

Clerk's Office  
**Village of Westmont**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, December 1, 2022.**

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

**WESTMONT VIRTUAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gunter P Clerk Szymiski P

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

**STAFF:**

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

- None

**VOTING KEY:**      **A=ABSENT**      **AB=ABSTAIN**      **N=NO**      **W=Withdrawn**  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

**REPORTS**

**Mayor Gunter**

- This Saturday they are having the Annual Holly Days Parade, Tree Lighting, and Pictures with Santa. The parade starts at 5:00pm, tree lighting will be at 5:45pm, and pictures with Santa will be at the train station after the tree lighting. Look for more details regarding the parade and all of the Holly Days events on their website, [hollydaysfestival.com](http://hollydaysfestival.com)
- Mayor recognized Laura and Lee Fleming who have been volunteers for the Westmont Holly Days Frosty & Friends Parade for about 20 years. They were presented with a plaque for the many years of service to the community.

**Clerk Szymski**

- Village offices will be closed December 23 & 26, and January 2nd. Please see the Village website for details and when recycling & garbage pick-ups will be delayed.

**Trustee Johanik-Guzzo**

- Gave a recap on the Fire Public Safety Committee Meeting that took place prior to the Village Board Meeting.
  - Discussed the IBC Code amended updates, which will be hopefully approved at an upcoming Village Board meeting.
  - Congratulated Deputy Chief Jim Fitzgerald for his service reward. He has been instrumental with the accreditation process.

- New ETSB radio upgrades were discussed.
- The ISO rating will be assessed next week.
- EMS Lucas Device Updates were given.
- The Fire Department has responded to 4,450 calls up to date.
- Updates were also given on staffing, the new ambulance squad 183, and some other new vehicles.
- Touched on our support for the DuPage County Health Department, BHC, which is the Behavioural Support Collaborative.
- The next meeting will be in 2023.
- Let's keep that wreath red. The program starts December 1st and goes till January 1st. We want to keep all of the bulbs red for the entire month. If there is a fire that is caused by any holiday decorations, a red bulb will be replaced with a white one.
- The Fire Department will be turning 100 this year. Planning is underway for the Fire Dept's 100th Anniversary Celebration. Stay tuned for details. There will be lots of things planned throughout the year.

#### **Trustee Simonvich**

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be January 26, 2023.
- The Police Department recently held the Jr. Citizens Police Academy and Citizens Police Academy graduation in November. There were 20 graduates for the Junior Citizens Police Academy and 16 for the adults. They will have their alumni potluck on December 12th.
- After the beard fundraiser, the Police Department had raised \$25,000 for Special Olympics, which is a new record for the Department.
- The Holiday season can bring out the package thieves. The Police Department has some suggestions besides being observant in your neighborhood. Some tips are choosing a signature required from the United States Postal Service or using UPS access points. You can pick up your packages at certain retail stores like CVS, Advanced Auto Parts or Michaels. Fed Ex also provides this service where you can ship to a local Walgreens or Dollar Tree. People can also use Amazon lockers for pickup so you don't have packages accumulating on your doorstep.

#### **Trustee Nero**

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be December 15th, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The last collection for brush, yard waste, and compost collection ends the week of December 12 - 16th.
- We remind everyone to make sure that leaves do not go in the streets where they can clog storm drains that can result in flooding. If your property is adjacent to a storm drain, we encourage you to remove those leaves to help keep you and your neighborhood safe.

- There will be a Special Recycling event this Saturday, December 3rd at Public Works. This special recycling collection will include electronics, light bulbs, textiles, books and more. Check the village website for details.
- Special thanks to our Public Works Department for getting the downtown ready for Holly Days. They always do a great job and it looks beautiful.

#### **Trustee Liddle**

- The next Administration Finance Committee meeting will be held January 12th, 4:30pm at Village Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.
- The Village is planning a home decorating contest through Westmont Special Events. They are coordinating the contest. Participants can either send in their own photo entry, or Westmont Special Events will visit your home to take a photo of your decorations.
- Westmont Special Events will once again host the Finding Frosty Contest in which our Frosty decoration is moved to a new location every day for a week. He will be out and about in town. You will have to solve a riddle and take a picture with him, and post it. You will be entered in a raffle drawing. Details to be posted on the WSEC website, westmontevents.com
- Westmont Special Events is working with the Creative Arts Network and the Muddy Waters Estate to create the MUDDY WARHOL Art Exhibit and Contest. In Spring 2023, the College of DuPage will launch an Andy Warhol Exhibit. To cross-promote our efforts, we are planning an art contest in which artists will submit their Warhol-style graphics and paintings, which will then be displayed at the Muddy Waters Exhibit in April. Everything is still tentative at the moment, but details are expected to be confirmed and promoted soon.

