

Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, September 28, 2017.**

Mayor Gunter called the meeting to order at **6:01 P.M.**

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Gunter P Clerk Szymiski P

TRUSTEES: Addington P Barker P
Barry P Guzzo P
Liddle P Nero P

STAFF:

May <u>P</u> (Village Mgr)	Parker <u>P</u> (Finance Director)	Ziegler <u>P</u> (Community Development Director)
Crane <u>A</u> (H.R. Director)	McIntyre <u>P</u> (Communications Director)	Liljeberg <u>P</u> (IT. 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 Weiss <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	Dep. Chief Riley <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	Dep. Chief Connelly <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)
Ramsey <u>P</u> (P.W. Director)	Mulhearn <u>P</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)	Olsen <u>A</u> (Assistant Finance Director)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Perez A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:

Chicago Tribune A Independent: Daniel Smrokowski A
Bugle A

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR: Forssberg - P

VISITORS: None.

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

- Karol Sole, 116 Peach Tree Ln
 - The containers for rubbish and recycling are too large for townhome properties.
- Lucy Pacific, 124 W 67th Street
 - Garbage and recycling container size is an issue with one car garages.

- Smaller 34 gallon can was dropped off and now we found out they are not allowed.

Manager May explained the Waste Management contract, and the need for uniform trash receptacles.

Karol Sole is fairly certain that she has the 65 gallon container. When Downers Grove Township negotiated their waste contract, there was an opt-out.

Mayor Gunter said that staff will look into a solution for a smaller 35 gallon container.

Trustee Barry mentioned that because of workmans comp issues, the can must be picked up mechanically. These things can be insurance driven.

Mayor Gunter said the cans that are provided are at the expense of Waste Management. Now that the issue has been brought to our attention, we will look into a smaller can.

- Yung Chai, 28 Peach Tree Lane
 - Challenges the comment about the insurance issue because he sees Waste Management employees picking up large items all the time.

Mayor Gunter mentioned that the policy change is coming. That is something we have been told by Waste Management.

- Virginia Hurst
 - Interested in how to get lake water to Liberty Park. This is for Lincoln Street.

Manager May said it's possible depending on where you are at, but please talk to our Public Works Director for more information.

Attorney Zemenak mentioned that an annexation would be required.

VOTING KEY:

A=ABSENT
P=PRESENT

AB=ABSTAIN
Y=YES

N=NO W=Withdrawn
V=VACATION

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 ADDINGTON	<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 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 BARRY	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</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>

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Went to the Open House at the Aspired Assisted Living Facility and it is a beautiful building. They are open and there are plenty of activities for people to do. Very much like a resort.

Clerk Szymski

- Agreed with the Mayor. The facility is amazing. They have everything you could possibly want in there. There are still vacancies.
- The business licenses have gone out in the mail.
- The liquor licenses will be sent out after the business licenses.

Trustee Barry

- The EIC has the plant sale going on currently.
- When the gates are down, please do not try to cross the tracks. There was a tragedy in Clarendon Hills at the railroad crossing. Leave 5 minutes earlier, but please do not cross the tracks when the gate is down.

Trustee Guzzo

- The next Finance Committee meeting will be at the Village Hall on Thursday, October 12th at 4:00pm at Village Hall.

Trustee Addington

- Said hello to Mark Pantke.
- Talked about the legislative problems with the State.
- There will be a coffee in November with our local representatives.
- Bill Brady has been selected to be the republican leader in the Senate.

- Lions Club Candy Day is October 13 & 14th. That is the number one fundraiser for the Lions of Illinois.
- Economic Development Committee will meet to tour Magnet-Schultz of America at 401 Plaza Drive on Wednesday, October 4th at 9:00 am. This is a hidden gem of Westmont.

Trustee Nero

- The Fire Department Open House is coming up Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 1pm to 3pm.
- The Silent Parade will be Friday, October 13th starting at 7pm starting in Hinsdale.
- There is a promotion coming out soon on free smoke detectors. If a resident needs a free smoke detector, contact the Fire Department at 630-981-6400. Information can be found on the water bills and Neighbors Magazine.
- Invited Chief Gunther to the podium to discuss the next special events fundraiser.
 - The primary charity that the Westmont Police Department supports is Special Olympics. We have doubled what we have made last year. Our next charitable event will be a Beard-a-thon.
 - Detective Kozelski talked about the Beard-a-thon.
 - Detective Nick Glynn talked about the \$15,000 goal.
 - Chief Gunther talked about the movie, Kelly's Hollywood. This is for our Family Night Out. It will be dinner and a movie. All of the proceeds will go to support Special Olympics.
 - A clip from Kelly's Hollywood was played.
- Thanks to DocuShred who donated their time and equipment for the Shred Event. We raised \$1000 dollars.
- The Police Department had a successful citizens police academy with over 30 participants.
- Special Thanks to Principal Jonak and Assistant Principal Quatrone for the invitation to speak to their students.
- The train station has public wifi.

Trustee Liddle

- Cruisin' Nights and Summer events are over so, please take the survey. Info and the link can be found on the Stanley Jamburger facebook page. We would like to have your opinion.
- Westmont Special Events is hosting three new fall events. One is the Zombie Pub Crawl on Saturday, October 28, 2-6pm. Four of our Westmont Businesses are participating, Walsh's Uptown, DJ's Sports Bar & Grill, and Myths & Legends. Tickets are \$15 per person (must be 21). You can sign up at westmontevents.com
- During Wicked West Fest, WSEC will be hosting a costume contest on October 21, 10:30 - 11:00 am. Contestants should meet at the parking lot near Toon's Funeral Home at Cass and Irving.
- Another new event, Westmont Fall Wine Tasting will take place in a tent in front of Dolce's Restaurant, 15 W Quincy, on October 7, 2-6pm. Tickets could be found on shawmediaevents.com/e/wine2017.
- Wicked West Fest or The Nightmare before Holly Days is the new name of Westmont's fall events, visit the Village Website for details regarding all events.
www.westmont.illinois.gov
- The October 21st events are as follows: Costume Contest, Trick-or-Treat Trail, Pumpkin

Smashing Extravaganza, Caskets on Cass, Scarecrow Contest Awards and more.

- The Park District Events: The Last Straw, October 1, This Sunday at the Gregg House Museum & Haunted Forest, October 21, 2017 at Diane Main Park. Go to the Park District website for more info at westmontparks.org

Trustee Barker

- Westmont First will meet at 6pm on October 16th, at the Westmont Public Library.
- During the Trick-or-Treat Trail and Wicked West Fest, grocery bags will be passed out as part of an effort to support People's Resource Center. We are asking people to fill them up and drop them off at People's Resource Center or other designated locations. One of our drop off days/locations will be during the tree decorating day. People's Resource Center will also take cash donations. They are able to take \$1.00 and through their deals with different organizations are able to get \$4.00 worth of product that they can give people in need. Those folks really need the support we give them.

PUBLIC HEARING

(1)SPECIAL SERVICE AREA - NORTH WESTMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Public Hearing pursuant to the requirements to establish a Special Service Area for properties currently in the North Westmont Fire Protection District.

Public Hearing began 6:42pm

Attorney Zemenak - This is a public hearing required by state statute whenever a municipality wants to establish a special service area. A little over a month ago the Board passed an ordinance of its intent to create a special service area. The next step was to publish notice in the newspaper. That was done September 13th in the Suburban Life, and mail notices to taxpayers of record, essentially within the Liberty Park area that is part of the North Westmont Fire Protection District. There is a 60 day waiting period in which residents can object to this Special Service Area. If sufficient objections are not received, then the Village Board can consider passing an ordinance that establishes the SSA and levy the taxes.

Joe Rada, President of North Westmont Fire Protection District - Thanked the Village of Westmont on behalf of the trustees of the North Westmont Fire Protection District to help get this going in the right direction. Personally thanked Steve May, Attorney Zemenak and Spencer Parker for all of their help and hard work.

From the onset we needed to get this information on to the people. It was published in the paper, and two mailings went out. For the people who did not get back to us, we made a list so that we could further reach out by going door to door and tried to make as much contact as possible. We are in hopes that this continues to go forward.

Chief Weiss - The Village of Westmont and the Westmont Fire Department has been servicing the North Westmont Fire District/ Liberty Park for over 50 years. We've had a relationship with them and they receive the same services as the rest of the residents. We got to a point where we needed to look at people in those areas. We are also looking to do this in the South Westmont Fire Protection District. They need to pay the same rate of pay that the Village of Westmont residents pay. June of this year, the DuPage County Board approved a resolution

directing the Village of Westmont to create a Special Service Area agreement to provide fire and EMS service to portions of unincorporated DuPage County.

There was a townhall meeting held on August 23rd, 2017 here at the Village Board for any residents that had questions. Three residents were in attendance. We did discuss some key points. We were granted permission from DuPage County to create a special service agreement with North Westmont District to fund fire and ambulance service for people in the unincorporated areas. There is a shortfall of about \$60,000 per year and municipal residents are subsidizing service costs in unincorporated areas. We have worked out a 5 year recommendation to increase those rates over that time period. Over 60% of the residents in that area agreed to establish the SSA.

This will eliminate expenses of \$10,000 a year that are incurred by the North Westmont Fire District Board. Underneath the agreement we will forgive any previous shortfalls, which in turn is a benefit for people in that area. We will have a 60 day waiting period after the public hearing. We are looking to pass the ordinance in the first week in December so this could go into effect in 2018.

Mayor Gunter - This was driven by the County. Their goal was to eliminate special districts whenever they can join with the assisting community. We met with them and this was the solution.

Public Comment

Robin Hurst, 3916 N Lincoln Street - We only received one notice, and did not have anyone come to the door.

Had questions when comparing the tax bill with a few people who were randomly selected within the Village for better understanding. We pay on the basis of the assessed value a rate of .1275 for the fire district. That same line item on a Village tax bill is .1219. The difference (assuming) is that there is also a Village of Westmont EX-Fire at an increment at .239. The combination of those two are .36 of assessed value. Is that the number that we are trying to equalize the unincorporated area to?

Finance Director Parker - So the number we are trying to equalize the assessed value to in 2016 is .32 and that is a combination of the Fire and a portion of the EX-Fire. That means excluding fire. There is a small portion of the town that is not taxed for the Fire Protection District. That section has to pay other things including ambulance. There are two fees, that includes fire and the ambulance. The ambulance is part of the EX-Fire that is on the tax bill. Together they equal about .32.

Robin Hurst - On the notice, in one of the paragraphs it states "The special tax will be considered at the public hearing to be levied in the amount not to exceed an annual rate of 5% of assessed value". Can that be right?

Attorney Zemenak - That is the common notice procedure. That is why it can be confusing even though that is what we are required to put as the maximum tax rate. Included in the notice was the increment year 1 - 5.

Annie Shubert, 3909 N Lincoln - The 5% is not showing on the ordinance but not on the notice to

taxpayers. Do we need some clarification on that?

Attorney Zemenak - You're referring to the maximum tax rate of 5%? That was in the notice mailed out to the taxpayers of record.

Annie Shubert - It's in the ordinance, but the breakout isn't in the ordinance of the specific rates.

Attorney Zemenak - It will be once the ordinance establishing the SSA is passed in December, and then we will have to pass a tax levy which will state the specific tax rate for year one. Each year a new tax levy will have to be passed in accordance with the ordinance. We can't levy more than that without going through a new process.

Spencer - When we levy the taxes we have to levy a specific dollar amount.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:56pm

TEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

No items to be removed from the consent agenda.

(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:

Manager May addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Addington** to approve the consent agenda.

(A) BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board to consider approving the minutes of the Village Board meeting held September 14, 2017.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE # 11: Dated **September 28, 2017** in the amount of **\$ 958,529.39**

(C) AUGUST 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

Board to consider a motion to accept the financial report submitted for the month of August 2017.

(D) PURCHASE ORDERS

11042765	M.E. Simpson	\$ 30,375.00
	Total of Purchase Orders	\$ 30,375.00
	Total of Purchase Orders and Finance Ordinance #11	\$ 988,904.39

(E) PROCLAMATION - FIRE PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION 2017

Board to approve a proclamation declaring October 8-14, 2017 as Fire Prevention Week

in the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Addington, Barry, Barker, Nero, Guzzo, Liddle

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) 324 S LINDEN AVENUE - LOT AREA VARIANCE

Community Development Director Ziegler addressed the board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance approving a Zoning Code variance request from SKE Property Investments to allow relief from the minimum lot area for a dwelling in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Addington, Barry, Barker, Nero, Guzzo, Liddle

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

(3) 230 N CASS AVENUE - WHOLEBODY CRYOTHERAPY AND FLOAT SPA

Community Development Director Ziegler addressed the board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving the following requests from GoPolar Cryotherapy Inc. to allow the operation of a ground floor health spa in the B-1 Limited Business District:

1. Special Use Permit
2. Development Permit

Seconded by **Trustee Addington** and the motion to postpone passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Addington, Barry, Barker, Nero, Guzzo, Liddle

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

(4) 430 E OGDEN AVE, 651 WESTMONT DRIVE, 433 PLAZA DRIVE - LAUREL BMW of WESTMONT

Community Development Director Ziegler addressed the board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Addington** to consider an ordinance approving site and landscaping approval for Westmont B Imports Inc. and KAMRED LLC located at 430 E Ogden Ave and 651 Westmont Dr in the B-2 General Business District, and 433 Plaza Dr, in the M Manufacturing District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Addington, Barry, Barker, Nero, Guzzo, Liddle

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

(5) SECOND AMENDMENT - NORCOMM

Fire Chief Weiss, Mike Tillman, and Former Fire Department Chief addressed the board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving a Second Amendment to the License Agreement for Municipal Alarm Service with Norcomm Public Safety Communications, Inc.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Addington, Barry, Barker, Nero, Guzzo, Liddle

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

(6) ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT - NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

Public Works Director Ramsey addressed the board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering agreement with AECOM, we request to approve the sum of \$795,000 for Phase 1 & 2 Design Engineering Services for the proposed New Public Works Facility.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Addington, Barker, Nero, Guzzo, Liddle

Nays: Barry

Absent: None

(7) BEEKEEPING TEXT AMENDMENT

Community Development Director Ziegler addressed the board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a text amendment to Chapter 14, Section 14-15 of the Municipal Code.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Addington, Barry, Barker, Nero, Guzzo, Liddle

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- The Public Works Open House is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th.
- The Tree and Shrub sale is going on. A portion of the proceeds goes to the Richmond Gardens Project. It was ordered online and it is very user friendly.

(8) ADJOURNMENT: Motion by **Trustee Nero** to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Addington, Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szynski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 12th day of October, 2017