



Village of Westmont

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, February 22, 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>P</u> (I.T.)
Chief Gunther <u>A</u> (Police Dept.)	Dep Chief Gruen <u>A</u> (Police Dept.)	Narducci <u>P</u> (Interim Finance Director)
Chief Riley <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	D.C. Fitzgerald <u>A</u> (Public Works Supervisor)	Williams <u>P</u> (Senior Village Planner)
Mulhearn <u>P</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Administration Supervisor)	Ries <u>P</u> (Public Works Director)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak A Lampariello P

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:

- Vasilauskas, 55 W 57th Street: Requested information concerning property regulations on residences such as the amount of cars, boats, commercial vehicles, rubbish, etc.

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Asked for a moment of silence in memory of Matt Heiden who died one year ago.
- Five (5) Eagle Scouts are being recognized. Mayor Gunter called each to the podium so that they could talk about their Eagle Scout projects.
- Requested Larry Forssberg to the podium to talk about Westmont Restaurant Week.
 - Announced that the event will be promoted on a variety of news programs. It will run from February 22 - March 3rd. There are over 22 restaurants participating and the menus can be found on the Chamber website at westmontchamber.com.
- Coffee with the Mayor will be March 23, 10am at the Westmont Public Library.
- Nominations are being accepted for the 28th Annual Westmont Citizen of the Year. Nominations are due on Friday, March 1st. Nomination forms are available at Village Hall, Westmont Train Station, Westmont Centre and online at westmontchamber.com

Village Clerk Szymski

- Village Offices will be closed March 29 & May 27th.
- Early Voting is happening at the Westmont Library now through March 18. Details are on the website.

Trustee Liddle

- Recapped the Administration / Finance Committee meeting. The next meeting will be April 4th at 4:30pm. The following items were discussed:
 - Streetscape on Quincy Street
 - Sidewalks on Newfield Manner
 - Central Business District Lighting
 - Investments and trends with PMA Financial
 - Pay for performance
- Westmont Park District Winter Beer Festival was held last Saturday. There were nearly 700 participants and local brewers from IL came to showcase their beer offerings.
- The Village is hiring for the Finance Director position.
- Reminded everyone to sign up for the Westmont E-Newsletter, which is sent out every other Friday.

- Westmont businesses can go online to get info and sign up to have their business windows painted with wonderful spring themed murals.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be March 21st, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- There was a special meeting tonight regarding the Capital Improvement Program at the Admin / Finance meeting. These items were also mentioned: New North Elevated Water Tank, Vehicle Replacements and the residential alleys.
- Citizens can now sign-up to adopt a planter.

Trustee Simonovich

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be April 18, 4:30 at Village Hall.
- The Police Department is hosting another paper shred fundraiser for Special Olympics on April 13th at the Police Department at 500 North Cass.
- The DEA drug take back day will be April 27 at the Police Department at 500 North Cass as well as at Mariano's on 63rd Street.

Trustee Brady

- The 2024 Zoning Map to be considered for adoption at the March 7 Village Board Meeting.
- Talked about how valuable it is to be an Eagle Scout.

Trustee Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be March 7, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Westmont Fire Chief Riley wants to remind residents to leave fireworks to the professionals and they should not be used by children.
- The Knights of Columbus are doing their weekly fish fry on Friday's, 5 -8pm, at 25 N. Cass Ave.

Trustee Barker

- The next Environmental Improvement Committee will be March 3rd, 5:30pm at Village Hall.
- There will be two electronics and more special recycling events in 2024 - the first being April 6 and the second being November 23. Complete details have been published on the Village website.
- The No Mow 'Til Mother's Day Program is beginning. Sign up on the Village website.
- The EIC will be working on the 2023 annual report and 2024 goals. We hope to present this at an upcoming Administration/ Finance Committee meeting.
- The Library will have a Garden Expo on April 27.
- There will be a tree seedling giveaway. Sign up online to request and receive various tree seedling species in time for Arbor Day.

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 February 8, 2024 Village Board.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

- Finance Ordinance #22: \$ 2,276,990.27

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

24201907	Safe Step LLC	\$ 25,000.00
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(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$ 2,301,990.27

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) 34 N. CASS - BEAUTY AND THE BAKER

Senior Village Planner Williams addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Nero** to consider ordinances approving requests from MARTINEZ & NAVARETTE HOLDINGS, LLC d/b/a BEAUTY AND THE BAKER, LLC regarding the property located at 34 North Cass Avenue, Westmont, Illinois, 60559, for the following:

1. Site and Landscaping Plan approval.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Public Comment: Brandon Willis, 210 N Warwick: Voiced support of 2024 Outdoor Dining on Parkway Grant and for the business going in at 34 N. Cass, Beauty and the Baker.

(3) 34 N. CASS - BEAUTY AND THE BAKER

Senior Village Planner Williams addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Nero** to consider ordinances approving requests from MARTINEZ & NAVARETTE HOLDINGS, LLC d/b/a BEAUTY AND THE BAKER, LLC regarding the property located at 34 North Cass Avenue, Westmont, Illinois, 60559, for the following:

2. Downtown Incentive Program Grant.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) 2024 OUTDOOR DINING ON PUBLIC PARKWAY GRANT

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance adopting the 2024 Outdoor Dining on Public Parkway Grant Program.

Public Comment: Brandon Willis, 210 N Warwick: Had questions about what the parameters are for businesses who are applying for outdoor dining.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

- None

(5) ADJOURNMENT - 6:39 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:39 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szynski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 7th day of March, 2024