

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER  
Tuesday, 14 February 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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 Durkin.

**Information Only (Moved to the top of the Agenda)**

A. Refuse Services RFP – Update – Mr. Von Kurshner/Waste Management provided an update on additional services and savings that would be provided to the Village should they choose to renew their refuse contract with Waste Management. Their contract ends 6/30/17.

**New Business**

A. 2017 Electronic Recycling Program – Ms. Spencer  
Due to recent updates to the Electronic Products Recycling & Reuse Act, current vendor Credential Wholesalers, will no longer be collecting electronics and therefore not working with the Village this season. In preparation, Ms. Spencer presented proposals for comparison from eCycle Solutions, e-Scrap Technologies, and eWorks Electronic Services. Waste Management also offers an “At your Door” program which would pick up electronics. Ms. Spencer will also obtain additional info on either a 3 month or month – month contract. NO DECISION was made at this time.

B. Revision to Chapter 10.08 – Poultry – Ms. Headley

At the January 10, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Village Board, a resident spoke during public comment to request that the Village Board consider allowing him to keep chickens at his home. Technically, chickens are permitted to be kept within the Village, but most residences cannot comply with the large setback requirements. The coop/enclosure must be at least one hundred (100) feet from the nearest residence and two thousand (2,000) feet from the nearest adjacent residence. Roosters and cock fowl have a two hundred and fifty (250) feet setback from the nearest residence. Staff circulated a rapid survey through West Cook Municipal Conference asking members if they allow chickens to be kept and if they are permitted, to provide a copy of their ordinance. The table below shows the results of the survey. Nine of the fifteen communities that responded permit the keeping of chickens. Two of the communities that neighbor the Village (Oak Brook and Bellwood) allow the keeping of chickens.

If the Village Board would like to allow chickens to be kept in the Village, staff can prepare some modifications to section 10.08 for the Village Board’s consideration. If the Village Board does not want to allow the keeping of chickens, no further action is necessary. TABLED till next meeting.

C. Expanding Home Water Proofing Rebate Program – Trustee Celestino (Discussion Only)

Discussion was held regarding adding a “Whole House Generator” to the list of items for which a rebate would be provided. President Pulia suggested up to \$750 as the amount of rebate. Trustee Celestino volunteered to work with staff to provide recommendations for specs and verbiage of rebate program, e.g. modify “Waterproofing to Home Safety”.

D. Lemont Police Department Outdoor Shooting Range – Chief Stelter  
Intergovernmental Agreement APPROVED for Consent.

E. MWRD – GIS Assistance – Ms. Matthys/Mr. Lewis

MWRD is offering Global Positioning Units to assist with the mapping of municipal sewer systems. A letter of intent and Intergovernmental Agreement is required of the Village if they want to participate. APPROVED for Consent.

### **Old Business**

A. Travel Expense Policy – Ms. Spencer/Attorney Durkin

Modifications were made by Attorney Durkin. The Ordinance was provided the Board for review. Item APPROVED for Consent.

B. Cook County Minimum Wage Ordinance Opt-Out – Ms. Matthys/Attorney Durkin (Discussion Only)

The Ordinance applies to private companies. Westchester is not "Home-Rule". It does not impact wages for Village employees. The law is currently not in affect. Item TABLED.

C. Cell Tower Lease – Mr. Hribal (Discussion Only)

Mr. Hribal met with T-Mobile/Attorney/Burke Engineering on February 2, 2017. The range underneath the firehouse was reviewed as a potential site for their equipment. T-Mobile will have someone come out to further inspect the site. A non-working boiler would need to be removed and would be the responsibility of the Village.

### **Information Only**

Chief Adams provided an update on the Fire Alarm Ordinance. He noted that there has been movement, 1/3 of condo owners that were non-compliant are now compliant. Per President Pulia, businesses and condo owners have had 2 years to comply... he sees this as a life safety issue for the residents. Those businesses/condo owners requesting extensions should also provided permit plans. There is a \$750 per day fine for those who go beyond date of compliance.

### **Public Participation**

None.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Yurkovich motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reda. On the roll call, the motion passed (Aye 7). The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.



Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk