

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
18 DECEMBER 2012**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Novak, Perry, Sloan, Yurkovich, and President Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Matthys and Attorney Mike Durkin. Trustee Gattuso was absent. Trustee Steker would be late.

President Pulia requested a moment of silence for the people of Sandy Hook, CT.

PRESENTATIONS:

President Pulia swore in new firefighter Nicholas Snavelly.

President Pulia presented certificates of appreciation for earning the Cook County Sherriff Youth Merit Award to Alphonzo French III, Faye E. Domokos, Joseph Kuhlmeym, Mike West, and Juan Sepulveda.

Trustee Steker arrived at 7:12 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Ken Grunke from Aging Care Connections presented an award to the members of the Westchester community action team.

Mr. Tim Hinsdale, 1613 Kensington Ave., asked if the Westchester staff attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Ms. Matthys explained who was present from the staff.

Ms. Sandra Reynolds, 11202 Charles, expressed concern about parking. She received a ticket and asked if she can get a permit to park. Trustee Sloan stated that he thought it was agreed upon that if you have a village sticker you should be able to park. President Pulia agreed that she can park and asked her to turn the ticket into Chief Padalik. She also expressed concern about the condition of the roads. President Pulia stated that staff is re-evaluating all the streets for next year's projects.

Mr. Neil McNamare, 2351 Sunnyside, is concerned that there is no sidewalk at the new Dunkin Donuts and feels this seems like a mistake not to have access so people can patronize the new business. President Pulia stated that discussion has been had with the owner to add a sidewalk. The owner did need to get permits from IDOT. Ms. Melissa Headley stated there is nothing in ordinances that required a sidewalk. Sam said he will continue to look into it.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Sloan requested Item I, Ordinance Authorizing the Issue of Not to Exceed \$10,000 of General Obligation Bonds (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source) for Certain Public Infrastructure Projects be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Trustee Yurkovich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to approve Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and J of the Consent Agenda. On the roll call vote the Board approved said motion. (AYE 6) Trustee Sloan stated that he feels it is irresponsible to bond out the maximum amount of 10 million dollars when the funds are not available to cover any shortfalls. Ms. Matthys stated that this is only an authorizing ordinance and it doesn't mean we would bond out this much. Trustee Novak thought they were talking about issuing a smaller amount. Trustee Steker would like to see the plans first. The Board agreed they were all more comfortable with 8 million for 20 years. Trustee Yurkovich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Novak to amend the 10 million to 8 million wherever stated and on the roll call vote the Board approved said motion. (AYE 5) (NAY 1) Trustee Sloan voted no. Trustee Yurkovich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Novak to approve the Ordinance with changes and on the roll call vote the Board approved said motion. (AYE 5) (NAY 1) Trustee Sloan voted no.

ACTIVE AGENDA:

A. Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Tender a Withdrawal Notice to IRMA for the Coverage Year Beginning January 1, 2014: Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker, to approve the Resolution and on the roll call vote the Board unanimously approved said motion. (AYE 6)

B. Resolution Approving the 2013 Annual Meetings Schedule of the Village Board of Trustees: Trustee Yurkovich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to approve the Resolution and the Board approved said motion. (AYE 6)

C. Motion Ratifying Appointment of Brian Kuratko to the Westchester Fire and Police Commission: Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Yurkovich to waive requirement for previous discussion in a COW and the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 6) Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to ratify appointment of Brian Kuratko and the Board unanimously approved said motion. (AYE 6)

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Village Manager Matthys reported that the Village Hall will be closed on December 25th and January 1st and reminded residents of street parking regulations during snowfall. Garbage collection will be delayed one day because of the holidays. The water increase goes into effect January 1, 2013. The Dunkin Donuts on Mannheim Road opened ahead of schedule. Ms. Matthys wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Trustee Yurkovich reported the food drive continues until the end of the month. 150 toys were collected for Toys for Tots and the hospital.

Trustee Perry reported the EDC spent most of the meeting going over the results from past meetings.

Trustee Steker reported 911 met and talked about signs.

Chief Padalik reminded residents that burglary and thefts are on an increase and to use caution driving in the winter weather. She reminded residents to check the website for updated information.

Mr. Greg Hribal reported he is working on in-car cameras in police vehicles and also working on fire trucks and dispatch.

Chief Adam reported that in November they were represented at the funeral of firefighter Mike Boyde from Chicago. He reminded residents to "keep the wreath red" which means no fires from Christmas lights.

Ms. Anne Burkholder reported business and contractor renewals went out last night and are being returned. Budget preparation will begin after the New Year. UIC will be assisting in this process.

Mr. Dave Stosier reported P.W. has been active with the Village Christmas tree delivery and decorations. Snowflakes banners were installed and 5 water main breaks have been fixed. They are working on Ash tree removal and they are also ready for snow removal. They are also working on the 2013 street improvement program and the 2012 street improvement program may come in \$200,000 under budget.

Ms. Melissa Headley reported that 2 businesses opened in November and many businesses are looking to do improvements in the future. The projects on 31st and Wolf are continuing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Pulia thanked the law firm for their donation to Miracles in Progress. A letter was received from the from Westminster Place residents thanking the Village for the street repairs. There have been many sewer cap thefts over the past months but they have been recovered and the investigation is ongoing. Chief Padalik is working on trying to get a resource officer back in the schools. President Pulia wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Yurkovich to adjourn and the board passed said motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. (AYE 6)



Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk