

**MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
Monday, 27 April 2015**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 8:49 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Calcagno, Perry, Reda, Steker and President Pulia. Trustees Gattuso and Yurkovich were absent. Also, present were Village Clerk Miller, Village Manager Matthys, and Attorney Durkin.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Referendum for Home Rule Status (Discussion Only) – Trustee Steker

Trustee Steker requested that the item placed on the March 2016 ballot. President Pulia noted the plus that was cited with the Bond rating as a result of not being Home Ruled. He also cited difficulty some Villages have had convincing voters to support it. Voter education is needed. Previous opinion felt it gave too much power to the Board. The Board agreed to put the decision in the hands of the voter. Attorney Durkin will follow-up.

B. Renewal of Government Services Contract – Ms. Matthys

The Board recommends putting in a clause that if the LGDF cuts are realized then the Village may withdraw from the contract. Action: Further discussion will be held with the contractor and brought to the Board at the next meeting.

C. Declaration of Surplus Property (Discussion Only) – Ms. Matthys

There are two riding mowers that are no longer needed, sitting over a year, since the Village is now contracted with Alliance to do the Village mowing. Director Lewis has acquired quotes off e-bay.

Action: The Board approved the sale of both mowers. President Pulia also requested the Lt. O'Hagan look at any old vehicles that need to be surplus.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Reimbursement for Trustee Expenses (Discussion Only) – Ms. Matthys

Attorney Durkin's office forwarded an old opinion from the County that addressed a flat payment for mileage. An allowance for mileage was not allowed...reimbursement was to be provided for actual expense incurred per State statute. The Attorney General's Office is not authorized to furnish written opinion to the officers of or attorneys for municipalities. Attorney Durkin suggests putting in place a compensation ordinance that would take effect in 2017. If approved, the ordinance would need to be in place six months prior to the start of the 2017 terms.

B. Private Use of Public Parkway Space – Mr. Lewis (p. 5)

Mr. Lewis noted as a result of the discussion at the April 14th Committee of the Whole meeting, the Public Works Department is seeking to enforce the existing Ordinance from Title 12 – Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities and to modify the Underground Lawn Sprinkler System language. The ordinance states under Section 12.06.020 that it is illegal to "to install or cause to be placed underground any lawn sprinkler system from the center of the area located between the street curbs and the inside edge of the public sidewalk, closest to the street".

Action: The ordinance will be amended to state that sprinklers cannot extend more than halfway through the parkway. Under Subparagraph (c), homeowners would only have to remove such sprinklers at the Village's notification which would only be made if it were interfering with necessary improvements or had been found to be unpermitted at installation. The resident would be allowed to come into compliance with the existing code.

INFORMATION ONLY:

1) Trustee Reda requested the "Honorary Street Sign" representation for former deceased Trustee/Clerk Barbara J. Bailey. Nelson Square will be renamed. APPROVED. Item will be added to the next Consent Agenda.

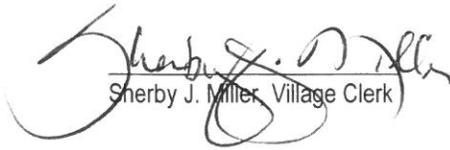
2) Attorney Durkin noted the drafting of an ordinance adding the Citizens Advisory Board and the Economic Development Committees. Item will be added to the next Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to be discussed, Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calcagno to adjourn. On the roll call vote the Board passed said motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.



Sherby J. Miller Village Clerk