

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER  
Tuesday, 27 October 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Calcagno, Celestino, Perry, Reda, Steker, Yurkovich and President Pulia. Also, present were Village Clerk Miller, Village Manager Matthys, and Attorney Melissa Wolf.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Presentation of LED "Poster Panel" Sign Porposal – Chris Lupo, LaMar Advertising

There was no presentation, however, President Pulia polled the Board regarding the sign proposal which involved poster panels being put up on the North side of Roosevelt, 950 feet East of Mannheim Rd. (Fire Station), and the North side of Cermak Rd. ½ mile East of Wolf Road (Fire station). There was no interest by the Board for signs in these areas. DENIED.

B. Water Meter Manual Read Alternative – Ms. Potempa/Mr. Lewis (Discussion Only)

Radial reads are being put on water meters. A complaint was received from a resident citing their sensitivity to electronic transmissions. They were willing to pay to have someone come out and perform manual reads. Ms. Potempa estimated the cost for manual read would be \$52.47 per month. It was noted that the frequency of transmission, two minutes per month, was only during the time the car was driving by taking the read. Documentation from the vendor denotes a microwave transmission to be (10) times higher than the radial meter. ACTION: It was suggested to get additional empirical data and share it on the Villages website.

C. Road Salt Policy – Mr. Lewis

Pending rules and regulation trends with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) are in the process of establishing guidelines for the reduction of salt on surface transportation facilities. As such, the Villages "Clear Pavement" policy for winter snow and ice control maybe be challenged or in jeopardy. The Village will examine the Clear Pavement policy and begin to consider what will occur if these new rules are adopted. President Pulia also suggested sending a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency(EPA) to see what alternatives they suggested.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. 2nd Ambulance Feasibility Report – Chief Adams/Captain DeBoer/Captain Casey (Discussion Only)

Captain DeBoer expressed that he was in favor of the second ambulance, but not with the current staff. He feels protection for the town would be lost and the Village would rely heavily on "mutual aid". President Pulia noted that the securing of a second ambulance was not about revenue but care for the residents. Captain Casey also shared his concerns regarding staffing and noted the increase in dispatches from 2009 - 2014, approx. 470, that have been handled by the same number of staff. He questioned when additional staff might be brought onboard, and the need to find a home for the fire engine / ambulance. The current stations cannot accommodate both.

B. Triton Regional Firing Range – President Pulia (Discussion Only)

President Pulia referenced his presentation at the October 15<sup>th</sup> COW meeting. He noted that if more municipalities signed up for the firing range, the cost would go down. President Pulia suggests responding with a conditional "Yes", that the Village is interested based upon (x number) of communities coming onboard. If all (835) communities joined, Westchester's cost would be approximately \$11,138 per year, based upon 31 resources. Manager Matthys will follow-up on the commitment required, e.g. 20 years, for the next COW meeting.

**INFORMATION ONLY**

**A. Gladstone Park Camera Status – Mr. Hribal**

A video camera previously installed in Gladstone Park had become a valuable asset in securing and identifying subjects in the park when necessary. Several years ago, the camera was found to be not functioning and was removed; however the benefit to having this camera still remains today. A request to review cost was conducted and a cost-sharing plan needs to be discussed prior to installation. Gary Kasanders, Westchester Park District Executive Director, has asked that the Village determine the costs involved and how much of that cost will be absorbed by the Village. Upon determination, it has been requested that the Village formally provide that information to the Park District Board for review and consideration. Mr. Hribal has obtained a quote for installation, maintenance and ongoing support of the camera and will present costs to the Park District.

**B. Village Response to Norcomm Investigation– Chief Adams/Mr. Hribal/Ms. Matthys**

The Board reviewed a drafted by Manager to the VP of Norcomm expressing the Villages displeasure with the response time associated with dispatching emergency vehicles during the recent car fire at the BP located at 31<sup>st</sup> and Wolf. Life safety issues are at stake. The Village feels that the delay in this situation was inexcusable and want to make sure that Norcomm management is aware and make appropriate training or policy changes to avoid a delay of emergency personnel in the future.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Celestino motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reda. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM. On the roll call, the motion was approved. (Aye 7).

  
Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk