

Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, November 21, 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 A 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 O'Hare <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>A</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:

1. Cheri Paladino, 908 Cumnor Rd - Ice and snow is left on Cumnor Road which is made of permeable pavers. The snow & ice builds over the course of the winter and becomes very dangerous. They are the last street to be plowed. The option of putting down sand was discussed with Mike Ramsey and Steve Nero, but this was not done last year. She was told that it would be done this year and it is important at the intersections to avoid collisions and dangerous situations.

2. Charlene Suoboda, 6025 S Cumnor Rd - Has a very deep pitched driveway. The plow does come down the road, but the snow just keeps packing down. Is fearful of getting into an accident. Has brought up concerns to the Village and the Village ordered a wide blade. She has been advised to go through the chain of command, The Village, A State Representative, and finally Springfield to get the problem taken care of and hopes that she does not have to go further than Village Hall.
3. Tim Pyburn, 5916 Cumnor Rd - The residents on the street are aware of the dangerous street. People who are not aware of the dangerous road and turn off of 59th Street will easily slide out. Advises Public Works staff to use shovels, If sand or plows are not available.
4. Wojciech Suchanek, 904 Cumnor Rd - (1) Feels that the entire street is the problem because the street was lowered and the driveway is steep. In order to get into the driveway a person has to speed up and in icy conditions a car will slide out. (2) The intersection only has a 2 way stop sign and on 4 different occasions the drivers did not recognize that this was a 2 way stop and almost hit his car. A 4 way stop sign is necessary at 60th and Cumnor.
5. Paul Newmann, 6S564 Cumnor Rd - This is not a minor problem, this is a very dangerous situation. His son slid and fell on the ice as he was going to the bus stop. If a car had been coming down the street, there is a good chance it would not have been able to stop.
6. Sherri Foran, 127 60th Street - (1) Echoes her neighbors sentiments. Her driveway also has a much steeper pitch and now has a blind spot, which was not there before she purchased the property. (2) The 2 way intersection that was referenced needs to be switched to a 4 way stop. (3) Could not stop at the intersection of Cumnor & 59th Street. She almost hit a bus and was not going much faster than 5 mph.

Director Ramsey came up to the podium. Most of the time the permeable concrete works as it should and we were told that the radiant heat from the ground would help thaw any small snow events. It does that sometimes, but not all the time. Unfortunately, because the road is permeable, we cannot put salt down on the road because it would cause the road to start deteriorating. We were advised that we need to purchase a rubber blade, but when it pushes the snow it does leave the snow kind of packed on the road as it goes by like a metal blade would do. We were out there and tried to plow the road, but when we did, it turned to ice right away. The resolution is for us to sand the road and use the new blade which is acrylic. The blade is attached to a vehicle now and we are anxious to try it out.

Charlene Suoboda asked if Cumnor Street was plowed first, perhaps that would make it safer if was not piled up high.

Trustee Nero commented that this has been something that has been in the process of resolution and has faith that Mike Ramsey can solve the problem.

Trustee Barker would like to know that we are keeping good records this year. We don't want an icy road either.

Director Ramsey said that he has given his cell number to one of the residents, so if there is an immediate issue to call right away.

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 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>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</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

- Talked about our Sister City, Hsinchu County in Taiwan. This is the third exchange group from Hsinchu High School to come to Westmont. There are 8 students and they will be spending time with their host families.
- Residents are asked to share their vision of Westmont's future for the next mural. Go to the Village's website to sign up. Entries must be submitted by February 28th.

Village Clerk Szymski

- Village offices will be closed November 28th & 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Please RSVP in November for the Westmont Holly Days Winter Ball, which is December 13th at our Hilton Resort. Details and online reservations can be made at westmontchamber.com
- Next week is the last week for residents to put out unlimited bags of leaves free of charge without stickers. Free leaf pick up is through November 30th. Regular yard waste does need a sticker for pick up and the last day for yard waste/leaf pick up is December 13th.

Trustee Nero

- Our next Public Works Committee is December 19th, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Thanked our Public Works staff for all of their hard work decorating the downtown.
- Talked about the Water Operator in Training Program and the recent press release about Mike Ramsey's involvement with this program. Please read it on the Village website.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be at Village Hall on December 5th at 4:30pm.
- Holly Days is coming up. The events that are planned are as follows: Frosty & Friends Parade, Rotary Ugly Sweater 5K, pictures with Santa and Tree Lighting will be Saturday, November 30th in downtown Westmont. The full schedule is on the Village website or at hollydaysfestival.com. There is a new parade route. It will be the same starting location and the Holly Days tree lighting will be in front of Westmont Centre.
- The Holly Days Coat Drive is going on now through January 4th. New or gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks and boots can be dropped off at the Westmont Library or the Westmont Park District.

Trustee Barker

- Westmont First is working with staff to deal with the Census 2020.
- The Environmental Improvement Committee will be meeting December 2nd, 6pm at the Westmont Public Library.
- Honey has been harvested from Richmond Gardens and is now for sale at the Clarendon Hills Village Hall. The 3oz jars are \$6 and the 8oz is \$16. If anyone is interested you can contact Jon Yeater who is the staff liaison for the Environmental Improvement Committee.
- Recapped the Pumpkin Composting Event and talked about the Earth Flag that the ecology club earned. The ecology club volunteered their time at the Pumpkin Composting Event.

Trustee Addington

- The Community Development Committee will be meeting on January 16th at 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Holly Days starts on Sunday, November 24th and is kicked off by the Lions Club Breakfast Buffet. Breakfast is from 8am - 12pm, adults are charged \$8, seniors & children \$5, and children 5 & under are free. This will be held at the Ronald Gunter, Administrative Building and afterwards there is a craft fair at the Community Center from 9am - 4pm.

Trustee Guzzo

- The next Public Safety Committee meeting is going to be February 27th, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Invited Police Chief Gunther to the podium to give recognition to the following police officers.
 - Officer Broda & Majewski helped to evacuate people from a building that caught fire.
 - Officer Hugo Pacheco was recognized for his work in a drug case.
 - Deputy Chief Gruen for his years of service with Illinois Special Olympics.
- Invited Battalion Chief Jim Little to talk about the Toy Express.
 - Battalion Chief Little talked about the Toy Express program which was started by his mother and one of her friends Pat Ryan. They are looking for toys for the age group 9 -13. Toys are collected through January 4th.
- Invited Fire Chief Riley to the podium.
 - The TV Show "Chicago Fire" was allowed to film November 6th & 7th at 500 North Cass Ave for two full days. This was a great experience and thanked

everyone for their support. The show will air on January 15, 2020 at 8:00pm on Wednesday, NBC Channel 5.

- The next Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th, 9:00am at Village Hall.
- Invited Larry Forssberg to the podium to talk about a new business and restaurant.
 - Taste Greek Street Food is now open at 645 N Cass Avenue.
 - Crossfit Salire has opened at 263 W 61st Street and asked owner, Melissa Donohue, to come up and introduce herself and her new business.

(1) HONORARY STREET NAME REQUEST

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider a resolution to give Williamsburg Street the honorary street designation as Gregg Pill Way.

Public Comment:

- 1) Representative, Deanne Mazzochi
- 2) Cindy & Paul Stark
- 3) Matt Johnson
- 4) Doug Carmichael
- 5) Bob Fleck
- 6) Steve Wozniak
- 7) Al Carson
- 8) Frank Brady

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Addington, Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry

- Mayor Gunter invited the Pill Family to the podium and presented the Honorary Gregg Pill Way street sign and the Key to the Village.
- Gregg Pill's mother, Irene Pill thanked the Village Board.
- Patty Pill addressed the Village Board and thanked everyone for their support.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

(2) 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 November 21, 2019 Village

Board Meeting.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #14: Dated **November 7, 2019** in the amount of **\$ 1,901,009.53**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS

20201586	BCR Automotive Group, LLC	\$ 22,371.00
20201588	Currie Motors	38,684.00
	TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS	\$ 61,055.00
	TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE #14	\$ 1,962,064.53

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Addington, Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(3) AMENDED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR MARKET CENTRE

Attorney Zemenak addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider postponing an ordinance approving an amended Planned Development Agreement for the Market Centre development at 63rd and Cass, including approved revisions to the site plan and mix of uses.

Seconded by **Trustee Addington** and the motion to postpone till the next Village Board meeting passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Addington, Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry

(4) 2018-2019 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Parker and Dan Berg addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance accepting the FY 2018-19 Comprehensive

Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Addington, Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry

(5) PERSONNEL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT

Human Resources Director Brainerd addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving the following text amendments to Section 62-Personnel of the Westmont Code of Ordinances.

- Amendment to Section 62-73 - Sexual Harassment
- Amendment to Section 62-74 - Discrimination and Harassment
- Amendment to Section 62-75 - Drug-free Workplace

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Addington, Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Mayor Gunter talked about the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast and how it is a very nice event.

(6) CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Gunter requested an executive session to discuss:

1. Meeting with external auditor pursuant to section (2)(C)(29) of the open meetings act.

Motion by **Trustee Addington** to move into executive session at 7:25 pm.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Addington, Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry

(7) RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to move out of executive session and to reconvene the regular Board meeting at 7:36 pm.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Addington, Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry

(8) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Addington, Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:37 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 5th day of December, 2019