

Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, September 21, 2023.**

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)	Pollack <u>A</u> (Interim CD Director)
Brainerd <u>P</u> (H.R. Director)	McIntyre <u>A</u> (Communications)	Liljeberg <u>A</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)
Hennerfiend <u>A</u> (Deputy CD Director)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Administration Supervisor)	Ries <u>P</u> (Public Works Director)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Lampariello 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:

- Suzanne Hodges requested information about the railroad crossing for pedestrians. She is concerned about the removal of the pedestrian crosswalk and would like to hear an update as the winter months are approaching. Commented on the font size of the placards. She requested to have the font size larger.

VOTING KEY: A=ABSENT AB=ABSTAIN N=NO W=Withdrawn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>
	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>					
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>					
TRUSTEE BRADY	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>					
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>					
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>					
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>					
TRUSTEE SIMONOVICH	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>					

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Gave an update on Sister City. The Village of Westmont will participate in the Taiwanese National Day event in downtown Chicago on Oct. 6. This is an annual event in which the Village of Westmont shows support for our local Taiwanese community.
- Gave an update on Dementia Friendly Westmont. The Westmont Library continues to host their dementia-friendly programs that support persons with dementia and their caregivers. More info can be found on the Westmont Library website.
- Had an opportunity to tour a new office facility for an organization called Stella. This is an organization that provides care for people experiencing emotional trauma and mental health challenges. They have about 30 locations across the USA and recently opened the first Chicago area office in Westmont at One East Oak Hill Drive. We welcome Stella to Westmont. We have the Chief Medical Officer with us tonight to share some additional insights about Stella.

- Dr. Eugene Lipov talked about the treatments for PTSD for first responders, veterans, and other individuals with trauma.
- The Westmont location is the first freestanding flagship office.

Clerk Szynski

- Village offices will be closed October 9th.

Trustee Nero

- Recapped the Public Works Committee meeting from earlier this evening.
 - School walk route maps were updated.
 - Phase 2 of the Downtown Streetscape Project was discussed and will be postponed until 2025.
 - The Fire Department Facility was discussed.
 - Toon Funeral Home has been demoed at 21 N. Lincoln and 31 to 21 Burlington are underway for demolition.
- FREE LEAF PICKUP - As part of the contract between the Village of Westmont and Waste Management, there will be free leaf collection November 6 and ending on Friday, December 1. Residents will be allowed to put out unlimited kraft paper bags of leaves free of charge next to their garbage on their scheduled garbage pick-up day. Residents are reminded not to rake their leaves into the street to ensure proper drainage and a safe driving surface.
- BNSF PROJECT UPDATE - The Cass Avenue railroad crossing will be closed on Saturday, September 30th for track improvements. Additionally, the Westmont Train Station will be closed both Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.
- It was an honor to participate in the first inaugural golf outing that benefits the Special Olympics of Illinois. It was cool to see Westmont leading the charge to help raise money. Gave kudos to Sgt. Weibler for his hard work on this event.
- Gave an update on the tour taken at Oak Brook Hills Hotel. The PGA Tour was in town looking at a few different hotels for a potential host facility for the President's Club in 2026. Oak Brook Hills is a finalist. The decision will be made in a few months.

Trustee Barker

- DARK SKY CONTEST & GRANT - Details for this grant program have been published on the village website. The goal is to encourage residents and businesses to embrace Dark Sky strategies on their property to reduce and eliminate unnecessary light pollution.
 - There was more interest in that program during the August 7th meeting.
- ELECTRONICS & MORE SPECIAL RECYCLING EVENT - The next Electronics and More Recycling Event will be held in the commuter parking lot in front of the Westmont Village Hall at 31 W. Quincy Street. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, from 8 a.m. to noon. Visit the village website for details.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be October 5th, 4:30pm at Village Hall.

- Wicked West Fest activities and events are scheduled all month long in October with participation from the Library, the Park District, Westmont Special Events, and the Chamber. See the village website for all of the program details.
- The final night of Westmont Cruisin' Nights shattered the previous attendance record with over 100 vehicles more than the previous record, which was set on the last night of 2022. The final car count was 596 vehicles. Thank you to the staff and volunteers of Westmont Special Events who coordinate these events as well as all of the wonderful sponsors for their generous support. Also, we concluded our Endless Summer Car Show events yesterday at Manor Care in Westmont. This program brought dozens of cool and classic cars to area senior facilities so that they could enjoy the excitement of our car show events.
- The Monarch Festival is scheduled for September 23rd. The Library will once again host their annual Monarch Festival. The event will be Saturday, September 23, 10 a.m to Noon at Ty Warner Park in the main pavilion off Burr Oak Drive. Visit the WPL Monarch Festival webpage for more info.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- The annual silent parade will be on Oct. 13 at 7pm. The Silent Parade was put into place to honor those who have fallen in a fire or a fallen firefighter. Grab your flashlights. It leaves Hinsdale at 7pm and it goes down Naperville Road.
- The Fire Department is turning 100 this year. The Westmont Fire Dept. will host their 100th Anniversary Open House on Oct. 14 at the Johanik Fire Station HQ at 6015 S. Cass Ave from 11a to 2p.
- Attended the dinner for the Special Olympics golf outing fundraiser. Gave a shout out to the Police Department and Sgt. Weibler for a well run event.
- The date of the next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be announced soon.

Trustee Brady

- The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was held on September 13. There were two public hearings.
 - Special Use Permit for Sky Zone (an indoor trampoline park) at 52 East Ogden Avenue
 - Special Use Permit for The Mane Lab (hair salon) at 15 North Cass.
- Gave an update on the Core/Willowcrest Residential Subdivision. The developer is proposing to build single family homes at 3500 Midwest Road (a.k.a. Willow Crest Golf Course). They have submitted concept plans that will be reviewed on October 11th at the Planning and Zoning Commission. This is a concept review only and will not be a public hearing. If the developer decides to proceed, a public hearing with all required public notices will be required. The new plan includes 45 traditional single family homes and 170 single family condos.

- The developer asked for feedback from the Planning and Zoning Commission and an application has not yet been submitted.
- Attorney Zemenak commented that if this moves forward it will most likely move forward as a plan development just like the previous application.
- **Mayor Gunter gave the report for Trustee Simonvich.**
- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be held October 19th at 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The paper shred fundraiser for Special Olympics is Oct. 21, at Police/Fire facility from 9a-1p
- The Drug Take back event will be Oct. 18 from 10am to 2pm at the Police Dept and Mariano's.
- Commented on the Golf Fundraiser for Special Olympics. Thanks to everyone who participated in this inaugural event in which the Westmont Police Dept. Collectively through many of the Police Department fundraisers \$25,000 has been raised for Special Olympics.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Gunter asked that two items be removed from the consent agenda: 1) The proclamation for National Suicide Prevention Week and 2) The proclamation for the National Women's Police Officer Day.

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 meetings for the Village Board Meeting held on **August 24, 2023.**

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

- Finance Ordinance #10 in the amount of \$1,703,483.21
- Finance Ordinance #11 in the amount of \$1,871,875.56

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

24200812	Sutton Ford, Inc.	\$ 49,343.00
24200821	DuPage County, Illinois	40,493.19

24200834	Axon Enterprises, Inc.	39,476.07
Total of Purchase Orders		\$ 129,312.26

(D) Total of Purchase Orders and Finance Ordinances: \$ 3,704,671.03

(E) PROCLAMATION - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation declaring September 10 - 16 AS Chamber of Commerce Week in Westmont Illinois celebrating the work of the Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau.

(F) REDUCTION OF AVAILABLE CLASS 2 LICENSES

Board to consider an ordinance reducing the number of available Class 2 liquor licenses by one. (Harold's Shrimp and Chicken)

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

Village Manager May and Bev Swartz, the Development Coordinator for Hope for the Day addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider a proclamation declaring September 2023 as National Suicide Prevention Month in the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(3) PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL WOMAN POLICE OFFICER DAY

Police Chief Gunther addressed the Board on this agenda item.



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Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a proclamation declaring September 12, 2023 As National Woman Police Officer Day in the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(4) B-1 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT - 7 S LINCOLN ST

Elias Sefin addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving a B-1 Development Permit for Nifein Mikhael d/b/a Shop 4 Less to operate a minimart at 7 South Lincoln Street.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(5) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPLY FOR A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT

Public Works Director Ries addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider a resolution authorizing staff to apply for a Safe Routes to School grant to make safety improvements, including filling in sidewalk gaps and ADA ramps improvements, in the vicinity of Westview Hills Middle School, as well as committing matching funds as required by the grant.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(6) INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR

Assistant Village Manager Parker addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving an agreement with GovTempsUSA to provide interim Finance Director services.



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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(7) APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE TREASURER

Assistant Village Manager Parker addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Johanik-Guzzo** to consider an ordinance appointing an Interim Treasurer until a permanent Finance Director is hired.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(8) APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY

Attorney Zemenak addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a motion approving the Mayor's appointment of John Zemenak of the Law Office of John Zemenak, LLC as Village Attorney.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Larry Forssberg reminded everyone that this Sunday the Chamber and the Park District will be having the Pets in the Park and the Touch a Truck at 11am.

(9) REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Gunter requested a motion to adjourn to executive session to address the following:

- The Employment and Performance of Specific Employees of the Village pursuant to Section 2C1 of the Open Meetings Act.



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- Pending Litigation between the Village and OSHA pursuant to section 2C11 of the Open Meetings Act.
- Review of Executive Session Minutes pursuant to section 2C21 of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion was made by **Trustee Nero** to adjourn to executive session for the reasons mentioned.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(10) ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board to consider a motion to adjourn at 7:32pm

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to adjourn executive session.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #10

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(11) ADJOURNMENT - 7:33 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #11

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:33 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor



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Dated this 5th day of October, 2023