

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
Tuesday, 11 November 2015**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 8:55PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Celestino, Reda, Steker, Yurkovich and President Pulia. Trustees Calcagno and Perry were absent. Also, present were Village Clerk Miller, Village Manager Matthys, and Attorney Durkin.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proposed Amendment to Village Code – Sign Fees – Ms. Headley/Ms. Potempa (Discussion Only)

Staff recommends an increase of fee. They are looking at one base fee per sign verses fees being based on square footage. There is currently too much admin time being invested. A comparison of both methods was requested by the Board.

B. Development of a Village-Wide Strategic Plan – Trustee Perry (Discussion Only).

President Pulia noted that Trustee Perry was not present but previously expressed an interest in moving forward with this item. Manager Matthys noted that this was not a short term project, staff is limited and currently working on the water utility conversion project. Also, there is an upcoming audit. Trustees will need to be heavily involved and consultants may need to be brought in.

C. Proposed Amendment to Village Code – Chapter 2.60 – Water Department – Billing – Ms. Potempa

The Village billing cycle will change from quarterly to monthly effective January 2016. Item will be added to the Consent Agenda for the next Board Meeting.

D. Consideration of a Lease Termination Agreement with US Cellular – Ms. Matthys

Per Attorney Durkin, US Cellular owes the Village \$8,513.71. Item will be on the Consent Agenda

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Real Estate Inspections – Ms. Headley (Discussion Only)

Ms. Headley provided the Board a copy of the Forest Park Inspection template for review. They were asked to identify items which they would like included in the Westchester checklist. The item will be included on the next Board meeting's Active Agenda for discussion / approval.

B. Triton Regional Firing Range IGA – Mr. Pulia/Ms. Matthys (Discussion Only)

The Board agreed that investment in the Regional Firing Range was cost prohibitive, (approx. \$1,200 per resource), at this time.

C. Water Meter Manual Read Alternative – Ms. Potempa (Discussion Only)

Ms. Potempa proposed a \$40 fee for anyone wanting to opt out of the manual meter read.

D. Gladstone Park Security Camera Update – Mr. Hribal (Discussion Only)

A quote has been received for the camera and is pending review with the Park District.

Background: 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.

INFORMATION ONLY

A. Alliant Landscaping Service will be performing their final cut for the season.

B. Amendment of the Village Retirement Health Plan – A handout was provided to the Board noting proposed changes to Section 5-11, Retiree Health Insurance.

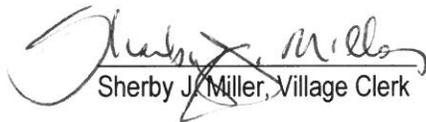
C. Chronic Nuisance – An Ordinance was proposed and agreed to by the Board to address “Chronic Nuisance”. It will be voted upon at the next Board Meeting. Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Yurkovich motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Steker. The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 PM. On the roll call, the motion was approved. (Aye 5).


Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk