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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, May 14, 2026**

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

**WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Mayor Nero	<u>P</u>	Clerk A. Szymiski	<u>A</u>
<b>TRUSTEES:</b>	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:**

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

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**VOTING KEY:**      **A=ABSENT**              **AB=ABSTAIN**              **N=NO**      **W=Withdrawn**  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

	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<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>
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<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>
TRUSTEE PLOWMAN	<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>

**REPORTS**

**Mayor Nero**

- The State of the Village presentation will be May 20th at BAMTheatre, 520 N Cass at 8am. Please RSVP thru the Chamber website - [westmontchamber.com](http://westmontchamber.com). There is no charge for this event.
- The annual Memorial Day Parade is Monday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m. in downtown Westmont. The parade will travel south on Cass Avenue through downtown Westmont before heading east on Richmond Street and ending at Veterans Memorial Park, 75 E. Richmond, for a Memorial Day Ceremony.
- Race to the Flag is scheduled for Sunday, May 24 - Info. and sign up is on the Race To The Flag website - [racetotheflag.org](http://racetotheflag.org). The Park District Co-ops with the Race to the Flag coordinators. It is a wonderful event.

**Deputy Clerk Richards**

- Village Hall will be closed May 25th and June 19, 2026.

**Trustee Guzzo**

- The Fire Public Safety Committee meeting is on June 11, 2026 at Village Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Invited everyone to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Westmont Fire Department facility on Tuesday, May 26th, 8am, at 6015 S. Cass Ave

**Trustee Scales**

- The next Community Development Committee meetings will be July 9 & September 17.
- Downtown rezoning notifications are up in and around downtown announcing the upcoming rezonings. A public hearing will be held at Village Hall on June 10th during the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.
- The Planning and Zoning meeting will be at Village Hall, June 10th, at 6pm. Information regarding this meeting can be found on our Village website or you can scan the QR code on the public signs.

### **Trustee Parrilli**

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be May 28th, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Construction season is here and residents are reminded that they can look up construction project information on the village website for the most current updates.
- E. Burlington Construction Update - Work on this project is expected to resume next week. Updates will be posted on the village website.
- Tree Planting Incentive - This program will reimburse residents for the cost of planting qualified trees up to a maximum of \$599.00 per year. Reimbursable costs include: tree purchase, delivery, planting, and initial care for the tree such as mulching and watering. More information is on the village website.

### **Trustee Plowman**

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be August 6, 2026.
- Awards were given to 3 officers regarding a felony retail theft: Officer Kozielski, Officer Eisenbeis, Officer Arndt.
- 4 residents received a life saving award for pulling an unconscious man off of the tracks 30 seconds before a train arrived. Those 4 individuals are as follows: Greg Compton, Rosendo Valazco, Lemuel Reyes, and John Paul Alexander.
- Talked about a retail theft of Wrestlemania chairs that happened at Park's Vintage. Due to cameras that were around in the area, our Police force was able to crack the case. Cameras and license plate readers are important to have around town.
- Residents can go online and register their cameras with the S.A.F.E.R. Program. This is a voluntary program that can help to better serve our community. This allows the Police to access the cameras to assist with police work.
- The Police Department has been busy with events such as, Paper Shredding, Drug Take Back, Police Appreciation Day, Citizens Police Academy Picnic, Car Show, etc.
- The Police Department came up with yard signs for residents who are sensitive to fireworks, such as veterans and animals. They can be picked up at the Police Department.
- Cop on a Rooftop is tomorrow morning. This is a fundraiser for the Special Olympics and it is between 5am - 12pm. For those that can not make it, there is a link online to donate.
- Lions Spring Fling Event will be in two weeks. The event will be right outside of Village Hall on Quincy Street. The event will be May 21 - 24. Volunteers are needed for Sunday. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please go to [westmontlionsfoundation.org](http://westmontlionsfoundation.org)

### **Trustee Liddle**

- The next Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be June 25th, 4:30pm, at Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Petpawpalooza is this Saturday, May 16, 10am - 2pm at Veterans Memorial Park. Bring your feathered or furry friend down for lots of fun pet related activities.
- Westmont Cruisin' Nights starts June 4 and there will be 12 events every Thursday through August. Westmont Special Events Corporation posted new themes, including All Village Vehicle Night on June 18.
- Taste of Westmont will be July 9 - 12th and there are many volunteer opportunities. More details can be found on [westmontevents.com](http://westmontevents.com)

- Businesses can sign up to have summer themed window murals to be painted on their windows. Sign up can be found on westmontevents.com

**Trustee Barker**

- The Environmental Improvement Committee has been scheduled for June 8th.
- The Dark Sky Grants are still available for residents and businesses. Information is on the Village website.
- Vision and Vibe is scheduled for September 12-13. There is a call for artists to get involved. Information is also on the website.

**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 following:
  - Minutes of the Village Board held on **April 30, 2026**.

**Executive Session Minutes**

- Board to consider a motion to accept, approve and release the following Executive Session minutes with the exceptions as noted:

Meeting Date	Exception Paragraph #
June 29, 2023	Paragraph 3, 4, 5
November 30, 2023	Paragraph 3, 4
March 21, 2024	
June 26, 2025	
October 30, 2025	
January 22, 2026	Paragraph 2

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE**

- Finance Ordinance # 10 **\$ 2,993,796.50**

**(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:**

West Central Municipal Conference	<b>\$ 89,397.55</b>
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**(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDER(S) AND FINANCE ORDINANCE(S): **\$3,083,194.05****

**(E) HOTEL / MOTEL GRANTS - WESTMONT PARK DISTRICT**

Board to consider motion awarding six (6) hotel/motel grants to the Westmont Park District totaling \$15,975. The six grants consists of the following:

1. American Legion Memorial Day Parade (grant request: \$750)
2. 4th of July Celebration (grant request: \$2,725)
3. Performing Arts Musical (grant request: \$2,500)
4. Holly Days (grant request: \$5,000)
5. Haunted Forest (grant request: \$2,500)
6. Concerts in the Park (grant request: \$2,500)

**(F) PROCLAMATION - MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH**

Board to consider approving a proclamation declaring the month of May 2026 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the Village of Westmont.

**(G) PROCLAMATION - EMS WEEK**

Board to consider approving a proclamation declaring May 17-23, 2026 as EMS Week in the Village of Westmont.

**(H) PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

Board to consider approving a proclamation declaring May 17-23, 2026 as National Public Works Week in the Village of Westmont.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider the consent agenda.  
Seconded by **Trustee Scales** 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) INCREASE IN CLASS 26 LIQUOR LICENSE BY ONE**

**Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn and Jennifer Cafferty** addressed the Village Board.

Motion by **Trustee Plowman** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class 26 liquor licenses by one (1) Jennifer Cafferty d/b/a 111 Elm Workshop and Store, 17 North Cass Avenue, Westmont, Illinois

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #2**

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**(3) 2026 PERMIT HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**Community Development Director Hennerfiend** addressed the Village Board

Motion by **Trustee Plowman** to consider an ordinance approving the 2026 Permit Holiday Program involving the temporary waiver of \$100.00 online building permit application fees for certain improvement projects in September and October 2026.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #3**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- None

**(4) ADJOURNMENT - 6:30 pm**

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

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #4**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Amanda Szymiski, Village Clerk

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Steven T. Nero, Mayor

Dated this 28th day of May, 2026