentation – honoring the retirement of Firefighter Dennis Keeffe. A recess was called and the meeting was reconvened at 7:21 pm.

There were public comments by John Waters and Raymond Roblieski regarding flooding and alley repair, specifically near Gardner Road. President Pulia addresses their concerns.

There was no public hearing.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of the Record of Bills ending 11-06-2014 in the amount not to exceed \$1,466,467.53
- B. Approval of Minutes
  - i. Minutes of the October 8, 2014 Special Village Board Meeting
  - ii. Minutes of the October 28, 2014 Village Board Meeting
  - iii. Minutes of the October 28, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- C. Approval of Departmental Monthly Reports
  - i. Community Development Department
  - ii. Fire Department
  - iii. Police Department
  - iv. Public Works Department
- D. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11.68, Entitled “Honorary Streets,” of Title 11, Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic,” of the Westchester Municipal Code in Order to Designation “George Zaroni Way”
- E. A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a One-Year Renewal Option of a Photo Enforcement Program Agreement with Safespeed, LLC

Trustee Perry moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Gattuso seconded the motion.

Deputy Clerk Spencer called the roll:

Trustee Calcagno	Aye	Trustee Reda	Aye
Trustee Gattuso	Aye	Trustee Steker	Aye
Trustee Perry	Aye	Trustee Yurkovich	Aye
President Pulia	Aye		

President Pulia declared the motion carried.

Trustee Gattuso moved to approve the waiver of the COW for the Generator Project. Trustee Steker seconded the motion.

Deputy Clerk Spencer called the roll:

Trustee Calcagno	Aye	Trustee Reda	Aye
Trustee Gattuso	Aye	Trustee Steker	Aye
Trustee Perry	Aye	Trustee Yurkovich	Aye
President Pulia	Aye		

President Pulia declared the motion carried.

Trustee Reda moved to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Proposal from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. Companies of Illinois, Ltd. For Construction Engineering Services for Village Hall Generator Project in the amount of \$17,000.00. Trustee Perry seconded the motion.

Deputy Clerk Spencer called the roll:

Trustee Calcagno	Aye	Trustee Reda	Aye
Trustee Gattuso	Aye	Trustee Steker	Aye
Trustee Perry	Aye	Trustee Yurkovich	Aye
President Pulia	Aye		

President Pulia declared the motion carried.

**Manager’s Report** – Manager Matthys announced that Mariano’s opened on November 4<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned that Village Hall hosted a Veteran’s Expo, held by State Rep. Chris Welch, which 15 vendors and many veterans attended. She also discussed the Property Tax Appeal Seminar conducted by Cook County Board of Review’s Commissioner Dan Patlak last night, where an estimated 60 people attended. President Pulia added that November 21<sup>st</sup> is the last date to file a Proviso Township property tax appeal requests. Manager Matthys also wanted to thank our Veterans for their service to our country.

**Attorney’s Report** – Attorney Durkin discussed the potential to cancel the second Board and COW meetings on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, and how this might impact the adoption of the tax levy which must be estimated at least 20 days before.

## **Board Member Reports and New Business**

Trustee Reda – hopes to have new furniture for the Court Room in January.

Trustee Gattuso - hopes to have the Car Show open in May 2015.

Trustee Calcagno – A joint meeting between the Environmental Sustainability Committee and the Citizens Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and all are invited to attend.

Trustee Yurkovich – The CAB is accepting donations for the Toys for Tots Drive through December 12<sup>th</sup>. Westchester Food Drive is also accepting donations at Village Hall.

Chief Carpino/Police Department – Mariano’s requested extra traffic control for the opening and will pay for any overtime that was necessary. In October, he travelled to Orlando, FL for the International Association of Chiefs of Police Convention where he brought back some ideas for the grant writer. The Board of Fire & Police Commissioners is interviewing candidates for openings and have had 90 applicants interview so far.

Chief Adams/Fire Department – MABAS Drill at 1840 Mayfair tomorrow, Wednesday, November 12. There will be significant traffic and equipment parked in the lot, between 8 am – 4 pm. There will be participation for many local and regional agencies and emergency response departments including the hospitals. FFs Scott Stauber & Rich Mahoney were recognized by Loyola Hospital for outstanding response to a call in September.

Maureen Potempa/Finance Director – She has been pro-active in discussions with the front office staff regarding business licenses, liquor licenses, etc that gear up at the end of the year. She requires all monies owed to the Village paid before licenses can be issued. Ms. Potempa, referring to 35 ILCS 200/18-60, stated that the estimated taxes to be levied are: \$7,617,379 in total, of which \$6,371,702 are due to the Village and \$1,245,677 are due to the Library.

Ms. Potempa asked that the Board add the following items to the Committee of the Whole agenda for November 25, 2014 for approval:

- Ordinance providing for the Levy, Assessment, and Collection of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015 for the Village of Westchester, Cook County, IL;
- Ordinance abating the 2014 Tax levy for the \$3,500,000 Village of Westchester, Cook County, IL taxable general obligation bonds (motor fuel tax alternate revenue source), Series 2010A;
- Ordinance abating the 2014 Tax Levy for the \$1,610,000 Village of Westchester, Cook County, IL taxable general obligation bonds (water and sewer alternate revenue source), Series 2013 Bonds;
- Resolution directing the County Clerk to calculate separate limiting rates for the tax levy of the Village of Westchester for the 2014 Tax Year.

Robert Lewis/Public Works Director – He said the Village has signed a contract with engineers to take samples of the ground in order to replace the alleyways within the Green Alley Grant, and will add the 800 block of Gardner to the sample list. He said that the project near Enterprise Drive and Constitution is done. He said that the painting of the water tank is almost done – the shield is painted on one side and the project is moving along; he hopes to re-fill the tank in 2 weeks. Mr. Lewis attended a pre-construction hearing for the Village Hall generator installation last week. He stated that the project at the Mayfair Reservoir is going along well, however the crew didn’t work today due to the rain. Mr. Lewis stated that the pavement rehab program, currently working on Suffolk, Norfolk, and Portsmouth, will be completed soon. He stated that he had the final list from GNP on street lights that were repaired - \$41,283. Most of the lights have been upgraded and fixed, with the exception of one area in which a fuse is suspected to have blown.

Melissa Headley/Community Relations Director – Mariano’s was a big task to ensure the opening went well. She reminded the Board that there is a public hearing scheduled for Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> regarding the medical marijuana dispensary on Roosevelt Road. She also stated that in October, 1 business opened, 203 permits were issued, 240 inspections were conducted, and \$2,283,924 in construction value was generated.

**President’s Report** – President Pulia thanked Bob Mariano for inviting the Board and several staff members to the Gala before the store opening on November 4<sup>th</sup>. He also thanked those within the Village who helped contribute to the success of the opening and operations of the store. President Pulia and Manager Matthys will be meeting with representatives from PACE and IL State Rep. Chris Welch’s office to discuss adding a bus route through Westchester in order to provide service near Mariano’s.

**Trustee Calcagno moved to adjourn the Board Meeting;** Trustee Gattuso seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the motion carried. President Pulia declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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Sherby Miller, Village Clerk