

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
15 MARCH 2016**

President Pulia called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

President Pulia led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Clerk Jessica Spencer called the roll:

Present: Village President Pulia and Trustees Angelo Calcagno (arrived at 6:44 p.m.), Carl Celestino, Frank Perry (arrived at 6:34 p.m.), Celestine Reda, Nick Steker, and Tom Yurkovich

Also Present: Village Manager Janet Matthys, Finance Director Maureen Potempa, Chief of Police Steve Stelter, Deputy Chief Mike O'Hagan, Brian Kuratko of the Board of Police and Fire Commission

Absent: Trustee

Budget Discussion regarding Public Safety Part 2 and Administration:

Ms. Matthys requested that the Board consider the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners first since Commissioner Brian Kuratko was present. Ms. Potempa briefly explained the deficit of the budget at this time and how she has requested the Department Heads to adjust their budgets accordingly. Ms. Potempa presented the budget for the Commission, explaining the changes from the previous fiscal year. Commissioner Kuratko answered questions as requested. He stated that 96 candidates tested for the entry-level firefighter position and the Board will interview 73 candidates this month.

Ms. Potempa continued the conversation with the General Fund, specifically the revenues the Village is expected to receive during Fiscal Year 2017. Ms. Matthys mentioned that the State Senate is considering a bill which would eliminate the Red Light Camera program for non-home rule communities, which could eliminate approximately \$400,000 in revenue for the Village. That factor has not been considered in the development of the budget at this time. Discussion regarding various pieces of the revenue ensued.

Ms. Potempa turned the conversation to the Police Department and Chief Stelter and Deputy Chief O'Hagan. Chief mentioned that, as requested, his proposed budget didn't increase from the last fiscal year. Discussion continued.

Ms. Potempa ended the General Fund discussion with the Administration and Finance Department. She discussed the changes in the budget from last year, specifically the internet fees have gone down this year and some salaries have been moved to other, more appropriate, funds. Discussion ensued.

Next, the discussion moved to the Hotel- Motel Tax Fund. Ms. Potempa reminded the Board that this fund had limits on what it can be spent for, including the special events hosted by the Village as well as the façade replacement program. Discussion continued.

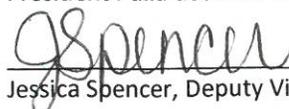
Finally, the Board moved to a general conversation regarding the entire proposed budget for FY2017. Discussion continued. Ms. Potempa explained the proposed cuts from each department and how those reductions would affect the budget overall.

Trustee Reda requested that the sign outside of Village Hall be updated to state the deadline to have a vehicle sticker applied in order to avoid a citation. President Pulia agreed, saying he would update the sign in the morning.

There was no public comment.

Trustee Yurkovich asked if the Board would discuss the salaries of non-union staff. Ms. Potempa and Ms. Matthys said yes. Discussion continued briefly.

Trustee Yurkovich moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Steker seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the motion passed. President Pulia declared the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



Jessica Spencer, Deputy Village Clerk