



Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, January 22, 2026.**

Mayor Nero called the meeting to order at **6:00 P.M.**

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Nero P Clerk A. Szymiski P

TRUSTEES: Barker P Parrilli P
Guzzo P Plowman P
Liddle P Scales P

STAFF:

Gunther (Village Manager) <u>P</u>	Parker (Assistant Manager) <u>P</u>	Brainerd (H.R. Director) <u>P</u>
Hennerfeind (CDD Director) <u>P</u>	Mulhearn (Deputy Liquor Commissioner) <u>P</u>	Liljeberg (I.T.) <u>P</u>
Chief Gruen (Police Department) <u>A</u>	D.C. Thompson (Police Department) <u>P</u>	Altic (Finance Director) <u>P</u>
Chief Riley (Fire Dept.) <u>A</u>	D.C. Frank (Fire Department) <u>P</u>	Mielcarski (Gov't Services) <u>P</u>
Richards (Deputy Village Clerk) <u>P</u>	McIntyre (Communications) <u>P</u>	Ries (Public Works Director) <u>P</u>

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Lampariello A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

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THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Nero welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM: None

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**
P=PRESENT **Y=YES** **R=RECUSE**

Note: *The items listed in these minutes are summaries only and are not meant to be a direct transcript of the Mayor’s, Manager’s, Clerk’s and Trustees’ comments. For actual quotes of the referenced items please refer to the Archival video copy of this meeting.*

VOTING SUMMARY

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE PARRILLI	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE PLOWMAN	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE SCALES	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

REPORTS

Mayor Nero

- Talked about the 3 piece collage that are on display from the Vision and Vibe Festival that was held last September at the Veterans Memorial Park. It was a great event that featured music, and other performances. Thanked Trustee Plowman and Trustee Barker for their support of this event. Thanks to Jenny Babyar who was the Project Manager.
- Talked about the Ribbon Cutting for the new Advocate facility on Ogden Avenue across from Standard Market. It was a well attended event.
- Westmont Restaurant Week is coming up and the Westmont Chamber will be hosting restaurant week which will run from February 21 - March 1.
- PETPAWLOOZA PET OF THE WEEK CONTEST - Louie has hit the big time and is the featured Pet of the Week. The entire community is invited to go to our website and sign up their pet for this weekly contest. All of this effort is to help promote the new PetPawlooza event, which will be at Veterans Memorial Park on May 16th. Details on the Village website - westmont.illinois.gov

Village Clerk Szymski

- Village Offices will be closed February 16th. Garbage pickup will not be affected.
- Visit the Chamber website at westmontchamber.com to nominate citizens to be considered for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Trustee Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for March 5th, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.

- The Westmont Fire Department will be offering CPR classes in 2026. For more info, visit the Village Website.
- Cold weather tips and information on warming centers can be found on our Village website. There is information on how to protect your home and your family during the upcoming severe weather.

Trustee Scales

- The next Community Development Committee meeting will be April 16, July 9, and September 17.
- Planning and Zoning recently added a Special Meeting to be held on February 4th at 6pm.
- Planning and Zoning regular February meeting will still occur on February 11th at 6pm.
- Recapped the Community Development Committee meeting that was held earlier in the afternoon.
 - Planner Adam Walsh provided an update on the RFP process for the comprehensive plan update. Submission deadlines are due tomorrow. The contract award is expected by April 2nd. The full plan will be adopted by the Spring of 2028.
 - Planner Scott Williams provided an update on the downtown rezoning, which will include 3 new designations / classifications. Affected residents will be informed of the forthcoming changes to zoning.
 - There will be public hearings for this process.
 - Lot coverage text amendment summary that is intended to address and accommodate residents requesting patios, driveways, etc.
 - Summary reports for 2025 and online permit process that will be re-evaluated.
 - Gave an update on the new Code Enforcement Manager.
 - Many new projects are coming to Westmont.

Trustee Parilli

- The next Public Works Committee will be March 19, 2026, 4:30pm in Village Hall.
- Just a reminder for water rate updates: the previously approved annual water rate adjustment went into effect this month. Please check the website for more details. The updated rates will be reflected on the upcoming billing cycle.
- Reminded residents about the extreme cold weather forecast for the next several days. Please be sure to prepare in advance and review the village website for helpful information.

