

Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, October 10, 2019.**

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: 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)	Sylvester <u>P</u> (Community Dev. Director)
Brainerd <u>P</u> (Assistant HR 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 Connelly <u>A</u> (Fire Dept.)	Richards <u>A</u> (Deputy Clerk)
Ramsey <u>P</u> (P.W. Director)	Noriega <u>A</u> (Assistant P.W. Director)	Mulhearn <u>P</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Carrara 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:

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

6:02pm - No one present for open forum. Mayor closed open forum at 6:02pm.

6:35pm - Mayor Re-opened Open Forum.

Sean Hu, 44 W 5th Street - Expressed his concern about marijuana. His questions are relating to (1) Why has there not been a public hearing for marijuana sales? (2) What does Westmont

have to do to reverse the process?

- Attorney Zemenak explained some of the legislation relating to adult use cannabis and that legally a public hearing does not have to take place. The vote to opt-out has not taken place yet and the Village Board is still gathering information.
- Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Village Board and recapped the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.
- Mayor Gunter talked about the zoning process for cannabis.

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Wished our Taiwanese community a Happy Double 10 Day.
- Recapped the Sister City Double 10 Events. Last weekend there was a Sister City Dance Troupe at Westmont High School and it was a wonderful performance.
- State Representative Deanne Mazzochi was awarded the "Friend of Infrastructure" award by the Transformation of Illinois Coalition.
- Trustee Nero talked about property taxes and introduced Greg Boltz from Downers Grove Tax Assessor's Office to give a presentation and a Q & A.
 - Greg Boltz, Downers Grove Township Assessor, talked about the boundaries, how the property tax is calculated, and the appeal process.
 - For more information please visit www.dgtownship.com and sign up for the email list.
- Gave an award to Jan Bartel for her work with the Planning & Zoning Commission for the last 5 years and her dedicated service to Westmont. She was also on the School Board for 12 years.
 - Jan thanked everyone for the award.

- Nancy Martens has been involved in the community for many years. She has been a representative for many boards and commissions, such as Special Events Commission. She was a Village Trustee and an Environmental Improvement Commission Member. She was awarded a plaque for her years of service.
 - Nancy expressed her enjoyment with working in the Village and thanked everyone for their support.

Village Clerk Szymski

- Clerk Szymski reported on walking to Hsinchu County. In September participants walked 4261.71 miles.
- Village Offices will be closed on Columbus Day for Staff In-Service.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be 4:30pm, December 19th, 2019 at Village Hall.
- Former athlete from the Westmont High School, Erik Andrews, will be featured on a podcast. The name of the podcast is "Move the Beans" and it can be downloaded for free. Erik is currently a manager for Orange Theory in Westmont and he will be featured in episode 10.
- On October 28th the Ecology Club will be planting trees at Maercker School to celebrate "Oak"-tober.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be held at 4:30pm, October 24, 2019 at Village Hall.
- Wicked West Fest will begin October 19th, 2019 from 10:30am - 2:00pm. There will be a trick-or-treat trail, costume contest, pumpkin smashing, casket races and a whole lot more. Visit the Chamber for more details.
- Voting has begun for the scarecrow decorating contest. You can vote for your favorite scarecrow at www.westmontchamber.com. The winners will be announced on November 1st.
- Westmont Pet Promenade and Touch-a-Truck will be held Sunday, October 27th from 11am - 2pm at Ty Warner Park.

Trustee Barker

- Westmont First will meet at 6pm, October 21st at the Westmont Public Library.
 - They will continue to work for the complete count for the U.S. Census.
- The Environmental Improvement Committee will meet on November 4th at the Westmont Public Library.
 - 77 trees and shrubs were sold at the Fall Native Tree & Shrub Sale. The proceeds went to Richmond Gardens.
 - If people stop by the EIC booth at Wicked West Fest they can sign up to win a tree for free.
 - Holiday lights can be recycled at the Wicked West Fest on October 19th from 11am - 2pm.
 - Pumpkin Composting & light bulb recycling will be November 2nd from 9am - 12pm at the Westmont Public Library. T6 and T8 light bulbs will be accepted.
- There is a free paper shred event that is being sponsored by State Representative

Mazzochi with the Westmont Chamber on October 19th. The event will take place from 10:30am - 1:30pm in the parking lot located at 1 N Cass Avenue.

Trustee Addington

- Recapped the Community Development Committee meeting.
 - Recently an ordinance was passed deeming cargo containers a nuisance and containers required removal. Several businesses came in to talk about the use of these containers and the Village is trying to work with businesses to give them more time or possibly allowing the use with permission.
 - Talked about the natural growth in parkways and asked the EIC to take a look at this issue and come up with some recommendations. The natural growth is great for water retention, however if not maintained, the plants can grow over the sidewalks and become difficult to walk past.
 - Received a quarterly report about all of the development in Westmont.
 - The next meeting will be in January.
- Thanked everyone in town for attending the Lions Club Oktoberfest. It was a great event and went over very well. There was a health fair connected to that and the hearing & blood donor bus was present.
- Lions Candy Day is coming up on October 18 & 19th. This fundraiser benefits many people.

Trustee Guzzo

- The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be November 21, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The Rx Drug Take Back Program is scheduled for October 26th from 10am - 2pm at Mariano's and the Police Station.
- There will be a vaping awareness presentation at the Westmont High School Auditorium on October 16th at 6:30pm. Parents, students, and the entire community are encouraged to attend and participate. Topics presented include the following: vaping & e-cigarettes, health concerns, addiction, what to look for & how to help.
- It is Fire Prevention Week and there will be Silent Parade on October 11 and will start in Hinsdale at 7pm. Residents are encouraged to gather along Chicago Avenue and bring their flashlights to honor those who have lost their lives in fires.
- The Fire Department Open House is October 12th from 11 - 3pm at the Johanik Station, 6015 S. Cass Avenue. There will be hotdogs, chips, demos, games, a bounce house, and more. It's always a fun time.

Trustee Barry

- The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be November 6, 9:00am at Village Hall.
- The last EDC meeting was yesterday and there was a tour of the FMC Natatorium at Ty Warner Park. The project is well underway and has a projected opening date of March 2020, however the project may be extended to either April or May.
 - Currently, they are working on hosting events that are training grounds to get to the Olympics. There will be community classes available as well. This is a safe sport for kids.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

(1) 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 of the September 26, 2019 Village Board Meeting.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #11: Dated **October 10, 2019** in the amount of **\$1,620,123.74**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS

20201224	Thomas Engineering Group, LLC	\$ 81,306.96
20201225	Napleton Fleet	25,903.00
	TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS	107,209.96
	TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE #11	\$1,727,333.70

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(2) INCREASE OF AVAILABLE TOBACCO LICENSES

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn & Mike Hussain addressed the Board on this item.

Public Comment: Doug Carmichael. Asked about the tobacco mixture that is used and if hookah is the same as shisha. Mr. Carmichael said that the tobacco smell has a perfume like quality.

Motion by **Trustee Addington** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class B Tobacco Licenses by one (1) for Westmont Management D/B/A Clique Sports Bar & Grill, 6010 S. Cass Avenue, Westmont, Illinois.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barry, Liddle

Nays: Addington, Barker, Guzzo, Nero
Absent: None.

NEW BUSINESS

(3) APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Gunter addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Addington** to consider a motion approving Mayor Gunter's appointment to the Economic Development Committee of the following residents:

- Ms. Kim Heller
- Ms. Jill Rahn
- Mr. Patrick Ryan

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION MEMBER

Mayor Gunter addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Addington** to consider a motion approving Mayor Gunter's appointment of Mr. Matt Scales to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES

Fire Chief Riley addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Addington** to consider an ordinance approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services regarding ambulance billing rates.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(6) BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE LEASE AGREEMENT

Finance Director Parker addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance to authorize the Village Manager to execute an updated Station Agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company to lease parcels of land adjacent to the railroad line.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Attorney Zemenak talked about flavored vape products and the Smoke Free Act of IL. The Village has the authority to prohibit vaping and smoking indoors.
- Trustee Addington talked about an article he read about flavored vaping products and felt that the names of the flavors are marketed towards younger people.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:32 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 24th day of October, 2019