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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, February 19, 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 A
Guzzo P Plowman P
Liddle P Scales P

STAFF:

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| 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>A</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>P</u> | D.C. Frank (Fire Department) <u>A</u> | Mielcarski (Gov't Services) <u>P</u> |
| Richards (Deputy Village Clerk) <u>A</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.

PRESS:

Bugle A

Westmont Chamber President: A

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Nero welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

Laurel Rugen, 513 N. Grant Street: Asked questions pertaining to zoning and why there are so many units proposed. She will speak under the agenda item 10(d).

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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

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| 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> | <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> | <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> | <u>Y</u> |
| TRUSTEE PARRILLI | <u>A</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>A</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> | <u>Y</u> |
| TRUSTEE SCALES | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |

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| TRUSTEE BARKER | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| TRUSTEE GUZZO | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| TRUSTEE LIDDLE | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| TRUSTEE PARRILLI | <u>A</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>A</u> |
| TRUSTEE PLOWMAN | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| TRUSTEE SCALES | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |

REPORTS

Mayor Nero

- Announced that the Westmont Junior High School Wrestling team is undefeated.
- Westmont Restaurant Week has started. The Chamber will be hosting Restaurant Week and that will run from February 21 - March 1.
- The Village continues to move forward regarding its work on the Strategic Plan. Elected Officials and Department Heads will be meeting in March to discuss ideas and develop long term goals. Stay tuned for updates regarding this important work.

Village Clerk Szymski

- Citizen of the Year Nominations. Please visit the Chamber website at westmontchamber.com to nominate citizens to be considered for the annual Citizen of the Year Award.
- Gave an update on the Village Hall Construction. The front entrance now has an ADA ramp and is accessible. The rear entrance of the building has returned to being for staff use only.

Trustee Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting is in two weeks. The date will be March 5, 2026. The meeting will start at 4:30pm in Village Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

- The Westmont Fire Department will be offering CPR classes in 2026. For more information, visit the Village website.

Trustee Scales

- The remaining Community Development Committee dates are April 16, July 9, & Sept. 17.
- Gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan. Interviews with four selected consultants are occurring this week with an anticipated contract award in early April.
- Announced that we have a new Building and Code Division Manager. This is her second week and we are going strong. Ruthy Harris joins the Village after a long career in Aurora managing an award-winning code division. The Mayor is confident that her presence will be impactful.

Trustee Parilli is absent. Mayor Nero gave the report on her behalf.

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held March 19, 2026.

Trustee Plowman

- Attended the Chamber Open House at Westmont Center. Sampled food that will be featured for Westmont Restaurant Week.
- The Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be held May 14, 2026.
- The Special Olympics Paper Shred event will be held April 18th, 2026.
- Lions Club Spring Fling will be held Memorial Day weekend on West Quincy Street this year. More information can be found at westmont.illinois.gov.

Trustee Liddle

- The Administration and Finance Committee meeting was held this afternoon at 4:30pm.
 - The Village Hall Employee of the Year came up to receive his award.
 - Risk Management was discussed and evaluating the system that we are currently using.
 - Bond Issuance size was discussed
 - Budget vs appropriations
 - Possible new TIF District
 - Parking in the Central TIF District was talked about. There are many parking spaces available.
 - Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn addressed the committee about a new liquor class for arts / crafts businesses so they can offer alcohol during classes.
 - Strategic Planning is scheduled for March 11 - 12.
- The Petpawlooza event will be held at Veterans Memorial Park on May 16th. There are details on the Village website at westmont.illinois.gov
- Spring Window Murals - Businesses can sign up to have their windows painted for spring. This can be accomplished by visiting westmontevents.com

Trustee Barker

- The next Environmental Improvement Committee meeting will be March 2, 2026.
- Electronics and More Recycling Event will be April 4, 2026 in front of Village Hall. Details are posted to the website.
- Details for the Dark Sky Grant Program have been released. Please visit the website to sign up.

- Residents can sign up through the Village website to receive up to 3 free seedlings on Arbor Day, April 24th, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2026 BOND ISSUANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Board to conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed issuance by the Village of Westmont not to exceed \$35,000,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) to finance certain capital-related improvements in the Village.

- **The Mayor called the Public Hearing to order at 6:12pm.**
- Finance Director Altic was asked to go through the public hearing.
- This public hearing is being held pursuant to the requirements of Section 10 and 20 of the bond issue notification Act of the State of IL as amended otherwise known as BINA. The notice of this hearing was published on January 29th in a newspaper of general circulations within the Village.
- The proceeds of the bond will be issued to finance various capital related projects included but not limited to the new fire station, improvements to the water system of the Village and to pay for related bond issuance costs. Bonds will be issued by the Village in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois as amended and shall constitute a general obligation of the Village Payable from ad delirium taxes.
- Residents, taxpayers, and other interested persons shall be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the purpose plan of financing the issuance of the bonds and the purpose of issuance of the bonds.
- The bonds will be used for the construction and replacement of the fire department headquarters on the south end of town, as well as fund a public works cold storage facility. The bonds also include a couple of water projects, such as water main replacements for the streets of North Park, Chicago Ave, and Willard Street. This will also go to cover some water plant rehabilitation improvements such as new pumps, generators, and system controller replacements.
- These bonds are being paid for from sales tax that's already in existence. This is the additional 1.5% non-home rule sales tax passed last year.
- The bond parameters are as follows: 20 year term and the Village will make an interest payment as early as possible to be able to save on the back end of some interest costs, which will save us \$650,000 in the back end of being able to pay a principal payment as early as we can with this future bond deal.
- Mayor Nero asked if there was anyone with written comments. There were none.
- Mayor Nero asked if there were any residents, taxpayers, or other interested parties present who would like to express their views for or against the proposed bonds. There were none.
- **Mayor Nero closed the Public Hearing at 6:17pm.**

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 **February 5, 2026**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance # 4

\$ 2,454,909.47

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

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| Meade, Inc. | \$ 121,200.00 |
| DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau | 36,345.54 |
| Baxter & Woodman Inc. | 65,000.00 |
| Safe Step LLC | 100,000.00 |
| Midwest 911 Inc. | 28,265.75 |
| Total of Purchase Orders | \$ 350,811.29 |

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDER(S) AND FINANCE ORDINANCE(S): **\$ 2,805,720.76**

(E) COMMUNITY EVENTS

1. 2026 WESTMONT CRUISIN' NIGHTS & STREET FAIR

Board to consider an ordinance approving the following requests from the Westmont Special Events Corporation for their 2026 Cruisin' Nights and Street Fair events:

- a. Tent Permit Fee Waiver
- b. Live Amplified Sound Permit for event hours
- c. Street and Public Right of Way Closures

2. 2026 TASTE OF WESTMONT

Board to consider an ordinance approving the following requests from the Westmont Special Events Corporation for the 2026 Taste of Westmont event:

- a. Special Event Liquor License Fee Waiver
- b. Amusement License Fee Waiver
- c. Tent Permit Fee Waiver
- d. Live Amplified Sound Permit for event hours
- e. Street and Public Right of Way Closures

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, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

(2) MAYOR'S PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Community Development Director Hennerfeind and Mr. Dan Charleston addressed the Village Board.

Motion by **Trustee Plowman** to consider a motion confirming the Mayor's appointment of Dan Charleston to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

(3) MAYOR'S POLICE PENSION TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Finance Director Altic addressed the Village Board

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider a motion confirming the Mayor's reappointment of John Saksa to the Police Pension Board of Trustees

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

(4) FMC NATATORIUM GRANT REQUEST - 2025 WORLD CUP

Assistant Village Manager Parker addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to Board to consider a motion awarding a Hotel/Motel Grant in the amount of \$83,202.46 to the FMC Natatorium for the World Aquatic World Cup event.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

(5-A) 306 N CASS AVE - MULTI-UNIT BUILDING - VARIOUS ZONING ENTITLEMENTS

Community Development Director Hennerfeind and Michael Gatto addressed the Village Board on this item.

Public Comment:

Laurel Rugen - Had concerns about the size of the development.

Bonnie Waymendon - concerned about setback accommodations.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to amend Section 6B of the ordinance to require fencing and landscaping along the fenceline to be approved by the Community Development Director for this project located at 306 North Cass Avenue, Westmont, Illinois, 60559.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5-A

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

(5-B) 306 N CASS AVE - MULTI-UNIT BUILDING - VARIOUS ZONING ENTITLEMENTS

Community Development Director Hennerfeind and Michael Gatto addressed the Village Board on this item.

Original motion as amended by **Trustee Barker** for the Board to consider an ordinance approving requests from Compagno LLC (Petitioner), and 2 W Naperville Road, LLC (owner), for the property at 306 North Cass Avenue, Westmont, Illinois, 60559, for the following:

1. Preliminary Plan of Subdivision to consolidate five (5) lots into one (1) lot
2. Zoning Ordinance Variance to the minimum front yard setback in the R-General Residential District
3. Zoning Ordinance Variance to the minimum lot area per dwelling unit in the R-4 General Residential District
4. Zoning Ordinance Variance to the minimum outdoor open space in the R-4 General Residential District
5. Major Site Plan
6. Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment to rezone three (3) of the five (5) total parcels of the subject property from R-3 Single-Unit Residential District to R-4 General Residential District so that all parcels in the proposed development are uniformly zoned.

Seconded by **Trustee Scales** and the original motion as amended passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #5-B

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

(6) ZONING ORDINANCE MAINTENANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS

Community Development Director Hennerfeind addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to Board to consider an ordinance approving a request from the Village of Westmont regarding maintenance Zoning Ordinance text amendments to Chapter 95 – Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances, for miscellaneous modifications to grammar and formatting, as well as amendments to definitions, use permissions, development standards, planning processes, and other zoning regulations.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

(7) REGULATIONS FOR E-BIKES, E-SCOOTERS, AND OTHER E-MOTO DEVICES

Deputy Chief Thompson addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to Board to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 1 and Chapter 78 of the Westmont Code of Ordinances to adopt definitions and regulations for E-bikes, E-scooters, and other electric mobility devices.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

(8) EXERCISE OF OPTION YEAR 2- CYCLIC PARKWAY TREE PRUNING

Public Works Director Ries addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to Board to consider an ordinance authorizing the Village to exercise the second option year of the contract with Winkler Services, LLC for the Cyclic Parkway Tree Pruning Program.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

(9) TELECOMMUNICATIONS TEXT AMENDMENT AND REDUCTION

Assistant Manager Parker and Finance Director Altic addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Plowman** to Board to consider an ordinance amending Chapters 74 and 77 of the Village Code of Ordinances to provide for a Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax and reduce the total tax.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

(10) TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX REDUCTION

Mayor Nero addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Plowman** to Board to consider an ordinance changing the Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax from 6% to 5%.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #10

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Guzzo announced that a fish fry will be held at Knights of Columbus starting (February 20th) from 5 pm - 8 pm that runs through Good Friday.

(11) ADJOURNMENT - 7:07 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #11

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:07 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymiski, Village Clerk

Steven T. Nero, Mayor

Dated this 5th day of March, 2026