

ORDINANCE NO. 2015- 2123

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL,” OF THE WESTCHESTER MUNICIPAL CODE BY ESTABLISHING A CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of the Village of Westchester (“Village”) find it advisable, necessary and in the best interest of the public to amend the Village Code in order to establish a Citizens Advisory Board, which shall act as a liaison between the residents of the Village and the corporate authorities of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Westchester, Cook County, Illinois:

Section 1: Title 2, entitled “Administration and Personnel” of the Westchester Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding thereto Chapter 2.38, as follows:

Chapter 2.38 - CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

2.38.10 Created, Composition and Terms

There is hereby established a Citizens Advisory Board, which shall be advisory to the Village Board. The Citizens Advisory Board shall consist of seven (7) members, all of whom shall serve an initial term that expires on April 30, 2017. Their successors shall be appointed for two (2) year terms. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

2.38.20 Members, Appointments, Removal, Vacancy Filling

All appointments to the Citizens Advisory Board shall be made by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees. All members of the Citizens Advisory Board shall reside within the Village at the time of their appointment, and a member who moves outside of the Village shall no longer be eligible to serve on the Citizens Advisory Board. The members of the Citizens Advisory Board shall elect one of the members so appointed to serve as chairman for a period of twelve (12) months. The President and Board of Trustees shall have the power to remove any member of the Citizens Advisory Board for cause after public hearing. Vacancies shall be filled by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees as soon as possible for the unexpired term of any member whose office has become vacant. In the absence of the chairman, an acting chairman shall be appointed by the members present.

2.38.30 Meetings

All regular meetings of the Citizens Advisory Board shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month, unless such day is a recognized holiday, in which event, the regular meeting shall be held at such time as the chairman designates. Meetings shall start at 7:00 p.m. at the Westchester Village Hall. All meetings of the Citizens Advisory Board shall be open to the public, except for those, which may be closed under the provisions of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*). The Citizens Advisory Board shall keep written records of its proceedings, which shall be maintained in the Village Hall and open to inspection by the Village Board and the public at all times pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*). No meeting shall be conducted without a quorum of the Citizens Advisory Board being present. A quorum shall consist of a majority of all the members then holding office.

2.38.40 Procedures

The Citizens Advisory Board shall, from time to time, adopt such rules, bylaws, and regulations governing its organizational procedures as it may deem proper for the conduct of its work and which are consistent with the ordinances of the Village and the statutes of the State of Illinois.

2.38.50 General powers and duties

The Citizens Advisory Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) To serve the citizens of the Village by acting as an advisory body to the corporate authorities of the Village, in order to address resident concerns, encourage volunteerism, promote centralized commerce, advocate for educational excellence and advocate for seniors and those in need.
- (b) To hold meetings to discuss issues concerning the citizens of the Village and to formulate recommendations regarding those issues to present to the corporate authorities of the Village.

Section 2: That any ordinance or portion of any ordinance in conflict with any provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed solely to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 12th day of May, 2015, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Angelo A. Calcagno Aye

Celestine Reda Aye

Carl C. Celestino Aye

Nick Steker Aye

Frank Perry Aye

Tom Yurkovich Aye

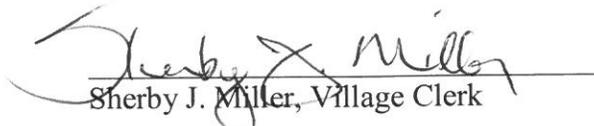
President Pulia Aye

APPROVED this 12th day of May, 2015.



Sam D. Pulia, Village President

ATTEST:



Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk