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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, March 19, 2026

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

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Mayor Nero	<u>P</u>	Clerk A. Szymski	<u>P</u>
TRUSTEES:	Barker	<u>P</u>	Parrilli	<u>P</u>
	Guzzo	<u>P</u>	Plowman	<u>P</u>
	Liddle	<u>P</u>	Scales	<u>P</u>

STAFF:

Gunther (Village Manager)	<u>A</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>P</u>	D.C. Thompson (Police Department)	<u>A</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>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:

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Westmont Chamber President: P

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Nero welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

- Laura Vasilauskas, 57 W of Cass - Submitted a formal complaint regarding 57th Street West of Cass Avenue (a private drive) regarding the following: 1) inadequate turning radius of emergency access, refuse trucks, and postal services vehicles. 2) Parking

stalls and layouts for multi-unit residences 3) garbage containers not maintained or located in compliance with Village requirements. 4) The roadway has not been properly maintained and it is in a deteriorated condition. 5) Commercial vehicles are parked on the grass areas. Requests that a formal inspection of the property and surrounding areas be conducted. Coordination between Code enforcement, Planning & Zoning and Public Works to provide written determination of all applicable code violations with compliance deadlines.

- Laurel Rugen, 513 N Grant Street - Has inquiry about what project is going on in her area. The utilities are being marked out and wants to know if there will be digging on her street.

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>	<u>9</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>	<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>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</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>	<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>
	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>							
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>							
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>							
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>							
TRUSTEE PARRILLI	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>							
TRUSTEE PLOWMAN	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>							
TRUSTEE SCALES	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>							

REPORTS

Mayor Nero

- Congratulations to the CUSD 201 Westmont Junior High Panthers Wrestling Team. They are state champions.
- Congratulations to the D60 Westview Hills Middle School Chess Team who are the ISA state champions.
- State of the Village will take place on May 20th at BAMTheatre. More information is forthcoming.
- The Village will soon be publishing some updated information regarding downtown parking opportunities as well as a plan to possibly institute a temporary village-sponsored valet service while the Cass and Burlington parking lot is

affected due to construction.

Village Clerk Szymski

- Village Hall will be closed April 3rd and May 25th.
- A recent news release was published regarding Block Party Applications. Please check the website for more details.
- Chamber Community Awards Dinners is April 27. Tickets are available through the Chamber website: westmontchamber.com

Trustee Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting is May 28th, 4:30pm in Village Hall and everyone is invited to attend.
- The Fire Department will vacate the facility at 6015 S. Cass location in early April and move to their temporary engine and fire personnel facility to 328 S. Wilmette. The Fire Department administration will have a temporary location at 39 E. Burlington.
- The Knights of Columbus has their fish fry at 25 N. Cass Ave from 5 - 8pm every Friday during the Lenten season.

Trustee Scales

- The remaining Community Development Committee dates are April 16, July 9, & Sept. 17.
- The next Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for April 8th at 6pm.

Trustee Parilli

- The next Public Works Committee meeting was held earlier today. Recap of the meeting:
 - The Annual 2025 Report was reviewed.
 - The Public Works Employee of the Year was Jesse Raap.
 - There were 8 projects in 2025 that were completed.
 - We have 11 ongoing and upcoming projects in 2026, such as: North Water Tower, Watermain replacement, water treatment plant, ComEd relocation, roadway reconstruction, alley reconstructions, pavement preservations, etc.
- Volunteers are needed for the River Sweep which will be held on April 18th. Residents can sign up online by April 5th.
- Brush, Yard Waste & Compost Programs will resume April 6.
- Free leaf pick up will be the week of April 6 - 10th. Please see the website for complete details.
- Construction projects can be found on the Village website for the most current updates.
- Adopt-a-Planter program has begun. Residents, businesses, and organizations can sign up for the program online on the Village website.

Trustee Plowman

- The Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be held May 14, 2026 in Village Hall.
- The Village is addressing the E-Bike and E-Scooter safety issues. The program is scheduled for March 25th at 500 N. Cass Avenue, at 6:30pm.
- The Village has created a webpage pertaining to e-bikes and e-scooters for information. That can be found at westmont.illinois.gov/e-bikes.
- *Special Olympics Paper Shred event* will be held April 18th, 2026.
- Drug take-back day will be April 25th at Mariano's and at 500 N. Cass Ave.

Trustee Liddle

- The Administration and Finance Committee meeting will be held April 2, 4:30pm, at Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- *Petpawlooza Pet of the Week contest* - 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 held at Veterans Memorial Park on May 16th. 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 Monday, April 6, 2026.
- Electronics and More Recycling Event will be Saturday, April 4, 2026 in front of Village Hall. Details are posted to the website.
- We have a *Protect Our Pollinators Program* that is up and running. Please visit the website to sign up. The monarch butterfly population that hibernates within certain regions of Mexico went up 65%.
- Details for the 2026 Dark Sky Grant program have been released. Please visit the website for more details. Mentioned that the City of Chicago is turning down lights or blocking their lights after 11:00pm to prevent migratory birds from crashing into tall buildings.
- *Tree Seedling Giveaway* - Residents can sign up through the Village website to receive up to 3 free seedlings on Arbor Day, April 24th, 2026.
- There is a call for artists for the Vision and Vibe Fest that happens in September at Veterans Memorial Park. It's a free event and it's about the arts and music.

PUBLIC HEARING: APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2026

Board to conduct a public hearing for the 1/1/2026-12/31/2026 Fiscal Year Appropriation Ordinance.

- Finance Director Altic was asked to go through the public hearing.
- The total Village wide appropriations ordinance is \$189,967,439. This includes other entities, such as the Police Pension Fund, the Fire Pension Fund, and the Westmont Library. The Village's share is \$179,487,230.
- The appropriations ordinance is statutorily required and must be passed by March of each year. This allows for administrative flexibility beyond the budget. This is to account for unforeseen scenarios, such as weather events.
- The Village staff must follow procurement guidelines. Purchases / Contracts over \$25,000 will still go before the Village Board. The appropriations ordinance *does not* circumvent any control processes that we have in place.
- There were no comments from the public.
- **Mayor Nero closed the Public Hearing at 6:22pm.**

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

- No items to be removed from the consent agenda.

(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:

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

(A) VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes

- Board to consider approving the following:
 - Minutes of the Village Board held on **March 5, 2026**
 - Minutes of the Village Board Strategic Plan Workshop held **March 11, 2026**
 - Minutes of the Village Board Strategic Plan Workshop held **March 12, 2026**

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance # 6

\$ 1,969,384.25

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS: None

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDER(S) AND FINANCE ORDINANCE(S): \$ 1,969,384.25

(E) PROCLAMATION - BALES LUMBER & SUPPLY, INC. / ACE HARDWARE

Board to consider a proclamation honoring Bales Lumber & Supply, Inc., Ace Hardware.

- Stanley Bales, Jr. addressed the Village Board. He thanked the wonderful staff, multi-generational customers. He is grateful to the local businesses and churches that have supported the business. He thanked the Village of Westmont and Community School Districts for their support.
- Stanley Bales, Sr. addressed the Village Board and he talked about the history of the family business. He expressed his appreciation to the Village.
- The Mayor presented a key to the Village of Westmont to the Bales family.

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 - None

NEW BUSINESS

(2) CLOVERS GARDEN CENTER - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - SEASONAL OUTDOOR RETAIL

Community Development Director Hennerfeind addressed the Village Board.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a request from Clovers Garden Center LLC, d/b/a Clovers Garden Center (Petitioner), and Suburbanite Bowl, Inc., and Downers Grove National Trust 76-28 (Owners), for the properties at 201 and 209 West Ogden Avenue, Westmont, Illinois, 60559, for the following:

1. Special Use Permit to operate an Outdoor Retail Sales business (seasonal outdoor garden center) in the B-2 General Business District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) SOUTH FIRE STATION HEADQUARTERS ZONING ENTITLEMENTS

Community Development Director Hennerfeind and Deputy Fire Chief Frank addressed the Village Board

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving requests from the Village of Westmont for the properties at 6015 South Cass Avenue, 6101 South Cass Avenue, and 1000 Beninford Lane, Westmont, Illinois, 60559, for the following:

1. Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment from General Commercial and Parks/Open Space to Public/Semi Public;
2. Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment to rezone the properties from the R-3 Single-Unit Residential District, the R-4 General Residential District, and the C-1 Commercial District to the P/I Public and Institutional District;
3. Preliminary Plan and Final Plat of Subdivision to consolidate four (4) lots into one (1) lot;
4. Zoning Ordinance Variance to the maximum size, fuel type, and location of an Emergency Generator;
5. Major Site Plan.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE VILLAGE'S FISCAL YEAR 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026

Finance Director Altic addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to Board to consider an ordinance adopting the 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026 fiscal year appropriation ordinance.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) INTENT-TO-REIMBURSE RESOLUTION

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

Motion by **Trustee Plowman** to consider a resolution expressing intent regarding expenditures to be reimbursed from Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(6) PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Assistant Village Manager Parker, Brian Krajewski, and Community Development Director Hennerfeind addressed the Village Board on this item.

Public Comment:

Tammy Deck, owner of TLD Design Center & Gallery at 26 E Quincy Street: She is very grateful to Bales Hardware for being good landlords. She is inviting different organizations, such as the Creative Arts Network, the Chamber of Commerce, etc. to help her reimagine a new space now that she must vacate. Currently has an art show at her gallery. She is open Wed - Sat. 11:00am - 6:00pm.

Motion by **Trustee Plowman** for the Board to consider an ordinance approving a real estate agreement for the purchase of property located at 20 E. Quincy Street, Westmont, Illinois.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: Parrilli

Absent: None

(7) IRMA WITHDRAWAL RESOLUTIONS 2026

Human Resources Director Brainerd addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Scalles** to consider a motion approving a Resolution authorizing the Village to issue a Withdrawal Notice to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency ("IRMA").

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(8) SPECIAL COUNSEL APPOINTMENT

Attorney Zemenak addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider a motion confirming the Mayor's appointment of special counsel to the Village for labor relations matters.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(9) SURPLUS PROPERTY - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

Motion by **Trustee Scales** to consider an ordinance to declare outdated, unused items from the Fleet Division of the Public Works Department as surplus.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(10) 2026 ZONING MAP

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** for the Board to consider an ordinance approving the revised Zoning Map dated March 10, 2026 as the official 2026 Zoning Map for the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #10

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS

- None

(11) ADJOURNMENT - 7:26 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #11

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:26 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymski, Village Clerk

Steven T. Nero, Mayor

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2026