

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
Tuesday, 12 April 2016**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Calcagno, Celestino, Perry, Reda, Yurkovich and President Pulia. Trustee Steker was absent. Also present were Village Clerk Miller, Village Manager Matthys, and Attorney Durkin.

Note: Court Reporter Jennie Siolidis was also present and recording on behalf of Attorney Michael Vogt/Dolan Realty – Cell Tower Proposal.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. President Pulia read a Proclamation recognizing May 21st-27th as National Safe Boating Week in the Village of Westchester. The goals of the North American Safe Boating Campaign are supported and encourage residents that boat to wear vests and practice safe boating habits.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

(moved to the end on the agenda)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent items were reviewed by President Pulia for the Open Meetings Act. Item 7.A. (Approval of the Record of Bills ending 04-07-16 in the amount not to exceed \$900,647.47) was pulled for discussion and Item 7.B. iii (Minutes of the March 22, 2016 Executive Session) was pulled as there was no Executive Session held. Trustee Reda made a motion seconded by Trustee Perry for approval of B. i. Minutes of the March 22, 2016 Village Board, Committee of the Whole and Minutes of the March 29, 2016 Special Budget Meeting), 7.C. (Approval of Departmental Monthly Reports: Community Development Department, Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department), 7.D. (An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.36, entitled "Liquor Sale," of Title 5, entitled "Business Licenses and Regulations," of the Westchester Municipal Code), 7.E. (A Resolution Approving and Ratifying Change Order No. 2 to a Contract Between the Village of Westchester and K-Five Construction Corporation for Services Related to the 2015 Street Improvement Program, in the amount of \$256,507.43, reduction), 7.F. A Resolution Reappointing Bill Ernst to the Firefighters' Pension Board and Appointing Stephanie Pedersen to the Citizens Advisory Board of the Village of Westchester, Illinois), 7.G. (A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. Related to Obtaining and Maintaining Compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II Regulations, for the Amount of \$24,600). On the roll call vote, the motion for items 7.B-G, excluding B.iii, passed. (AYE 6). Trustee Reda made a motion seconded by Trustee Perry to divide the question and vote on the Park District Record of Bill, \$8,406.14, separate from the Village Record of Bills. On the roll call vote, the motion to approve the Park District payment of bills passed, (AYE 5, Abstain 1). Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by Trustee Calcagno to approve the Record of Bills ending 04-07-16 in the amount not to exceed \$892,241.33, (excluding Park District Record of Bills \$8,406). On the roll call vote, the motion for item 7.A passed. (AYE 6).

ACTIVE AGENDA

None

MANGER'S REPORT:

Manager Matthys deferred to President Pulia regarding their recent trip to Springfield with Trustee Celestino for the IL Municipal League Conference. President Pulia noted their meeting with Director Sillerstrom from the Toll way. They were bought up to date with upcoming Toll lanes projects and construction timelines for I-294 Balmoral exit to 95th Street. An audience was also had with Governor Rauner, Senator Durkin. Discussion centered around what could be done to help break the gridlock in Springfield, Workers Comp reform and how businesses are being chased out of Illinois as a result of claims. They also were able to meet with some of the Democratic leaders.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perry – EDC is working on their Pride in Seven Campaign, (Seven areas of Westchester they are trying to promote business wise). They are also collaborating with the Chamber of Commerce.

Trustee Reda – None

Trustee Celestino – The first Recycling event will be held Saturday, 4/16 at the Water Tower off Enterprise Drive, 9-11:30AM. It is sponsored by the West Central Mayors Conference. Paper shredding will be held next month. Shredding events will also be held in May and October. Volunteers are welcome. Manager Matthys was also thanked for setting up meetings with Legislators.

Trustee Calcagno – Noted the cut-off the recycling event. He encouraged residents to come out early.

Trustee Yurkovich – The “Get Out and Play” event will be held 6/4th 10AM – 2:00PM.

Chief Stelter/PD – The Open House of the Police Department is scheduled for May 21st. A team staff meeting is also for 5/21. Officer Manna was recognized for 17 years of service to the Department.

Capt. Casey/FD – The Chief is in Springfield for “Fire Service Legislative Day” and will be meeting with Representatives to discuss current fire legislation. He continues to work with IRMA Workers Comp. A tour of the FD was provided to 11 Aspire visitors and 2 facilitators on Thursday, 4/7, by FF Eric Biskup and part-time employee Ben Adelman who is a client of the Aspire Day Program.

Maureen Potempa/Finance Director – Noted vehicle stickers are on sale and should be purchased by 4/30th to be on time. Village Hall will also be open on Saturday, 8:30AM-noon. Fees double after 4/30.

Greg Hribal- IT Director – Noted that 4/30 is the DEA drug take back day. The Summer Events schedule will be posted 4/13. Director Hribal and Deputy O’Hagan met with Norcomm regarding the Combined Emergency Telephone System Board. Also present were Police Chief & Fire Commanders for Franklin Park and Bellwood. A vote will need to be taken by the Board to dissolve the existing ETSB and vote on the new collaboration between the villages. Attorney Durkin will draw up an Intergovernmental Agreement. Filing with the State is due 7/01/16.

Robert Lewis/PW Director – Bids have been prepared for the tree maintenance project. Bid openings start 4/20. Bids were also prepared for a HVAC maintenance project, to be posted 4/28. A new magnetic meter was installed at Crestwood last week. A new meter was also installed in the Village 6 months ago. President Pulia noticed seam leaks around Crestwood on the west side. Director Lewis will have his team follow-up. A structural analysis was conducted 5 years ago, but another will be conducted if needed.

Melissa Headley/Business Development Director – Ingredion, at Westbrook, will be renovating 5 floors of their space during the July/August timeframe. Also, the Zoning Board Steering Committee will meet on 4/13 to review new codes that are coming into effect. (4) Businesses opened last month, 187 permits were issued, and they completed 180 inspections.

Clerk Miller – None.

President Pulia – As a follow-up the St. Joe’s affordable housing proposal, President Pulia noted that he and Manager Matthys drove to Granite City, Missouri to loop at one of the senior housing facilities managed by Michaels. This was a Senior building (61) units, surrounded by other rental properties, all subsidized. The facility was clean. They also visited the Police Dept and filed a FOIA to see if there were any issues to be noted regarding the facility. Discussion was held with the Manager and well as a tour of the facility and one of the rental units. A code inspection was being conducted. Upon discussion with the inspector, no negative comments were noted regarding the property. Overall, it was a positive experience.

There was an email regarding the “Façade Program” requesting that it be made available to all Commercial businesses and not only those on the main drag/street. A revision to the plan will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Residents Mary Ann Watts and Linda Eilertsen expressed concern regarding their alleys and the build-up of water. They would like to know what steps they need to take to do something with the alley. President Pulia noted that the alleys can’t be paved without resident participation. It is currently cost prohibitive for the Village. He requested that PW Director Lewis come to the next meeting with different models of resident participation for paving. 1) A determination needs to be made as to how much the Village can contribute to a Village-wide program 2) Fifty-one percent of the residents would need to be in agreement 3) Determine which alleys to do first. In the interim, Public Works will come out and grate alleys which have been identified.

ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Yurkovich motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reda. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The motion was passed by acclamation, (AYE 6).



Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk