

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
13 JUNE 2017**

President Gattuso called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Jessica Spencer called the roll:

Present: Village President Gattuso and Trustees Angelo Calcagno, Carl Celestino, Sherby Miller, Frank Perry, Nick Steker, and Tom Yurkovich

Also Present: Village Manager Janet Matthys, Attorney Michael K. Durkin, Police Chief Steve Stelter, Fire Chief James Adams, Public Works Director Robert Lewis, and IT Manager Greg Hribal

Public Comment:

Angela Smith – She described the intersection of Gardner Rd and Indian Joe Road (Broadview) and expressed her concerns regarding business vehicles parked in the adjacent lot on the weekends.

Matthew Ramado - Traffic Safety Issue at the intersection of Downing and Bedford. He suggested installing a stop sign and conducting a traffic study to better address the issues. Mr. Lewis addressed this comment and stated that the Police Department can conduct the study over the course of a few weeks.

Saine Hunley – complimented the Police Department on their work. She asked about installing a “do not block intersection” near the intersection of Worchester and Gladstone. President Gattuso and Mr. Lewis advised that this is an IDOT intersection and a request must be submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Community Alert System – Chief Stelter proposed a notification system to inform residents of issues that the Village deems worthy of immediate notification, including Code Red and Everbridge. He asked the Board if they are interested in finding a community alert system and if so, he would begin researching the best methods. President Gattuso and the Board expressed their support for such a program in the Village.
- B. GW & Associates – Accounting Consultant Services – Attorney Durkin presented this consulting firm to assist with the Finance Department, in the absence of the Finance Director. Ms. Matthys clarified the tasks of the Finance department over the next few months with the impending assignment changes.
- C. Periodic Review of Closed Meeting Minutes and Destruction of Recordings of Closed Meetings – Ms. Spencer presented the Executive Session minutes that were created within the past 6 months, as well as all previous minutes, as well as the audio of such Executive Session meetings that were created more than 18 months ago. The Board had no objections to retaining the minutes and destroying the recordings, and to placing this item on the next Consent Agenda.
- D. Intergovernmental Agreement with Homeland Security Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 37-08 – Ms. Spencer presented an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to allow this group to meet within Village Hall once a month. The Board had no objections to the IGA or to placing this on the next Consent Agenda.
- E. Opt Out by Municipalities from Cook County Minimum Wage & Paid Sick Leave Ordinances – Attorney Durkin explained the recent adoptions by Cook County regarding employees who work within the county boundaries. He asked the Board if they wanted these two ordinances to be applicable within the corporate limits of the Village. Discussion ensued. The Board asked to have the ordinances prepared for the Active Agenda for the next Board meeting.
- F. Prevailing Wage Ordinance – Ms. Matthys presented the latest ordinance from Cook County regarding the wages for public works projects. Attorney Durkin reminded the Board that this typically gets approved each June. The Board requested this item to be placed on the next Consent Agenda.
- G. Surplus Property – Computer Parts – Mr. Hribal described the pieces of computers that he has used in an attempt to repair the Village’s IT infrastructure. There were no objections to placing this item on the next Consent Agenda.
- H. 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement Program – Bid Results – Mr. Lewis explained the bid results for this year’s program, which will cost a bit more due to the increased cost of concrete. He recommends Globe Construction, whom the Village has worked with in the past. President Gattuso reminded residents of the sidewalk replacement program and the current price. The Board had no objections to placing this on the next Consent Agenda.
- I. No Parking Sign Purchase – Bid Results – Mr. Lewis explained the bid results for this year’s program, recommending Traffic Control & Protection as they were the lowest bidder once again. The Board had no objections.

J. Firefighter Staffing – Trustee Steker advised the Board that the President addressed the staffing issues yesterday, and had no further reason to discuss at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. T-Mobile Contract Update – Mr. Hribal advised the Board that Attorney Durkin’s office has negotiated with T-Mobile to remediate the cell tower location and provided the current offer. The Board advised Attorney Durkin that they would accept this offer.
- B. Relocation of Parkway Sign - President Gattuso reminded the Board of a resident’s request to move a sign from the parkway in front of his home. Mr. Lewis discussed the opinion of his staff. Discussion ensued. The Board decided to leave the sign where it is.

INFORMATION ONLY:

- A. DCEO Grant 14-203494 Date Extension – Ms. Matthys discussed the status of the grant which was intended to repair the parking lot and access drives around Municipal Drive. She requested an extension for another year due to the State’s budget situation.

President Gattuso called for Public Comment once again:

Diane Leamy – regarding the Paid Sick leave ordinance, she advised the Board of the CDC research which indicated that fast food employees will come to work sick, which encourages the spread of illness.

Linea Costeras – asked about opening a Village clothing pantry for women and children.

There was no Executive Session this evening.

Trustee Calcagno moved to adjourn the meeting; Trustee Perry seconded the motion. By a voice vote, the motion carried.

President Gattuso declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Jessica Spencer, Deputy Village Clerk