



Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, August 6, 2026

Mayor Nero called the meeting to order at **6:05 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 A Scales P

STAFF:

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

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:

Susan Steinmiller, 1012 S Williams St. #3:

- Looking for endorsement for the 708 Mental Health Board Referendum and would like to see it on a board agenda.
- Addressed the outstanding issues regarding the Forest Preserve Golf Course.

- Would like more money to be allocated to the golf course in Westmont.
- Thank the Westmont Police Department and Westmont Fire Department for a fantastic National Night Out. Addressed ideas to the board.

Ron Gunter, 209 E Dallas: Spoke about the history of Forest Preserve Golf Course.

Susie Wayt, 508 65th Street: Advocating for her parents who live on the same street. Has an issue putting in sidewalks because removing the trees and brambles there will remove the natural privacy.

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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

REPORTS

Mayor Nero

- **Frank Rogers 99th Birthday** - The board acknowledged Mayor Nero's grandfather's birthday. Mayor Nero handed out a key to the Village in honor of Frank Rogers' 99th birthday. Thanked Patty Mielcarski for helping put things together and having it framed. The Mayor read the proclamation honoring his grandfather.
- **Mayor Gunter** - Retired Mayor Gunter's photo will be unveiled with the other photos of previous mayors. Deputy Mayor Gunter spoke at the podium and expressed his gratitude. He has served the community for nearly 50 years.
- **Faces behind Dementia Exhibit** - These photos, featuring area residents who have dementia were taken by Westmont Village Manager Jim Gunther. Each portrait is accompanied by a brief story of the person highlighted in the photograph. Photos are located at the Westmont Public Library.

- **Chicago Bears Offensive Lineman:** Westmont was the home of the oldest living Chicago Bears player. Offensive lineman in '57 and '59 John Damore lived in Westmont. Unfortunately, he passed away today (August 4, 2026).

Clerk Szymski

- **The Annual Westmont Community Garage Sales** - Coordinated by the WSEC (Westmont Special Events Corporation) organization are this weekend, August 7th, 8th and 9th. Details on the Village website.

Trustee Guzzo

- **The Fire Public Safety Committee Meeting** - The meeting will be November 12th, 4:30pm at Village Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.
- **CPR and AED Training** - The first two classes will be August 20th. More information and to sign up is on the Village website.
- **National Night Out** - Kudos to the PD and everyone participated in National Night Out. It was a wonderful evening. The weather was perfect.

Trustee Scales

- **Community Development Committee Meeting** - The meeting will be September 17, 2026.
- **Permit Fee Waiver Program** - September 1st through October 31st. This program will apply to Online Express only. You can go to the Village website for complete details.
- **Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting** - Schedule for August 12th, 6:00 pm at Village Hall.

Trustee Parrilli

- **Public Works Committee Meeting** - The next meeting will be scheduled for August 20th.
- **Des Moines Street Reconstruction** - The preconstruction was held this week and the construction is scheduled to start the week of August 24th. Any of the affected residents will receive a direct notification.

Trustee Plowman

- **Police Public Safety Committee Meeting** - Today we held our Police Public Safety Committee meeting. The next one is for October 1st.
- Gave a recap from today's Police Public Safety Committee meeting:
 - We went over the staffing for the Police Department. We're still three officers short. We have three officers in training that'll be available in a couple of weeks. We have one new and will begin. Two will be graduating on 8/14. The biggest news that I thought of the most promising news is that we do have a school resource officer that will start in January.
 - Fire and Police Kids Camp was held for two days and they had 22 participants.
 - National Night Out was a great success, it's always a wonderful event where the whole community gets together. This is a good way to know the police officers in Westmont.
 - There is a fundraiser for Special Olympics at Uncle Bub's on August 18, 2026.
 - There is also a golf outing coming up for a Special Olympics fundraiser and they

are still looking for participants.

- **Citizen's Police Academy** - Will be September 23rd through November 11th. Details are online.
- There will be a Special Olympics recycling event on October 3rd.
- October 24th is the drug takeback day.
- Flock cameras were discussed at the committee meeting. They are controversial right now and a report was given on the benefit of having them in communities.
- Residential Sprinkler System requirements were mentioned and that will be discussed in the future.
- Lot coverage was also discussed.

Trustee Liddle was absent, her report was given by Mayor Nero

- The Administration Finance Committee Meeting will be held September 3rd.
- **Luge Tryouts** - USA Luge will return to Westmont on Sunday, August 16th as a part of their Midwest Sliders Search in an effort to meet and recruit Olympic hopefuls. Please visit the Village website on how you can sign up. Junior Olympian from Westmont Zola Andonopoulos will compete in the Luge World Cup 2027, representing Team USA in the Luge World Cup.

Trustee Barker

- **Environmental Improvement Committee Meeting** - The committee will meet again September 8th.
- **Vision & Vibe Fest** - September 12th and 13th. There are a few more things being added. It will be held at Veterans Park and it is free to attend.
- **Electronics Recycling Event** - August 29th, the event will run from 8 a.m - 12 p.m in the commuter parking lot across from Westmont Village Hall. Many items are collected free of charge, however some items require a fee. Please see the Village website for complete details.

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 **July 23, 2026**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

- Finance Ordinance # 16 **\$ 3,356,334.89**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

There were no purchase orders.

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDER(S) AND FINANCE ORDINANCE(S): **\$3,356,334.89**

(E) REDUCE THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE CLASS 3 LIQUOR LICENSES

Board to consider an ordinance reducing the number of available Class 3 liquor licenses by one (1) due to the sale of Chan's Corporation, d/b/a Golden Bowl Restaurant 6313 South Fairview Avenue, Westmont, Illinois.

(F) REDUCE THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE CLASS 20 LIQUOR LICENSES

Board to consider an ordinance reducing the number of available Class 20 liquor licenses by one (1) due to the change of operation by Whiskey Hill Brewing Company d/b/a Whiskey Hill Brewing Company, 1115 Zygmunt Circle, Westmont, Illinois.

(G) 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 of Korean Garden Restaurant, 204 North Cass Avenue, Westmont, IL by DUK HWAN Corporation.

(H) REDUCE THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE CLASS 4 AND CLASS 23 LIQUOR LICENSES

Board to consider an ordinance reducing the number of available Class 2 liquor licenses by one (1) and the number of available Class 23 liquor licenses by one (1) due to the closure of GK Margie's, Inc, d/b/a Margie's Beef & Gyros, 6410 South Cass Avenue, Westmont, Illinois.

Motion by **Trustee Scales** to approve the consent agenda.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Liddle

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

(2) SURPLUS PROPERTY - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Riley addressed the Village Board.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance to declare an upright tool box that has broken and is unusable as surplus property to allow for removal from the Village inventory.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Liddle

(3) COMMERCIAL TIF RELOCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Assistant Village Manager Parker addressed the Village Board.

Public Comment:

Tammy Deck from TLD Design stated that the program would be a wonderful help and would like to stay in Westmont.

Motion by **Trustee Plowman** consider an ordinance adopting a Commercial TIF Relocation Grant Program.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Liddle

MISCELLANEOUS

- None

(4) REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - at 6:50 p.m

Mayor Nero requested a motion to adjourn to Executive session to discuss setting the price for the sale of property owned by the Village pursuant to section 2(c)(6) of the open meetings act.

Motion made by **Trustee Scales**

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Liddle

(5) ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board to consider a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm

Motion made by **Trustee Plowman**

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Liddle

(6) ADJOURNMENT - 7:45 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Liddle

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymiski, Village Clerk

Steven T. Nero, Mayor

Dated this 20th day of August, 2026