

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER  
Tuesday, 12 May 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Calcagno, Gattuso, Perry, Reda, Steker, Yurkovich and President Pulia. Also, present were Village Clerk Miller, Village Manager Matthys, and Attorney Durkin.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Colors, the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer were presented by Westchester Boy Scout Troop #1. Damien Masee, Eddie Colainni, Montana Jones and Jacob Campos. Bugler, Aiden Walton.

**A. Recognition of Service of Village Trustee Paul Gattuso**

President Pulia presented a Service award to Trustee Gattuso acknowledging his dedication to Village both as Trustee and former Mayor. Trustee Gattuso introduced his family. He thanked everyone, acknowledging all departments that he has worked and was honored to have served the community. Trustee Celestino was recently elected and replaces Trustee Gattuso on the Board.

**B. President Pulia swore in Frank J. Perry and Thomas Yurkovich as Trustees. Carl Celestino was ceremoniously sworn in by his father and later by President Pulia, witnessed by Manager Janet Matthys.**

**C. President Pulia appointed John Alexandro to the Emergency Telephone System Committee.**

The Board meeting was recessed at 7:24PM to congratulate Trustees, new appointee, and bid Trustee Gattuso farewell.

The meeting reconvened at 7:45PM. Trustee Celestino took his seat on the Board.

President Pulia swore in appointees Martin Grill to the Emergency Telephone System, and Tiffany Sanders as Ethics Advisor for the Village.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent items were reviewed by President Pulia for the Open Meetings Act. Item "H" (An Ordinance Amending Title 2, entitled "Administration and Personnel" of the Westchester Municipal Code by Establishing an Economic Development Committee was pulled for further comments, per President Pulia). Trustee Yurkovich made a motion seconded by Trustee Celestino to approve items 7.A-G. 7.A. (Approval of the Record of Bills ending 05-07-2015 in the amount not to exceed \$1,033,076.97), 7.B. (Approval of Minutes of the April 27, 2015 Village Board, Committee of the Whole and Executive Session Meeting), 7.C. (Approval of Departmental Monthly Reports: Community Development Department, Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works Department), 7.D. (An Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Sinnott Tree Service, Inc.), 7.E. (An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Surplus Property Owned by the Village of Westchester), 7.F. (An Ordinance Amending Section 12.06.020 entitled, "Underground Lawn Sprinkler Systems," of Chapter 12.06, entitled "General Provisions," of Title 12, entitled "Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities" of the Westchester Municipal Code), 7.G. (An Ordinance Amending Title 2, entitled "Administration and Personnel," of the Westchester Municipal Code by Establishing a Citizens Advisory Board). On the roll call vote, the motion for items 7.A-G passed, (AYE 7).

**ACTIVE AGENDA**

Trustee Perry made a motion seconded by Trustee Calcagno to approve item 7.H (An Ordinance Amending Title 2, entitled "Administration and Personnel" of the Westchester Municipal Code by Establishing an Economic Development Committee). The current Ordinance states that members must live in the Village. Attorney Durkin recommends that "all members of the EDC must live in the Village" be stricken from the amendment. Vetting of the candidates by the Board will determine if they should be on the committee. The maker and seconder agree to amend their motion "on its face". On the roll call vote, the motion to approve item 7.H passed, (AYE 7).

**MANGER'S REPORT:**

Village Hall will be closed Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Durkin welcomed new Trustee Carl Celestino

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perry/EDC – None.

Trustee Steker – None.

Trustee Reda – None.

Trustee Yurkovich – Reminded all of the “Get Out to Play” date, scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Calcagno/Sustainability Commission – Trustees Perry, Yurkovich, and Celestino were congratulated. A recycling event was held 5/09, at its new location by Westbrook Towers. The event was very successful.

Trustee Celestino – Thanked the Board and looks forward to working with them. He is ready to get to work.

Chief Carpino/Police Department – Chief Carpino noted that the FBI may be rethinking additional charges for an individual related to an incident at Harris Bank. He also noted a recent bomb scare at Westchester Middle School which was investigated, but found not to be credible. The Police Open House is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM – 2:00PM. A breakfast will be held with community Religious Leaders prior to the open house to invoke dialogue regarding some of the recent national abuse events. The National Memorial for Policemen is being held in May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Adams/Fire Department – The Chief noted that over 100 letters have gone out regarding Code updates. President Pulia requested that a copy of the letter be provided to Board members in case they are questioned by residents.

Maureen Potempa/Financial Director – The Village will be closing on the Bonds issuance on 5/14. The Bonds were sold to Mesirow Financial.

Greg Hribal/IT Manager – The committee met 5/11, due to conflicts the June 11th Movie in the Park at Gladstone has been relocated to Community Park. Featured movie, “Paddington”, 7:30-8:30PM. The Community B-B-Q will be held July 17th-18th. Proviso Township Mental Health Commission will be partnering with the Westchester Police Department to create a video highlighting the Care Trak Program. The Program helps locate the elderly as well as children with special needs. President Pulia requests that community newspapers also be made aware of the video as it is created.

Robert Lewis/Public Works – Mr. Lewis reported that this is national infrastructure week around the nation. Public Works Department continues to be stewards of public infrastructure, always demanding products and services that deliver the longest service life while being fiscally responsible to the tax payers. Bids open 5/15 for the 50/50 sidewalk program. Also, an ad will appear for the Phase 2 Mayfair project. The new pipe will run along the north side of Carlisle. At least 4 trees will need to be cut down. President Pulia suggests a meeting with residents on Carlisle, (Kennedy School), to address any issues or concerns.

Melissa Headley/ Economic Development Director – Code forms have been updated online. The department was been working to ensure the word gets out regarding building code updates recently adopted. Tony Fecarotta’s last day with the Village is 5/16. She attended the Med HQ Open House in Westbrook Corp Center. She, along with President Pulia and Manager Matthys attended a Sustainable Infrastructure meeting 5/11, held in Schaumburg. Floods, rain gardens and permeable pavement blocks were discussed. The next meeting for the Zoning Code updates is being set up. Two new businesses opened, (177) permits were issued and (299) inspections conducted. Trustee Calcagno volunteered to take Trustee Gattuso place on the Zoning Board.

Clerk Miller – Clerk Miller noted her attendance to the IL Municipal Leagues “Lobby Day”, held in Springfield.

Andy Esposito – Village Plumbing Inspector suggests that contractor fees be raised, noting that State fees have already been raised. President Pulia requested he and Director Headley pull together a fee schedule for review by the Board.

President Pulia - The Village cancelled one of their Officers, Rich Mahoney, from Northern Illinois Police Alarm System(NIPAS), effective May 6<sup>th</sup>, due to the Village no longer being a member of NIPAS. All equipment belonging to the Village has been returned. President Pulia, Manager Matthys, Chief Carpino and Lt. O’Hagan attended a training class regarding the “use of force” by Police Officers, sponsored by the Illinois Municipal League. Community Religious Leaders have been invited to “Meet and Greet” session prior to the Police Open House, scheduled for 5/16. The purpose is to start a dialogue and have resources available in light of situations that are facing our nation, such as the recent violence in Ferguson, Missouri. President Pulia also noted a flood meeting he attended in Mt Prospect, hosted by Congressman Quigley.

**ADJOURN:**

With no further business Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by Trustee Yurkovich to adjourn the meeting and the Board agreed (AYE 7). The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

  
Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk