

Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, December 15, 2022.**

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

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Gunter P Clerk Szymiski P

TRUSTEES: Barker P Simonovich A
Brady P Guzzo P
Liddle P Nero P

STAFF:

May <u>P</u> (Village Manager)	Parker <u>P</u> (Assistant Manager)	Sylvester <u>P</u> (Community Dev. Director)
Brainerd <u>P</u> (H.R. Director)	McIntyre <u>P</u> (Communications Director)	Liljeberg <u>P</u> (I.T. Manager)
Chief Gunther <u>P</u> (Police Dept.)	Dep Chief Thompson <u>A</u> (Police Dept.)	Dep Chief Gruen <u>A</u> (Police Dept.)
Chief Riley <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	Dep Chief O'Hare <u>A</u> (Fire Dept.)	Mulhearn <u>A</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)
Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Administration Supervisor)	Cunningham <u>P</u> (Finance Director)	Ries <u>P</u> (Public Works Director)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Carrara A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:

Bugle A

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR: Forssberg - P

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

OPEN FORUM:

No open forum.

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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 BRADY	<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 NERO	<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 SIMONOVICH	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>
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TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>							
TRUSTEE BRADY	<u>Y</u>							
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>Y</u>							
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>							
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>							
TRUSTEE SIMONOVICH	<u>A</u>							

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Reported on the Holly Days Opening and Parade. Congratulations to everyone who participated.
- A comprehensive economic development update has been published on the Village website including completed projects from this past year as well as promoting projects scheduled for 2023.
- Westmont Restaurant Week will be January 19 - 29. The Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau has announced its 7th Annual Westmont Restaurant Week to be held January 19 -29, 2023. More info will be published on the Chamber website at westmontchamber.com.
- Congratulations to our Village Manager for becoming a Grandpa.
- Wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Village Clerk Szyski

- Village offices will be closed December 23 & 26 and January 2. Please see the village website for details and when recycling & garbage pick-ups will be delayed.
- Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Trustee Nero

- Recapped the Public Works Committee Meeting that was held prior to the Village Board Meeting.

- Gave an update on the Lead Water Service Line Inventory. Over the winter Village Staff will be developing a lead service line inventory in accordance with the IEPA regulations. Affected residents will be contacted by mail regarding this and a visual inspection of their water service would take place after that. If your home was built after 1986 more than likely your home will not be affected.
- Went over some information on the Dark Skies Program and the lighting that is needed to adhere to those guidelines.
- There will be a permanent restoration of the streetlights on Pasquinelli Drive in about 6 months.
- Gateway signs have been approved. Hopefully we will see those signs start to appear in early spring.
- East Des Moines and South Richmond Water Main service transfers and disconnection are underway and work will continue through the winter as weather permits.
- 300 tip hazards have been identified in Deer Creek and will be ground down to make sure that the sidewalks are smooth.
- There will be 100 trees in the winter and a pruning contract was signed for 3000 trees.
- Westmont has a dedicated stormwater fund. 200 Feet of storm sewer line was cleaned out on North Park Street, 500 feet of ditch grade and 317 feet of new culvert pipe was installed, 4000 feet of sewer jetting was performed in-house with the new Vector Truck. 90 catch basins were cleaned out.
- 14 vehicles were auctioned off which means that the Village will be receiving \$104,000.
- Over 300 cars attended the recycling event on December 3rd, which was a collaboration between EIC, Public Works, eWorks and DuPage County. 14,200 pounds of electronics and 1300 pounds of textiles were collected. The next recycle event will be January 21st at the Public Works Facility. This event will include styrofoam, aerosol cans, household batteries, latex paint, car seats, and 1 pound camping propane tanks.
- Holiday Tree Collection will begin Jan 3 - 14. They will be collected on regular garbage pick-up day.
- Happy Holidays to Everyone.
- The Holly Days Parade and Tree Lighting was great. Special thanks to the Public Works Department and Park District for their hard work. It was great to see everybody there.

Trustee Barker

- The Environmental Improvement Committee will meet January 9, 5:30pm at Village Hall.
- Currently the Village is working with Elgin Recycling to provide holiday lights recycling. Drop off locations are set up at the Westmont Public Library and the Fire Department - South Fire Station. The program continues through January 31.

- Currently there is a Green Business and Residential Recycling Contest. There is still time to go online to sign up for this program that encourages everyone to share their recycling practices. 4 business winners will receive up to \$250 in free waste hauling and recycling over 2 months, and 4 residential winners will receive 2 months of free waste hauling and recycling.
- Today we published the sign-up info for next year's No Mow event. The only complaint that was received was that people wanted to know about it ahead of time so that they could work out their lawn contracts. Sign up is on the Village website.
- Westmont First will meet again in January on the 17th at 6pm here at Village Hall. The Community Mural Program and the Downtown Westmont performance art series will continue to be discussed.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration Finance Committee meeting will be held January 12th, 2023, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Promoted the Holly Days Home Decorating Contest. You can vote online for your favorite holiday decorated homes. More information can be found at westmontevents.com.
- All the pictures with Santa from the parade are on the Village website now.
- Thanked everyone who was involved with the Creative Arts Network. They celebrated their 1st anniversary of holding classes this past Monday. Over the past year, there were a total of 12 classes with 194 class sign-ups. Next year's classes have been published on westmontevents.com.
- Personally thanked the Public Works Department for all of their efforts with the holiday decorations all over downtown. Trustee Liddle stated that she is very proud to live here.

Trustee Brady

- Thank you to our Code Enforcement staff for resolving a difficult situation where trash had been dumped along the street at 216 East 55th Street. After multiple communications from staff, the property owner finally had the trash removed.
- 329 E 56th Street was approved for demolition and there was a settlement agreement that states the new owner is to demolish the house on the 15th of the month.
 - Trustee Brady stated that the house is still intact.
 - Attorney Zemenak stated that the Village filed litigation over that property to have the house demolished. The property was prepped to be demolished and the demo permit was issued today. Demolition will start tomorrow or early next week.
- Saturday, December 17 is National Wreath Across America. Volunteers will be adding wreaths to the military veterans that have passed away at cemeteries across the United States. Our closest cemetery is Lincoln National Cemetery outside of Joliet. The program starts at 10am but it is advised to arrive at 8am due to traffic impact on infrastructure in that area.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be March 9, 2023, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- Encouraged everyone to keep the wreath red. From December 1st through January 1st, there are wreaths hung up at our Fire Departments with red bulbs. If there is a fire due to holiday decorations a red bulb will be replaced with a white bulb. This program has been going on for many years.
- The Fire Department's 100th Anniversary celebration will be beginning in 2023. Please stay tuned as events are announced.
- She wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season. Happy 2023 and thanked all of our Village staff for everything they do throughout the year for our residents.

Trustee Simonovich's report was given by Mayor Gunter

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be January 26, 2023, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Invited Police Chief Gunther to the podium to talk about this year's effort at fundraising for Special Olympics Illinois.
 - Police Chief Gunther talked about the record breaking year they had in the Police Department with fundraising.
 - Thanked Sergeant Mike Weibler personally because he is our point person. He organizes various organizations within the community.
 - Sergeant Weibler was invited to the podium to give a presentation about the fundraising efforts. He announced that \$25,215.58 was collected for the cause. Thanked Police Chief Gunther, Mayor Gunter, Village Board, Safeway Insurance, Illinois Tree Service, International Autoglass, Costco, King Car Wash, District 201, and everyone who donated at various Westmont events throughout town.
 - Invited two Special Olympics Messengers to the podium and each of them expressed their gratitude.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

No items to be removed from the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this agenda item.

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

(A) BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board to consider approving the minutes for the Village Board meeting held on December 1, 2022.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #17: Dated December 15, 2022 in the amount of

\$ 1,926,948.93

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS

23201664	Tech Standard Solutions LLC	\$ 34,263.24
23201674	Axon Enterprises, Inc.	89,112.24
23201675	T.Y. Lin International Great Lakes Inc.	129,146.00
23201736	Community Unit School District 201	146,172.37
TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS		\$ 398,693.85

D TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$ 2,325,642.78

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

(2) MEDICAL OFFICE - 6320 SOUTH CASS AVENUE - AMENDED SITE PLAN

Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving a request from SARC US, LLC, for an Amended Site and Landscaping Plan at 6320 South Cass Avenue, to construct a medical office in the C-1 Commercial Business District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(3) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR 6104-6154 SOUTH CASS



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Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving an economic development agreement to provide an incentive to the owner of the property at 6104-6154 South Cass for the removal of a blighted building and site preparation for planned redevelopment.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(4) VIDEO GAMING LIQUOR LICENSE AMENDMENTS

Attorney Zemenak addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving amendments to Chapter 10, Section 10-36 of the Village Code of Ordinances regarding Class 22 and Class 23 liquor licenses for video gaming establishments.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(5) B1 / B2 BUSINESS DISTRICTS VIDEO GAMING TEXT AMENDMENT

Attorney Zemenak addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance approving text amendments to Section 7.03 of the Zoning Ordinance to remove video gaming cafes as a special use in the B-2 General Business District and to remove video gaming as a permitted accessory use in the B-1 Limited Business District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich



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(6) 2021 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE LOCAL AMENDMENT MODIFICATION

Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance modifying Section 18-62(20) of the 2021 International Building Code to modify a local amendment regarding requirements for fire resistance ratings.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(7) IGA WITH DUPAGE COUNTY

Fire Chief Riley addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with DuPage County for an Interoperable Radio System for the Westmont Fire Department.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(8) ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT

Public Works Director Ries addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving an Electric Supply Agreement for the purchase of electricity for municipal purposes.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Thanked the two students from Hinsdale Central who came to our Village Board meeting. They were in the audience.
- Village Manager May talked about the meeting dates. The last meeting of the year is



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scheduled for December 29th, but that will be canceled formally at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date.

- Larry Forssberg announced that the Rat Pack is coming back to the Hilton for New Year's Eve. There are tickets available and there are packages available on the Hilton website.
- Larry Forssberg was asked about the water polo event at the FMC Natatorium. The Economic Impact Report will be reviewed soon. The turn out for this event was good and there are discussions to bring that water polo event back.

(9) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to adjourn the meeting at **7:06pm**.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:06 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 12th day of January, 2023