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Clerk's Office Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, January 11, 2024.**

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

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Gunter P Clerk Szymski P

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

STAFF:

May <u>P</u> (Village Manager)	Parker <u>P</u> (Assistant Manager)	Hennerfeind <u>A</u> (CDD Director)
Brainerd <u>P</u> (H.R. Director)	McIntyre <u>P</u> (Communications)	Liljeberg <u>A</u> (I.T.)
Chief Gunther <u>P</u> (Police Dept.)	Dep Chief Thompson <u>A</u> (Police Dept.)	Narducci <u>A</u> (Interim Finance Director)
Chief Riley <u>A</u> (Fire Dept.)	Brainerd <u>P</u> (Human Resources)	Richards <u>A</u> (Deputy Clerk)
Williams <u>P</u> (Village Planner)	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.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR: Forssberg - P

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

OPEN FORUM:

- Gina Pirelli, 248 Blackhawk Drive - Had questions / concerns regarding migrants coming through our community.

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>	<u>9</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>	<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>	<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>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</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>	<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>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>					
TRUSTEE BARKER	<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>					
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<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>					
TRUSTEE NERO	<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>					

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Mayor read a statement regarding migrants passing through our community. On December 23rd, the drop off of migrants in our community was without incident. No related issues or concerns have occurred in our community since the drop off. The Village staff in conjunction with partnering county agencies have been monitoring this situation throughout the region, so we can respond to any safety issues that arise. Illinois is an official sanctuary state.
- Wally Van Buren passed away this morning. In 1973 he was appointed by Mayor Jimmy Wright to the Westmont Zoning Board of Appeals. From 1987 - 1985 he served as Chair of Westmont Zoning Board of Appeals. He served as secretary for the Planning and Zoning Commission from 1995 - present. From 1991 - 1997 he was a member of the Downers Grove Sanitary District Board. Starting in 1992 he served as a trustee of the Sanitary District. He was president of the Sanitary District of Trustees for the past seven years. Wally was a public servant for over 50 years in Westmont and he will be greatly missed.
- The next Dementia Friendly Westmont Memory Cafe will be Monday, January 15th from 1 - 2pm. This is a social gathering of individuals living with dementia and their care partners. More information can be found on the Westmont Library website.

Clerk Szymiski

- Village Offices will be closed January 15, 2024.
- Village Offices will be closed February 19, 2024.

Trustee Liddle

- Recapped the Administration Finance Committee meeting from earlier this evening.
 - Formal presentations were given by SBC Waste Solutions and Flood Brothers.
 - A brief discussion was had regarding the migrant situation. The Village is actively working in conjunction with DuPage County. People will be treated with respect and we will leave it up to the professionals.
- The Park District Winter Beer Fest at Ty Warner Park will be held on February 17. For ticket information, visit the Park District website.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be March 21, 4:30 pm at Village Hall.
- Friendly reminder regarding snow removal and operations. The Village has published several news releases on the Village website as they relate to the recent weather conditions. Please check out our website for info regarding snow plow operations, warming centers, how to prevent frozen pipes, and more. Residents are reminded to drive carefully and not to park on the street until snow removal operations are completed.
- Special thanks to all those that are involved in the snow removal operations. They do a great job.
- There will be a special meeting to discuss the Village's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) on February 22, 2024, 4:30 pm, at Village Hall.
- Condolences to the Van Buren family.

Mayor Gunter mentioned that this evening our Public Works Department is out on Cass Avenue repairing a water main break or water leak. They are working after hours right now.

Trustee Simonovich

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be on January 25, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The Police Department would like to remind citizens to practice the 9 O'Clock Nightly Routine: secure your car, lock the garage, check your mail and lock your house.
- Expressed appreciation to the Public Works Department on their hard work.

Trustee Brady

- The Chamber of Commerce has announced that the Annual Winter Ball is scheduled for January 20th at the Oak Brook Hilton Hotel. Call the Westmont Chamber of Commerce for any questions.
- The Citizen of the Year nominations are due in early March. There is an Educational Fund Foundation and a new scholarship regarding public safety. The deadline for submissions will be March 8, 2024.
- The Lunar New Year in 2024 is the year of the dragon symbolizing luck, strength, and prosperity.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be March 7, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- We did keep our fire wreaths red this year.

- The Citizens Fire Academy sign up is open. This is a 5 week course starting April 11th. More information can be found on the Village website.
- Residents are reminded to help the Fire Dept. by shoveling a 3 feet clearance around their hydrant.
- Snow removal has been great. Thank you to Public Works and Village Staff.

Trustee Barker

- Condolences to the Van Buren family.
- Recapped the Environmental Improvement Committee meeting from Monday night.
 - Virgil Viscuso and Randy Tuchow attended the EIC meeting and provided an update regarding potential dark sky lighting in the community.
 - The EIC is looking at goals for 2024 and will decide on the top priorities.
 - The collection boxes for the holiday light recycling program continue at the Westmont Library and Johanik Fire Station. Collection ends January 31.
- The Village has just posted information on the website regarding smart salt use as it pertains to ice and snow on walkways and driveways. Chloride in our waterways is harmful to plants and wildlife, so people are reminded to not over-salt their sidewalks and driveways.
- Reminded everyone to pace themselves when shoveling heavy snow.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

No items to be removed from the consent agenda.

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 December 14, 2023 Village Board.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

- Finance Ordinance #18: **\$ 2,188,274.59**
- Finance Ordinance #19: **\$ 2,529,755.50**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

24201561	Community Unit School District 201-DuPage County	\$ \$188,909.03
24201621	Tyler Technologies, Inc.	81,938.72
24201675	Acres Enterprise, LLC (Yellowstone Landscaping)	36,832.50
TOTAL PURCHASE ORDERS		\$ 307,680.25
TOTAL PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE		\$ 5,025,710.34

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) RESIDENTIAL LOT VARIANCES - 246 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET

Senior Village Planner Williams addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion made by **Trustee Barker** to consider postponing an ordinance approving a request from Pradip Nayak, regarding the property located at 246 North Washington Street for the following:

1. A Zoning Ordinance Variance request to the required lot width in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.
2. A Zoning Ordinance Variance request to the required lot area in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.
3. A Zoning Ordinance Variance Request to the required front yard setback in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.

Seconded by **Trustee Nero** and the motion to postpone for 4 weeks passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) REZONING, SUBDIVISION AND RESIDENTIAL VARIANCES - 329 EAST 56TH STREET

Senior Village Planner Williams addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider postponing an ordinance approving requests from Arkad Development, LLC, regarding the property at 329 East 56th Street, for the following:

1. Map Amendment to rezone from R-1 Single Family Detached Residence District to R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.
2. Zoning Ordinance Variance to allow for the construction of new homes within a required front yard setback in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.
3. Westmont Land Development Ordinance Variance to allow the establishment of two (2) lots of a substandard lot depth.
4. Preliminary and Final Plat of Subdivision to subdivide one (1) lot into two (2) lots.

Seconded by **Trustee Guzzo** and the motion to postpone for 2 weeks passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: Liddle

Absent: None

(4) SPECIAL USE & B-1 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT - 136 NORTH CASS AVENUE - HAPPY CAT GROOMING

Senior Village Planner Williams addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving requests by Christine Haldeman, regarding the property located at 136 North Cass Avenue, for the following:

1. Special Use Permit for an animal grooming business in the B-1 Limited Business District.
2. B-1 Development Permit.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) GRADE SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE

Public Works Director Ries and Beth McKlusky addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a resolution supporting Alternative 3a as identified by the Grade Separated Pedestrian Crossing Alternatives Analysis Study.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(6) SETBACK VARIANCE AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR JAMES M. LONG PARK - 867 BLACKHAWK DR

Senior Village Planner Williams and Park District Director Bob Fleck addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving requests by the Westmont Park District, regarding the property located at 867 Blackhawk Drive (James M. Long Park), for the following:

1. Zoning Ordinance Variance to construct a maintenance garage within a required rear yard setback in the M Manufacturing District.
2. Site Plan Approval (for a maintenance garage, relocation of a volleyball court and addition of pickleball courts)

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(7) SPECIAL USE FOR FRITZ WERLEY PARK - 490 NORTH WARWICK AVENUE

Park District Director Bob Fleck addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a request by the Westmont Park District, regarding the property located at 490 North Warwick Avenue (Fritz Werley Park), for the following:

1. Special Use Permit to allow an existing park, associated facilities, and new improvements (add an open shelter and pathways) in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(8) SPECIAL USE AND CONSOLIDATION FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AT 314 NORTH GRANT STREET

Park District Director Bob Fleck addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving requests by the Westmont Park District, regarding properties located at 314 and 350 (Lot 2 of Sea Cliff Subdivision) North Grant Street, for the following:

1. Special Use Permit for a new park and associated facilities in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.
2. Preliminary and Final Plat of Subdivision to consolidate two (2) lots into one (1) lot in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.
3. Westmont Land Development Ordinance Variance for relief from both the installation and cash-in-lieu contribution of required land improvements.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(9) SPECIAL USE FOR DIANE MAIN PARK - 300 WEST 59TH STREET

Park District Director Bob Fleck addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Simonovich** to consider an ordinance approving a request from the Westmont Park District, regarding the property located at 300 West 59th Street (Diane Main Park), for the following:

1. Special Use Permit to allow an existing park, associated facilities, and new

improvements (remove a daycare facility and replace with a skatepark) in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(10) SPECIAL USES AND VARIANCES FOR BELLERIVE PARK - 201 WEST 63RD STREET

Park District Director Bob Fleck addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving requests by the Westmont Park District, regarding the property at 201 West 63rd Street (Bellerive Park), for the following:

1. Special Use Permit to allow an existing park, associated facilities, and new improvements (remove a skatepark and replace with pickleball courts) in the R-1 Single Family Detached Residence District.
2. Special Use Permit for an electronic message board sign, which replaces an existing monument sign.
3. Zoning Ordinance Variance to increase the maximum gross surface area of an electronic message board sign.
4. Zoning Ordinance Variance to allow an electronic message board sign within the required front lot line setback.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #10

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(11) APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1- FINAL FOR CYCLIC PARKWAY TREE PRUNING 2023

Public Works Director Ries addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving Change Order #1- Final for the Cyclic Parkway Tree Pruning 2023 project, for the amount of \$36,832.50.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #11

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(12) 2024 DMMC LEGISLATIVE ACTION PROGRAM RESOLUTION

Governmental Services Director Mielcarski addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider a resolution to support the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference 2024 Legislative Action Program.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #12

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(13) SURPLUS PROPERTY - WESTMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Gunther addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance declaring the attached inventory list from the Police Department as surplus property.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #13

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

- None

(14) ADJOURNMENT - 8:11 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #14

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:11 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 25th day of January, 2024