#### **Trustee Barker**

- The Environmental Improvement Committee will meet next month on December 5th, 5:30 pm at Village Hall.
- The containers are out for the holiday lights recycling. One is located at the Library and the other is at the Fire Department. Drop off bins will be in place now through January 31st.
- The Green Business & Residential Recycling Contest continues. Go online to sign up for this program that encourages everyone to share their recycling practices. There will be (2) business winners who will receive up to \$250 in free waste hauling and recycling over 2 months, and (4) residential winners who will receive 2 months of free waste hauling and recycling. Go to the website and get those details.
- Westmont First will meet January 17th at 6:00 pm.
- The community mural and busking program has been approved by WSEC. The ordinance will go back to Village staff for final updates before coming to the Village Board for approval. Also, Westmont First discussed the busking program and based on various input, has decided to focus on creating a downtown performance series for the

summer of 2023. This will include music, dance and other art mediums. With this program, we achieve our goal of bringing the arts into the downtown while maintaining control over the quality of the performances.

**Trustee Brady**

- Over 100 permits were processed in November, including:
  - A permit for the final townhome building in the Cass Avenue Dream Homes project at 408 North Cass. This 4-unit building will complete a project that began almost 15 years ago.
  - A permit for the “Freddy’s Frozen Custard and Steakburgers” at 80 West 63rd Street. Construction is expected to begin soon.
  - A demolition permit for the long-vacant bank building at 6320 South Cass. Demolition is expected soon, followed by construction of a new medical-office building in the Spring.
  - Applications for 4 proposed new single-family homes have also been submitted.
- The Community Development Department is working with other departments on the forced annexation of 14 properties on the southeast edge of the Village. These annexations are expected to be ready for board action at the end of January.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Property Tax Levy Hearing - Village Of Westmont**

Board to conduct a public hearing regarding the tax levy for the Village of Westmont.

Finance Director Cunningham addressed the Village Board.

**B. Property Tax Levy Hearing - Special Service Area 2**

Board to conduct a public hearing regarding the tax levy for Westmont Special Service Area 2.

Finance Director Cunningham addressed the Village Board.

**ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:**

No Items to be removed from the agenda

**CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:**

**Village Manager May** addressed the Board on this agenda item.

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

**(A) BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Board to consider approving the corrected minutes of the Village Board meeting held November 17, 2022.

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #16:** Dated **December 1, 2022** in the amount of  
**\$ 1,372,881.38**

**(C) PURCHASE ORDERS**

|                                 |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 22201476-02                     | Compass Minerals America Inc    | \$ 68,174.35         |
| 23201554                        | DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement | 108,284.00           |
| 23201613                        | Primera Engineers, Ltd.         | 122,180.00           |
| 23201615                        | Primera Engineers, Ltd.         | 27,650.00            |
| 23201620                        | Utility Dynamics Corporation    | 432,338.00           |
| 23201621                        | Bell Fuels, Inc.                | 74,000.00            |
| <b>TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS</b> |                                 | <b>\$ 832,626.35</b> |

**(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$ 2,205,507.73**

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #1**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There is no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(2) ACCOUNTING SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**Finance Director Cunningham** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving an agreement with Lauterbach & Amen to provide accounting services.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #2**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich



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Nays: None  
Absent: None

### **(3) POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANT AGREEMENT**

**Deputy Chief Thompson** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving a grant agreement with National White Collar Crime Center for the purchase of LPR cameras.

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #3**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

### **(4) PROPERTY TAX LEVY - VILLAGE OF WESTMONT**

**Finance Director Cunningham** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance adopting the 2022 tax levy for the Village of Westmont in the amount of \$10,014,832.

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #4**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

### **(5) PROPERTY TAX LEVY - SPECIAL SERVICE AREA 2**

**Finance Director Cunningham** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider adopting the 2022 tax levy for the Village of Westmont's Special Service Area 2.

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #5**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich  
Nays: None  
Absent: None



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### **(6) ABATEMENT OF TAXES**

**Finance Director Cunningham** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2022 to pay debt service on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017; its General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019A; its General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019B; its General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022A; and its General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022B of the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois.

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #6**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Clerk Szymiski asked for Trustee Simonovich's vote on the Accounting Agreement and the Police Department Grant. Trustee Simonovich confirmed that she voted "aye" on both items.

### **(7) ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion by **Trustee Simonovich** to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm..

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #7**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:29 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

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Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 15th day of December, 2022