

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER  
14 May 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Gattuso, Novak, Perry, Sloan, Steker, Yurkovich and President Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Matthys, Deputy Clerk Keane, and Attorney Durkin.

**PRESENTATION:**

President Pulia acknowledged the service of Trustees Novak and Sloan. He thanked them for their service since 2009, commenting... "they provided great service to our community, countless hours, and valuable input to the community". They were both presented plaques of appreciation as well as a Westchester Golden Year Jubilee key chain from 1975. Trustee Novak was also acknowledged for his efforts for the "Flood Mitigation Plan" which helped get the "Community Rating" of 8, thus reducing the cost of flood insurance for residents in the flood plains. A plaque was received from FEMA for the Village. President Pulia also acknowledged Clerk Cathy Booth who was unable to attend the meeting. She also came onboard in 2009 and will be presented with a plaque at a later date. Judge Donald Storino was then introduced to conduct the swearing-in of Board Members. Sworn in were: Sam Pulia – Village President, Nick Steker, Celestine Reda, Angelo Calcagno – Village Trustee, Sherby Miller – Village Clerk.

All took the following oath respective to their positions: Oath: I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution on the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_ of the Village of Westchester, to the best of my ability.

The meeting was recessed at 7:25PM to allow attendees time to greet the newly sworn-in officials.  
The meeting reconvened at 7:50PM - New Board Members took their seats.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order, present / responding to roll call were Trustees Calcagno, Gattuso, Perry, Reda, Steker, Yurkovich and President Pulia. Also present were Village Clerk Miller, Manager Matthys, Deputy Clerk Keane, and Attorney Durkin.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

Anthony Smith, resident for 19 years, is a member of the The Answer Inc, (a Non-for-Profit Organization which provides support to individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities). He is interested in getting information on how The Answer Inc. can get involved with First Responders and teach them how to handle autistic children and others with disabilities. President Pulia referred him to Chief Padalik and Chief Adams for follow-up. Trustee Stecker also noted that the Office of the State Fire Marshals has an autism awareness program, which he recently completed. This training is free and also available to Chief Adams and his team online.

Jan Padavonia of 2918 Sunnyside noted she attended the special flood meeting held at St. Joe's. She felt frustrated, stating, "that there was no relief in sight and nothing had been done since 2010". She bought her home in 1979, it was not in a flood plain. After 16 years of living in her home she was being required to get flood insurance. Her home was evaluated by the Hancock Engineering and it was determined that elevations were high enough... now after 31 years her home flooded. She was not aware her home was in the range of the reservoir. She now has difficulty selling her home. Her concerns were noted. President Pulia noted her home is in the flood plain on the south end of town. There was a flood in the 60's that caused the reservoir to be built. He cited some of the initiatives that are pending: The Village has reached out to an engineering firm to try to increase the size of the reservoir....Salt Creek overflows the outflow pipe. A Request for Proposal has been submitted to the Governor for this project. Addison Creek floods as well. The Metropolitan Water and Reclamation District has selected this project to be 1 of 6 "Water Shed Projects", starting around 2018-2019, provided funds can be found, approximately 133 million. President Pulia also noted a ROBO call was put out, 5/13 encouraging residents to contact FEMA and register for assistance. The Village has also been receiving prices for a "Jersey Wall Barrier" along Carlisle to make a trough to deter water from the resident homes, approx. \$150k. A Board decision would be required.

Dwyane Flannagan of Sunnyside and Carlisle, (708) 562-0633, commended Public Works. He however expressed concern regarding the re-grading of streets. He would like to know the criteria for re-grading. President Pulia noted that in 2006 an evaluation of all the streets was conducted by engineers. The Village is following those ratings and the streets are being addressed per their recommendations. Mr. Flannagan was referred to Dave Stoiser, Public Works, for follow-up and a review of his street.

Mary Gerace of 811 Newcastle, thanked the Village for putting the MWRD Town Hall meeting online. She requested confirmation of the initiative scheduled for 2019 at Mannheim and Lake. She also questioned the definition of "shovel ready project". President Pulia responded, shovel ready means that, "there has been engineering paid for the project". Ms. Gerace questioned whether there is any possibility of putting up retention walls on either side of Addison Creek? Is there a statute on the books that prevents us from building retention walls along Addison Creek? Is the Board considering this as a project? Per President Pulia, MWRD has legislative authority to maintain the creeks. There are channel improvements that are being considered, however, a cost-benefit-ratio is pending. Westchester does not have the right to change some of the dynamics of rivers and creeks without proper authority. Additional information will be posted on the website as it is received.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Trustee Reda made a motion, seconded by Trustee Gattuso to approve the following items on the Consent; Items 7.A (Record of Bills in the amount of \$ 965,561.47), 7.B (Approval of Monthly Department Reports for April 2013, Public Works, Fire, Police, Community Development), 7.C (Approval of Minutes of the April 23, 2013 COW Meeting), 7.D Resolution Approving Contract for 2013 Infrastructure Program (Pavement Replacement) with Central Blacktop for \$1,043,453), 7.E (Resolution Approving Contract for 2013 Infrastructure Program (Bond/Hull Reconstruction) with Central Blacktop for \$1,112,410.27). On the roll call vote, the motion for items 7.A through 7.E unanimously passed (AYE 7).

**ACTIVE AGENDA:**

None

**MANGER'S REPORT:**

Manager Matthys presented a draft of the "Today in America" video featuring Westchester, host, Terry Bradshaw. There are a few edits pending before the final copy. It will be aired approximately 5 times nationally and will be posted on the Village website. Flooding costs incurred by the Village are estimated at approximately \$143k, those will need to be incorporated in the 2013 budget. Included is approximately \$27k which is expected for reimbursement for one of the ladder trucks. Approximately \$75k was estimated for flood debris removal. Claims will be submitted to FEMA to try and get reimbursement for those costs. She also noted Village offices will be closed Monday, 5/27, in observance of Memorial Day and encouraged everyone to come out to Mayfair Park for the Memorial Day presentation, 10:00am.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Attorney Durkin did not have a report this evening.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perry noted that the next meeting for EDC is Monday, 5/20, 7:30am in the Community Room.

Trustee Stecker noted a resume' for the Police and Fire Commission nominee will be passed out. The ETSB will meet next quarter to review budget and how funds will be allocated. The sign was approved for Mannheim and Balmoral. It will list emergency messages for the community. Manager Matthys noted the sign should be up in approximately two months.

Trustee Yurkovich noted the next CAB meeting is scheduled for 5/15. The Park District will be hosting the Soft Ball Tournament, Thursday – Saturday.

Trustee Gattuso noted that the first car show was held and it went well, approximately 150 cars were on display. He encouraged all to come out. The shows will continue every Monday through October, 5:00 -10:00pm

Ms. Keane reported favorable responses were received for the Cinco de Mayo event held 5/04 at Gladstone Park. There were approximately 500 attendees. Manager Matthys thanked Molly for her efforts and the success, this being a first time event for the Village. The next event will be 6/04: Movie in the Park, (movie to be announced) and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Everyone is asked to start spreading the word.

President Pulia appointed Trustee Calcagno to the Green Committee – Formerly led by Trustee Novak. Members meet the second Saturday of each month. Trustee Reda was appointed as the Senior Citizen liaison.

Chief Padalik noted the Police Department will host an Open House event, Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-2:00pm. All are invited to come out, tour the station, see a Taser demo, learn more about the Police Department and its' operations. She also welcomed the new Board members.

Chief Adams reminded residents to take extra caution with children as we come to the end of the school year. He also congratulated St. Joe's Varsity Baseball team who are Co-conference champions, the first at St. Joe's since 1967.

Ms. Anne Burkholder reported she is wrapping up details for the 2012-2013 Tax Audit. Preliminary auditors will be out May 31<sup>st</sup>. She also reminded residents that vehicle stickers were due April 30<sup>th</sup> and fees have since doubled. Vehicles are now subject to a ticket. Several Staff Members of the Finance Department will be participating in the June 8<sup>th</sup> Relay for Life event to be held at Mayfair Park. If interested, please contact Melissa Facarati, or Hellia. She also welcomed new Board members. Mr. Greg Hribal welcomed new Board members. He reported that ROBO calls are home numbers provided by AT&T. Some numbers such as Wireless and VOIP were not provided. He encouraged anyone not receiving calls to contact him. The Village has also met with Norcomm and they are looking at a transition time of November. Fortunately, he has completed a lot of the preliminary work that is required for transition.

Ms. Headley welcomed new Board members. She reported that she has been reviewing a draft of the Comprehensive Plan. This has been ongoing for the past year. The next steps are to have a Steering Committee meeting in June to start discussing the Planning Commission Public Hearings, then come to the Board for approval. She noted that Palmer Florist opened last week also, they issued 143 permits which included 1 major permit for the Westbrook Corporate center. This accounted for approx. \$45k in permit fees.

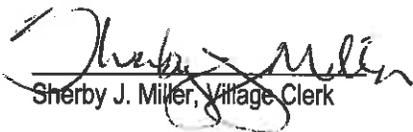
President Pulia reported for Mr. Stoiser. 1) Construction is underway for Phase 1. 2) There is a driveway replacement and widening at the pump station. The project is expected to be complete within a couple of days. A street light base, which was knocked down will also be installed. Water during the flood got within 1 ½ feet of shorting out the power station. 4) Voting on reconstruction of the payment with Central Blacktop has taken place and will be conveyed to them 5/15. We will move forward with projects that are pending.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Pulia welcomed the new Board members. He cited, "This is an active Board, everyone participates". We show up at as many events as we can. Our motto is: "We want to get the job done for the residents of Westchester". We have two replacements that he feels will step up to the plate and server the residents as the previous board has been serving them. He is please to be President once again. His goal is to address the concerns of the resident or mitigate them to where they are nonexistent. No Executive session was scheduled.

#### **ADJOURN:**

With no further business, Trustee Perry made a motion seconded by Trustee Calcagno to adjourn the meeting and the board unanimously agreed (AYE 7) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

  
Sherby J. Miller, Village Clerk