

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
8 SEPTEMBER 2015**

President Pulia called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Jessica Spencer called the roll:

Present: Village President Pulia and Trustees Carl Celestino, Frank Perry, Celestine Reda, Tom Yurkovich, Nick Steker, & Angelo Calcagno
Also Present: Village Manager Janet Matthys, Attorney Michael Durkin, Chief Jim Adams, Chief John Carpino, Maureen Potempa, Melissa Headley, Robert Lewis and Greg Hribal

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ComEd Smart-Ready LED Street Lighting Agreement – Bill Burns, of ComEd’s Smart-Ready Street Light division, presented to the Board regarding converting the street lights to LED bulbs. He requested the Board consider converting to LED and anticipates about \$500 per month in savings in 2015, \$600-\$650 per month in savings, per year, moving forward. President Pulia clarified that the costs would not be charged to the Village, but ComEd would cover the costs in addition to the savings anticipated. Ms. Matthys and Mr. Burns discussed the incentive provided by the grant to pay for this infrastructure improvement. President Pulia asked for questions of the Board and Attorney Durkin asked if ComEd would enter into a contract directly with the vendor – Mr. Burns stated yes. President Pulia asked for a start date, Ms. Burns stated it would be determined on the contract finalization and survey, followed by 2-3 weeks of installation, but expects to begin in October. The topic will be moved to the Board.
- B. Tree/Stump Removal – President Pulia advised the Board of about 233 ash trees that need to be removed. He has identified every stump in town, west of Wolf Road. He stated that Public Works has the means to cut down all of the trees, 125 of which are already dead. He suggests having the Public Works Department cut down the trees and have Sinnott remove the 102 stumps. He then suggests having the Board reevaluate the removal of the new stumps next calendar year. President Pulia noted that some of the stumps might be from 2013 or older. Trustee Yurkovich asked how much was available in the budget for tree removal. Ms. Matthys responded that currently there is \$25,703 remaining in FY 2015 budget, and said she has spoken with Mr. Lewis to remind his employees to not exceed the budget. The general feeling of the Board was to remove as many trees as the budget, and the Public Works employees, can handle. President Pulia updated the Board on his and Ms. Matthys’ meeting with representatives from IDOT regarding vacuuming the sewers of IDOT roads as well as sidewalk repair on State routes.
- C. Modifications to Insurance Requirements for Registered Contractors – She discussed that IRMA has requested that minimum insurance requirements be increased for the next update. President Pulia asked if these standards were typical of other municipalities, she responded that most certificates of insurance do include the proposed level already. Trustee Perry confirmed that it shouldn’t cost much more to the businesses. The topic was moved to the Board meeting for approval.
- D. Economic Development Committee recommendation to approve façade grants applications for 10555 Cermak Rd. and 10439 & 10447 Cermak Rd. – Ms. Headley advised the Board that the Economic Development Committee has recommended approval of these recommendations. Trustee Calcagno asked for clarification of the work that the grant would reimburse. Attorney Durkin asked about landscaping, Ms. Headley stated that the companies had sent letters stating that landscaping was not included in these projects. The topic was moved to the Board meeting for approval.
- E. Consideration of On-Street Disabled Parking Spaces at 1527 Westchester Blvd. and 1200 High Ridge – Ms. Headley stated that about a quarter of the business owners who received her letter have been in communication with her regarding the requirements. In particular, the businesses at 1527 Westchester Blvd and 1200 High Ridge are requesting a specific location on the street for disabled parking. President Pulia further explained the current parking license agreements within the Village and his recent conversation with the Attorney General’s office regarding disabled parking. Attorney Durkin asked for documentation regarding the consideration of the agreements with the businesses. Ms. Headley explained how she has requested and received clarification regarding the Americans with Disability Act. Attorney Durkin asked who would be responsible for the signage. Ms. Headley feels that the business is assuming the responsibility for the pavement markings and the cost of the sign, but President Pulia stated it would be the Village’s responsibility to install the sign as it would be on Village property. Mr. Lewis asked about further changes to the curb and coach way, as well as other ADA requirements. The Board provided clarification. The topic was moved to the Board for approval.

- F. Consideration of a Parking License Agreement for Parkway Parking at 1200 High Ridge – The conversation from Agenda Item E blended into this one regarding the agreement. Ms. Matthys asked for consideration of approval for this issue – the Board directed this topic, and Agenda Item E, to be placed on the next agenda.

President Pulia asked that Item G be skipped to allow Mr. Price Sowers to present the next item.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. LED Lighting Outages – Mr. Lewis/Price Sowers (GNP) – Mr. Lewis explained the map he provided the Board at the beginning of the meeting, highlighting the repairs and upgrades to street lights since September 2014. Ms. Matthys stated she reviewed the outage reports for July and August, and explained the outages during that time frame. Trustee Calcagno explained that he has over 200 lights at the facilities where he works and has no outages in almost 2 years. Mr. Sowers explained the history of his product. Trustee Perry and Mr. Sowers discussed their concerns regarding the product. Trustee Calcagno and President Pulia asked for clarification on the current product on the street lights. Mr. Sowers addressed their questions, and directed the Board to contact Elgin or Villa Park for references of his street lights. The Board discussed the proposal offered by Mr. Sowers in order to repair the outages. Ms. Matthys asked if the repairs are made, what the status of the warranty is. Mr. Sowers stated there would still be a 10 year warranty. Discussion ensued regarding the number of street lights that need various levels of repair. President Pulia asked if the Board would like to move forward on the repairs of the street lights. The topic was moved to the Board for approval.
- G. Second Ambulance Logistics – Chief Adams – Referencing the McGrath Study, Chief addressed the suggestion of adding a second ambulance to his fleet. He presented both the pros and the cons to his staff and storage of the ambulance in the fire houses, including the costs associated with each. Trustee Steker asked for clarification on the number of services provided to other communities and received by other communities, Chief stated he would have to research the specific numbers and get back to the Board. President Pulia questioned what other communities are doing, Chief addressed his questions. In the end, Chief recommended against the second ambulance at this time. The Board thanked the Chief for the information.

INFORMATION ONLY:

Attorney Durkin advised the Board that the Village had received an extension until November 31th regarding the Plumbing Code update.

President Pulia advised the Board that the Village of Hillside is creating a TIF district near Mannheim. IDOT raised concerns on behalf of the Village regarding the ability to manage the storm water that might head into Westchester in that area. Mr. Lewis and Christopher B. Burke, Ltd, as the Village’s engineering firm, provided similar feedback. Hillside will be revising their plans.

President Pulia discussed the business license ordinance and possibly updating the ordinance regarding home-based businesses. He asked Ms. Spencer to expound on the research conducted regarding business registration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Yurkovich moved to adjourn the COW Meeting and enter Executive Session for reason of: (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) - To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)) - To discuss litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the Village which has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal or which is probable or imminent; Trustee Calcagno seconded the motion.

Deputy Clerk Spencer called the roll:

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

President Pulia declared the motion carried.

President Pulia declared the meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.


 Jessica Spencer, Deputy Village Clerk