

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER  
23 MAY 2017**

President Gattuso called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m.

Village Clerk Stan Kolodziej called the roll:

Present: Village President Gattuso and Trustees Calcagno, Celestino, Miller, Perry, Steker, Yurkovich

Also Present: Village Clerk Kolodziej, Village Manager Matthys, Attorney Durkin

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Consideration of Additional Gaming Establishments – A presentation was made to the Board the opening of a Gaming Establishment in town. The Board expressed concerns that Westchester is turning into gaming town. This establishment would also require a liquor license which also concerned the Board.
- B. Consideration of Alley License/Vacation, West Plaza – Discussion ensued concerning the alley connecting Balmoral to Bond. A portion of the alley is unimproved thereby forcing traffic to use private property to traverse from Balmoral to Bond. Mr. Kevin Shiragi, the owner of West Plaza, would like the Village to close the alley to through traffic.
- C. Purchase of Three Police Squads from Currie Motors – Chief Stelter requests three new Squad Cars to replace the three oldest Squad Cars. This appropriation has been budgeted.
- D. Purchase of Two Command Vehicles for Fire Department – Chief Adams requests the replacement of two vehicles with a Pick-Up Truck and an Explorer. This appropriation has been budgeted.
- E. Financing of Police Squads and Fire Command Vehicles through PNC Capital – The Board approved this recommendation.
- F. COPS Grant Availability – Federal Government implemented a Grant Program which would fund the hiring of additional officers. Chief Stelter explained this is not a mandatory program but if awarded the Grant the Board would have the option to accept or reject.
- G. Consideration of Replacement of Andover Control System for HVAC System – Mr Lewis informed the Board that the Andover Control System which controls the heating/cooling of the office area of the building needs replacement. Ms. Matthys confirmed that the employees are cold in the winter and too hot in the summer. Mr. Lewis was given approval to replace the Andover Control System. Mr. Lewis was also instructed to present a plan to the Board regarding the Village Hall building.
- H. Amendment to Municipal Code Section 11.32.160 – Street Sweeping – Chief Stelter pointed out to the Board that the Snow Removal signs posted on Village Streets call for a 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. parking ban for snow removal but our Village Ordinance calls for an 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. parking ban. The Ordinance needs to be changed. He also pointed out that the sign should include Street Maintenance in addition to Snow Removal.
- I. Clarification to Municipal Code Section 11.32.155 – Paved Surfaces in Residential Areas – Ms. Matthys received a request for clarification of parking vehicles in side yards. The current Code requires a ‘PAVED’ surface. The Villages definition of a paved surface is concrete or asphalt surface. Websters Dictionary defines PAVED SURFACE as concrete, asphalt or gravel. The Village Code needs to define what it considers PAVED SURFACE.
- J. 2017 Street Rehabilitation Program & Bristol Ave. Reconstruction Project – Mr. Lewis will be accepting proposals for the project in January with work to be completed in fiscal year 2017.

Funds will come from the Motor/Fuel Tax. Mr. Lewis also brought up the issue of entities in town that have paved the parkway (Grace Lutheran, Divine Infant, Divine Providence, Alpine House etc.) regarding maintenance of these areas. Mr. Lewis would like to see an agreement between the entities and the Village concerning the maintenance of these areas.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. T-Mobile Lease – Mr. Hribal opened discussion of the Contract with T-Mobile, negotiation are on-going. The Board instructed Mr. Hribal to negotiate the maximum benefit for Westchester.
- B. Utility Rate Increase – Mr. Lewis is recommending a Utility Rate Increase to cover the cost of upgrading our equipment (Sunnyside Project). Discussions are ongoing.
- C. Fats Oils Grease (FOG) Compliance Ordinance – President Gattuso and Mr. Lewis told the that an ordinance has been passed to require grease traps be installed and maintained in appropriate businesses.
- D. Comcast Franchise Renewal – Mr. Hribal is negotiating with Comcast for Renewal of the Contract.
- E. Emergency Street Lighting Repair Contract – Mr. Lewis negotiated a three year contract with Omega Lighting for no rate increase.
- F. Website Update – Mr. Hribal has been working on upgrading the Village Website. He will be forwarding several formats to the Board and let them pick. The Board is most interested in making the website user friendly.

**INFORMATION ONLY**

Trustee Steker requested an update from Fire Chief Adams concerning the fire protection requirements for various building in the Village.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident Jean Klotter spoke to the Board about her concerns with the Website and agreed an upgrade was necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Calcagno moved to adjourn the COW Meeting and enter Executive Session for the reason of (5 ILCS 120/2(C) (1) – To discuss the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and (5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11) – Pending Litigation. Trustee Celestino seconded the motion.

Village Clerk Kolodziej called the roll

Trustee (Angelo) Calcagno	aye	Trustee (Frank) Perry	aye
Trustee (Carl) Celestino	aye	Trustee (Nick) Steker	aye
Trustee (Sherby) Miller	aye	Trustee (Tom) Yurkovich	aye
President (Paul) Gattuso		PASSED	

President Gattuso declared the motion carried

The COW Meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.



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Village Clerk Stan Kolodziej