

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
8 MAY 2012**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Gattuso, Novak, Perry, Sloan, Steker, Yurkovich, and President Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Matthys and Attorney Durkin.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. John O'Keefe, 10821 Claridge, is looking for legal advice on what to do about the plants that are growing on his property which is preventing him from getting his car in the driveway. The neighbors are not being cooperative and asked if there is any legal recourse. President Pulia told him that if the overgrown plants are on his property he has a legal right to trim them and Attorney Durkin concurred. Mr. O'Keefe asked that the Village fax him what the law is.

Mr. Mike Malpier, 2124 Newcastle, feels that all the men that started the fire department should receive a pension. He also thinks the Village is out of line passing on the water rate increase and asked where all the money was going to. He stated that his questions were never answered at the last meeting.

Mr. Burney Farmer, 1124 Newcastle, expressed concern over the fact that some people are too old to cut their grass and feels the Village should offer some type of discount rate. He would like the Village to try and help the seniors.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Electric Power Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance: Village President Pulia opened the Public Hearing on May 8, 2012, at 7:20 PM. Ms. Marybeth Shover, Nimec representative, stated that on May 31, 2012, the Illinois Commerce Commission will be receiving bids from a host of companies and the Village will have a better idea on rates at that time. Nimec is the broker and will pick the best one for the Village municipal rates. 8.0 is currently Com Ed's rate and other companies are at an average of 5.0 or less. Nimec represents many other towns and hopefully Westchester can be grouped with these other towns for better buying power. With no other comments or questions the Public Hearing was closed at 7:26 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Yurkovich for approval of the Consent Agenda and on the roll call vote the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 7)

ACTIVE AGENDA:

A. Ordinance Authorizing Aggregation of Electrical Load and Adopting an Electric Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance: Village Manager Matthys said that the next step is going to bid. Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to approve the ordinance and on the roll call vote the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 7)

B. Ordinance Amending the General Penalty Provision and Various Sections of the Public Peace, Safety, and Morals of the Westchester Municipal Code: Attorney Durkin stated that these were the changes that Chief Padalik requested and it was reviewed by legal counsel. Chief Padalik was pleased with the updates. Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Yurkovich and on the roll call vote the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 7)

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Village Manager Matthys reported that residents have received a letter in the mail for enrollment in the sanitary sewer program. There will be a discount to sign up early. May 19th is the Westchester Gardens annual plant sale and entrance forms for the 4th of July parade are in the newsletter this month.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Trustee Yurkovich reported the health fair was well attended and thanked St. Joe's for hosting the event. The next meeting of the CAB is tomorrow. Next weekend is the softball tournament at Mayfair.

Trustee Novak reported the next e-recycling event is next Saturday from 9am-12pm. Waste Management may bring a green truck for the parade and rain barrels to the Fest.

Trustee Perry reported that the EDC has not met. May 30th at Westchester Community Church there will be a meeting with CMAP.

Trustee Steker complimented Public Works on grass cutting.

Trustee Gattuso is encouraging everyone to get into the parade.

Chief Adams reported that hydrant testing and flushing is taking place.

Ms. Burkholder reported the budget has been approved and posted on the website.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pulia reported that he had a meeting with Village Manager Matthys and Com Ed and they have been doing a lot of work in town and Westchester will be getting the smart meters. They also talked about developing a Joint Operation Center for municipal participation. There is a WCMC meeting at Triton College tomorrow.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Steker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Yurkovich to adjourn and the board passed said motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. (AYE 7)

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk