

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
Tuesday, 28 February 2017**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRESENTATION

Commendations for Excellence were presented by Chief Stelzer to Officer Jeffrey Battaglia for life saving assistance provided. He administered "NARCAN" to an overdose victim, who was not breathing, on 2/13. Officer Michael Fellers also received a Commendation for Excellence for life saving CPR given to a shooting victim, until paramedics arrived, 2/04, at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Resident Ricardo Sopeda expressed concern regarding Village Ordinance 10.08.020 related to poultry. He has (9) pigeons which he considers pets/part of his family, not poultry. He recently received a warning regarding the animals. He stated the pigeons are trained for derby's as a part of his culture. He is asking that the Board reconsider the warning that he has received and consider a change in the code. Resident David Viaz spoke in support of Mr. Sopeda, as a neighbor. He recommends that the Board reads "Americans Raising Pigeon" as a reference. President Pulia noted that ordinances are written with the entire Village in mind. Staff will look into this further and also see what other municipalities are doing and will look at the pro/cons. Additional materials are also provided by Mr. Sopeda for review in the COW.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent items were reviewed by President Pulia for the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Reda made a motion seconded by Trustee Steker for approval of Items 6.A. (Approval of the Record of Bills ending 02-23-17 in the amount not to exceed \$1,103,473.45), 6.B.i (Approval of Minutes of the February 14, 2017 Village Board and 6.B.iv. Minutes of the February 21, 2017 Special Budget Meeting). Items 6.B (ii. Minutes of the February 14, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting and 6.B.iii. Minutes of the February 14, 2017 Executive Session) were pulled, and will be provided at the March 14th Board Meeting. 6.C. (An Ordinance Amending Title 2, Entitled "Administration and Personnel", of the Westchester Municipal Code, by Adding Thereto Chapter 2.98, Entitled "Travel, Meal, and Lodging Expense Reimbursement"), 6.D. (A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Westchester and the Village of Lemont Regarding the Use of the Village of Lemont's Shooting Range). Trustee Reda made a motion seconded by Trustee Steker for approval of Items 6.A, B.i, B.iv,C and D . On the roll call vote, the motion passed, Aye (6).

ACTIVE AGENDA

A. (A Resolution Advising and Consenting to the Appointment of Certain Officers). The EDC recommends former Chamber Director Paul Strandquist, to the Economic Development Committee. Trustee Yurkovich made a motion seconded by Trustee Calcagno for approval of the motion. On the roll call vote, the motion passed, Aye (6).

MANGER'S REPORT:

Manager Matthys suggests saving the date: March 17, 8:30-10:30AM, for the Annual Senior Breakfast. President Pulia will be the guest speaker and department heads will provide updates. Vehicle stickers go on sale March 1st and must be displayed by April 30th.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perry – None

Trustee Steker – Posed a question to Chief Adams regarding how are things were going with the sprinklers. The Chief is requesting that residents contact his office directly should they have any questions regarding the new ordinance and not listen to any rumors that may be circulating. Status of the Village fire system grant was also presented.

Trustee Reda – None

Trustee Calcagno – None

Trustee Yurkovich - None

President Pulia – For Information: An analysis of salaries was conducted after the last budget meeting. Salary sheets were presented to Board members for review.

ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Yurkovich motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Steker. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. The motion was passed by acclamation.

Note: Department updates were provided during the COW


Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk