

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
12 JULY 2016**

President Pulia called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Jessica Spencer called the roll:

Present: Village President Sam D. Pulia and Trustees Angelo Calcagno Carl Celestino, Frank Perry, Celestine Reda & Tom Yurkovich

Also Present: Village Manager Janet Matthys, Attorney Michael Durkin, Chief Jim Adams, Chief Steve Stelter, Melissa Headley, Chris Webber, Robert Lewis, and Greg Hribal

Absent: Trustee Nick Steker

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Employee Deferred Compensation Plan – Ms. Matthys introduced Kevin O’Brien of IPPFA Benefits. He explained his program, offering retirement benefits for employees. The Board approved moving this topic to the next Board meeting for approval.
- B. 50/50 Sidewalk Program Bid Results – Mr. Lewis discussed the bid results for the program, with Strada Construction coming in with the lowest cost. The Board accepted Mr. Lewis’ recommendation and moving this item to the next Board meeting for approval.
- C. Emergency Alert Sirens – Maintenance/Replacement – Mr. Hribal discussed the failing siren and the cost to repair vs. replace. President Pulia presented another quote to Mr. Hribal as another source to compare the product and price. Trustee Yurkovich asked how the siren would be paid for, Ms. Matthys has suggested using the funds set aside for the lobbyist and that the grant writer has been directed to look for funds too. The Board requested further research before moving forward with a decision.
- D. E-911 Service Contract – Ms. Matthys explained the request from the Board at a prior meeting regarding the E-911 contract. Mr. Hribal explained the documents he provided, the options available from NorComm, West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center, and Cook County. Ms. Matthys read a statement sent by Trustee Steker regarding his opinion on the topic. Ms. Matthys suggested that the Board receive a presentation from one of the options, Cook County. The Board liked her suggestion. President Pulia expressed his opinion that ‘when the calls go out, the calvary’s coming’, but he wants to make sure that the money makes sense. Mr. Hribal was directed to request a presentation of the organizations that are available to the Village at a future meeting.
- E. In-Squad Computer Replacements – Mr. Hribal discussed the request to update the laptops in the squad cars, in order to update the software that is no longer accepted on those current devices. Ms. Matthys read a statement sent by Trustee Steker regarding his opinion on the topic. The Board discussed the opinions as presented and requested further follow-up before a decision is made.
- F. Referendum Questions – General Election – Ms. Matthys discussed the process regarding proposing a referendum question to the public at the November 2016 election. The three referendum questions would involve purchasing part of the St. Joseph High School property, hiring 3 more police officers, and hiring 3 more firefighters. For the three suggested referendum questions, should they pass, the residents could expect an increase of about \$115 in property taxes per year, for at least 20 years to repay the bond. She explained the other costs associated with putting this question before the public. Attorney Durkin reminded the Board that the deadline to file any referendum questions is the end of August. The Board discussed the options made available to them. Ms. Matthys read a statement sent by Trustee Steker regarding his opinion on the topic. The Board directed Ms. Matthys to pursue 3 referendum questions.
- G. Gazebo – Fountain Area – President Pulia presented his suggestion to purchase a gazebo from the Hotel/Motel Fund, to be placed near the corner of Cermak Rd and Mannheim Rd near the fountain. The Board agreed to move this topic forward to the next meeting for approval.
- H. Parental Leave Policy – Ms. Spencer presented an amendment to the Personnel Policy to include a policy which allows maternity, paternity, adoption, and foster parents paid leave for a set amount of time for bonding. The Board requested further information regarding what other communities have in place to be presented at a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. An Ordinance Amending the Westchester Municipal Code Re-grading Restrictions on the Parking of Trailers in the Village of Westchester – Ms. Matthys presented research found regarding trailers in the existing Code. Attorney Durkin presented a draft ordinance for consideration. The Board discussed the variations of the proposed ordinance amendment. The Board decided to allow the draft ordinance to be pushed to the next Board meeting for approval.

- B. Post Office Roof Replacement – HVAC Quotes – Mr. Lewis discussed the quotes he has received. His recommendation, to hire YMI Group, was accepted by the Board. The Board requested this item be moved to the next Board agenda for approval.
- C. Consideration of a Text Amendment to Permit Assembly Uses in the Industrial Area – Ms. Headley requested direction from the Board on how to move forward on this topic. Ms. Matthys read a statement from Trustee Steker regarding his opinion on the topic. The Board directed Ms. Headley to leave the ordinance as it is.
- D. Draft IGA – Westchester Park District – Gladstone Camera – Mr. Hribal discussed the intergovernmental agreement created by Attorney Durkin’s office and which will be proposed to the Park District.

INFORMATION ONLY:

- A. Cell Tower – Community Park– Ms. Matthys discussed an application that Ms. Headley received regarding a change to the cell tower at the Park, which can be approved by the Village Manager, but she wanted to make the Board aware of the situation based on the recent cell tower discussion. The Board reserved their direction for further conversation which might occur in Executive Session.

President Pulia called for public participation; there were no public comments.

Trustee Yurkovich moved to Executive Session for the purpose of (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) – To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; Trustee Perry seconded the motion.

Deputy Clerk Spencer called the roll:

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

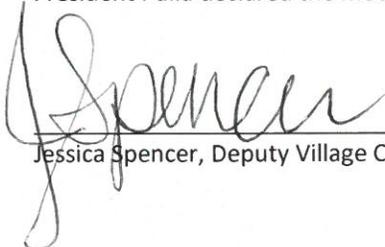
President Pulia declared the motion carried.

Executive Session began at 10:19 p.m.

Executive Session concluded at 10:50 p.m.

Trustee Yurkovich moved to adjourn the COW meeting; Trustee Reda seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the motion passed.

President Pulia declared the meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m.



 Jessica Spencer, Deputy Village Clerk