Trustee Plowman

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be February 5th.
- Metra has announced that there will be reduced rail service during the severe weather. More information can be found on the Village website.
- There have been many ribbon cuttings. Mentioned the soap and candle shop and the Diva Dance Studio.
- Thanked the Public Works Department for all of the work during the snow storms.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be February 19, 4:30pm, at Village Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

- The Westmont Park District will host its annual Winter Beer Fest on Saturday, February 14, 2026, 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Ty Warner Park in Westmont. Tickets can be purchased through the Park District website.

Trustee Barker

- The Environmental Improvement Committee will meet February 2nd.
- The date for Vision & Vibe 2026 has been set for this year. It will be held on September 12 - 13, 2026 at Veterans Memorial Park. Gave a shout out to the Westmont Park District for their co-operation and assistance with that event.
- Holiday Lights recycling bins will be in place until January 31st. Bins are located at the Library and Fire Headquarters for residents to drop off unwanted or broken holiday lights to be recycled.
- Christmas trees are still being picked up by Flood Brothers. The pick up will be available until January 30th. Trees must be free of decorations, tinsel and lights.
- Residents and businesses are encouraged to use salt responsibly at their homes and businesses. Only 12oz is needed to cover a 250 square foot driveway or about 10 sidewalk squares.
- Details for the 2026 Dark Sky Grant program have been released, please visit the website for details and to sign up.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

- No items to be removed from the consent agenda.

(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:

Village Manager Gunther addressed the Board on this agenda item.

(A) VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes

- Board to consider approving the Village Board Meeting held on **January 8, 2026**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance # 1	1,218,344.89
Finance Ordinance # 2	4,696,423.38
TOTAL OF FINANCE ORDINANCES	\$ 5,914,768.26

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

Patson	108,250.00
Infosend	35,000.00
Atlas Bobcat, LLC	51,925.25
Suburban Labs	30,000.00
Allied Garage Door	37,049.06
Currie Motors	56,396.00

Imperial Service Systems, Inc.	61,600.00
Currie Motors	63,050.00
Meade, Inc.	140,000.00
Al Warren Oil Company, Inc.	250,000.00
Westmont Park District	50,000.00
Total of Purchase Orders	\$ 883,270.31

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDER(S) AND FINANCE ORDINANCE(S): \$ 6,798,038.58

(E) LIONS CLUB 90TH ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION

(F) REDUCE THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE CLASS 4 LIQUOR LICENSES

Board to consider an ordinance reducing the number of available Class 4 liquor licenses by one (1) due to the closure and sale of Shri Bistro, LLC, 655 N. Cass Avenue, Westmont, Illinois.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider the consent agenda.

Seconded by **Trustee Plowman** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**(2) SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST — TOBACCO AND VAPE RETAIL STORE —
101 WEST OGDEN AVENUE, SUITE B**

8.a.1

Community Development Director Hennerfeind addressed the Village Board.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a Zoning Ordinance special use permit to JA RE Enterprises, LLC, d/b/a Lit Smokes (Applicant/Tenant) for the property at 101 West Ogden Avenue, Suite B, Westmont, Illinois for a tobacco and vape retail store in the B-2 General Business District.

Seconded by **Trustee Guzzo** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman

Nays: Parrilli, Scales

Absent: None

**(3) SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST — TOBACCO AND VAPE RETAIL STORE —
101 WEST OGDEN AVENUE, SUITE B**

8.a.2

Deputy Tobacco Commissioner Mulhearn addressed the Village Board

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class B tobacco licenses by one for JA RE Enterprises, LLC d/b/a LIT SMOKES.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman

Nays: Parrilli, Scales

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

(4) INCREASE IN CLASS 2 LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class 2 liquor licenses by one for Belly Delhi LLC, 655 N. Cass Avenue, Westmont, Illinois.

Seconded by **Trustee Plowman** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) BOND ISSUANCE AUTHORIZATION - VILLAGE OF WESTMONT

Finance Director Altic addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000.

Seconded by **Trustee Scales** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS - None

(6) REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Nero requested a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purchase of real estate for the use of the Village pursuant to section 2(C)(5) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to adjourn to executive session

Seconded by **Trustee Scales** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: None

(7) ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board to consider a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle**

Seconded by **Trustee Scales** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: None

(8) ADJOURNMENT - 7:10 pm

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to adjourn the regular meeting.

Seconded by **Trustee Plowman** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymiski, Village Clerk

Steven T. Nero, Mayor

Dated this 5th day of February, 2026