

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
12 MARCH 2013**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Michael Tillman and Mr. Donald Neilson from NORCOMM gave a presentation introducing themselves and their roles at NORCOMM along with the history of the company. They played tapes of a variety of actual 911 calls they received so that the Board could see how various situations were handled. They presented testimony from current clients who included Franklin Park Police Chief Witz, the Chief of Northlake Fire Protection Agency, Retired Chief of Leydon Fire District, Chief Tom Rafferty and Bellwood Director of Public Safety, Director Harvey. All presented favorable testimony of their experiences with NORCOMM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Carl Celestino, 928 Newcastle presented the Board with a petition from 911 employees to not sign on with NORCOMM.

Mr. Laurence Mulcrone, 10542 Waterford Drive, explained his career and how he has seen firsthand why consolidation is the only way to keep up with technology and hopes the Board votes in favor of consolidation.

Ms. Nancy Celestino asked the representatives from NORCOMM what ratio of full to part-time employees there were. Mr. Neilson stated that 80% of employees are full-time and 20% are part-time. Ms. Celestino also asked if this was strictly about money. Ms. Anne Burkholder stated that the first year with NORCOMM will save the Village \$100,000 with substantial savings in the future.

Mr. Bill Stutzman, 1363 Shobsom Rd., Northbrook, represented the 911 dispatchers said that 7 employees will most likely lose their jobs and feels the whole process is being rushed through. Nobody from the Village came to them before this was talked about. He is asking that this be tabled until it can be discussed.

Mr. Neil Faulkner stated that he has not heard of any other bids from other companies and is requesting that other companies be considered.

Ms. Nancy Celestino also requested that this be tabled until more discussion can be had.

Mr. Giuseppe Scarpelli, 2916 Denton Ct., stated that he is an employee of NORCOMM and recently moved to Westchester and explained what he does for NORCOMM. He has worked for the company for years and feels it is an excellent company.

Ms. Jamie Wycleoff, 2916 Denton Ct., is a dispatcher at NORCOMM and also a Westchester resident and offered to answer any questions about the company.

Ms. Mary Ellen Newhouse asked if the Police and Fire Chief support this move. Chief Padalik stated that the current system is unsustainable. Chief Adams feels that NORCOMM provides quality service and has the financial capability to do a good job. He would like to see the best service for the Village.

Mr. Don Edmunds asked why residents were not given more information and why there were not more companies considered. He would like to see more transparency. President Pulia stated that the Village has been considering this for years. NORCOMM is the closest and they are part of the Village system in many ways. Attorney Durkin stated that all discussion at meetings have been posted to the public.

Mr. Tony Belmonte has used the paramedics many times and has always been satisfied with the services. He also thinks it should have been in the Village newsletter.

Trustee Novak explained that as a Trustee he needs to look at the whole Village and all employees, not just a few employees. He must look at what is good for Westchester.

President Pulia stated that there will be more about this in the April newsletter.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Novak requested that Item Ci and Cii be pulled from the Consent Agenda. He was not present at the meeting and would like them to be voted on separately. Trustee Yurkovich requested Item D, E, and F be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to approve Item A, B, Ciii, and G of the Consent Agenda and on the roll call vote the Board approved said motion. (AYE 6)

Trustee Yurkovich made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to approve Item Ci and Cii of the Consent Agenda and on the roll call vote the Board approved said motion. (AYE 5) Trustee Novak abstained.

Trustee Novak made a motion seconded by Trustee Sloan to approve Item D of the Consent Agenda and on the roll call vote the Board approved said motion. (AYE 5) Trustee Yurkovich abstained since it was regarding the park District.

Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to approve Item E and Item F. Trustee Yurkovich would like to table both Items. Trustee Perry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to table Item E and Item F and on the roll call vote the Board approved said motion. (AYE 6)

ACTIVE AGENDA:

A. Motion to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement with Norcomm for E911 Telecommunication Services: Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Perry to table this until the April 23, 2013 meeting, and on the roll call vote the Board approved said motion. (AYE 6)

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Village Manager Matthys reported that March 29th and 30th will be the AARP driver safety course. March 15th is the senior breakfast at St. Joe's at 8:00 AM.

Chief Padalik reported that probationary officer Rizzo will be graduating from the academy on March 29th at which time he will be joining the police department.

Chief Adams reminded everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors. Nick Snavely is completing the fire academy.

Ms. Anne Burkholder reported that vehicle stickers will be going out soon. The bond closing occurred this morning and the Village received bond proceeds for \$5,682,475 for road projects supported by the 1% non-home rule sales tax revenue approved by voters last November.

President Pulia congratulated Public Works on the snow removal.

Mr. Dave Stosier reported that Public Works has been busy plowing and salting, fixing water main breaks, fixing potholes, ash tree removal and cleaning basins. The new supervisor started last week.

Ms. Melissa Headley reported that the EDC sent out business retention survey electronically and paper copies will go out next week. The Dunkin Donuts on 31st and Wolf opened last week. The Plan Commission is having a meeting soon.

Trustee Perry reported that the EDC has been busy talking about signage and compiling the Village wide calendar. Also discussed were the business survey and the election of the EDC officers.

Trustee Steker reported they are waiting on the minutes from the police and fire commission meeting.

Trustee Novak thanked Carl Celestino for filling in for him in his absence. The dates for the e-recycling have been set up with the first one the 2nd Saturday in April. April 27th is Clean-Up Day.

Trustee Yurkovich reported that the CAB will be meeting tomorrow.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Steker to adjourn and the Board passed said motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. (AYE 6)

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk