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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, March 7, 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 A
Brady P Guzzo P
Liddle P Nero P

STAFF:

May <u>P</u> (Village Manager)	Parker <u>P</u> (Assistant Manager)	Hennerfeind <u>P</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 Thompson <u>P</u> (Police Dept.)	Narducci <u>A</u> (Interim Finance Director)
Chief Riley <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	D.C. Fitzgerald <u>A</u> (Public Works Supervisor)	Williams <u>A</u> (Senior Village Planner)
Mulhearn <u>A</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:

- Bev Schwartz, 100 W 67th Street: Informed the Village Board about what *Hope for the Day* has going on in May and how others can participate. Explained the resources that are available to people. May is mental health awareness month.

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Coffee with the Mayor will be March 23, 10am at the Library. We plan to have representatives from Flood Brothers to talk about the transition to our new waste hauler. We will also have staff on hand to answer any and all questions from the public.
- A listing of all the dementia friendly spring programs has been published on the Village website.
- Announced the FMC Natatorium Event. Olympic swimmers from across the U.S. are in Westmont at the FMC Natatorium at Ty Warner Park through Saturday as the road to the summer olympics comes through Westmont. You can watch the competition live in-person or on Peacock TV.

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. Election Day is Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- Recapped the Fire Public Safety Committee meeting.
 - Received an update on our Fire Station.
 - A Life Saving Team accommodation for an accident at Route 83. Recognized Lieutenant Zack Crawford, Bob Kowalski, Katie Jasen, Jessica Zimmerman, and Lindsay Brockoff.

- A Life Saving award was given to Ryan Salzen.
- Joel Kalzinski and Eric Blascovich were made Chief Fire Officers.
- Dave Zaleziak was awarded the Fire Department Employee of the Year.
- Niel Berkowitz received the Public Servant award.
- The Fire Department Year End Report was discussed and that will be available on the website.
- The Fire Department also retained it's ISO1 rating.
- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be in June.
- Reminded everyone to change the batteries on their smoke detectors / CO detectors when changing the clocks.
- The Knights of Columbus are doing their fish fry every Friday night during Lent. The time is from 5:00 - 8:00pm and the address is 25 North Cass Avenue.
- A number of updates were recently made on the Fire Department pages of the Village website. Encouraged everyone to check it out to learn more about what our Fire Department does for the community.

Trustee Barker

- Recapped the Environmental Improvement Committee meeting held on March 3rd.
 - A leader from the Westmont Garden Club came and gave a report on what they do for the community as volunteers. Discussed the container program & caretaking of Richmond Gardens.
- The next electronics and more special recycling event will be April 6th. Complete details have been published on the Village website. It is a responsible way to dispose of items.
- The No Mow 'TIL Mother's Day Program is coming up. The sign up is on the Village website. This program supports the habitats of pollinators.
- The EIC is working on their 2023 annual report and 2024 goals. They are planning to present this info at the April 4th meeting.
- The Westmont Public Library has a Garden Expo Scheduled for April 27th and details can be found on the Village Website.
- The next EIC meeting will be April 1, 5:30pm at Village Hall.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration Finance Committee meeting will be April 4, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The Village is accepting applications for several positions, including Police Investigative Analyst, Finance Director and seasonal Public Works Maintenance. For more details on the positions and how to apply, please visit the Employment Opportunities section of the Village's website.
- There's still time to sign up for our business Spring Mural Program. For more information, visit the Westmont Special Events website at westmontevents.com.

- The Budget Workshop is Scheduled for April 25 at the Village Hall. The public is invited to participate in the workshop. This will be an important workshop in which the Village is preparing both a 8-month budget that gets us through the current calendar year, as well as a 12-month calendar that will begin on January 1 of 2025. More info is on the village website.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be March 21, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The Adopt-a-Planter program sign up is available on the Village website.
- The Tree Seedling giveaway is coming up. Sign up is available online to request and receive various tree seedling species in time for Arbor Day. Tree seedling pick up will be April 26 at the Westmont Library.
- Congratulations to Dave Z. for receiving the Employee of the Year recognition.
- Pizza Wars at the Jr. High will be the 13th next week at 6:00pm.
- Congratulations to the Westmont Jr. High Wrestling Team. This is the first time that they are heading to State.

Trustee Simonovich is absent. Report was given by Mayor Gunter

- The next Police Public Safety Committee will be April 18, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- There is a Paper Shred Fundraiser for Special Olympics on April 13th, 9am to 1pm, at the Police Department, 500 N Cass Ave.
- National Drug Take back Day will be April 27, 10a-2p, at the Westmont Police Department, 500 N Cass Ave & Westmont Mariano's at 150 W. 63rd Street
- The Police Department completed a mock ILEAP assessment. They hosted assessors from several different agencies to thoroughly review our policies and operation. This was a major step to prepare for the Police Department's re-accreditation scheduled for May

Trustee Brady

- The next Community Development meeting will be May 2, 4:30 at Village Hall.
- The Village just posted a reminder on the village website that people should call JULIE 811 before they dig into the ground for any type of project. The goal is to prevent damage to utilities that are buried underground.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

- The Mayor requested to have the Proclamation for the American Legion be removed and read as a separate item.

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 22, 2024 Village Board.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

- Finance Ordinance #23: \$ 1,537,224.36

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

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(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$ 1,596,974.36

(E) COMMUNITY EVENTS

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1) Westmont Lions Foundation Spring Fling 2024

- a) Board to consider an ordinance approving the following requests for the 2024 Spring Fling Festival hosted by the Westmont Lions Foundation, May 24 - 26, 2024.
- b) Community Events Permit
- c) Live Amplified Sound Permit
- d) Liquor License Fee Waiver
- e) Carnival Fee Waiver
- f) Tent Permit Fee Waiver
- g) Approval of Signage
- h) Temporary Banner Fee Waiver

2) 2024 - Westmont Cruisin' Nights & Street Fair

- a) Board to consider an ordinance approving the following requests from the Westmont Special Events Corporation for their 2024 Cruisin' Nights and Street Fair events:
- b) Community Event Permit
- c) Live Amplified Sound Permit for event hours
- d) Street and Public Right of Way Closures
- e) Food Truck Fee Waivers
- f) Approval of Signage
- g) Temporary Banner Fee Waiver

3) 2024 Taste of Westmont

- a) Board to consider an ordinance approving the following requests from the Westmont Special Events Corporation for the 2024 Taste of Westmont event:
- b) Community Event Permit
- c) Special Event Liquor License Fee Waiver
- d) Carnival License Fee Waiver
- e) Tent Permit Fee Waiver
- f) Live Amplified Sound Permit for event hours

- g) Street and Public Right of Way Closures
- h) Food Truck Fee Waivers
- i) Approval of Signage
- j) Temporary Banner Fee Waiver

(F) DECREASE IN MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES

Board to consider an ordinance reducing the number of available massage establishment licenses by one (1) due to the closure of Plima Massage at 15 N. Cass Avenue, Westmont, IL.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

- Mayor Gunter Invited Dan from the Lions Club to talk about the Lions Club Spring Fling.
 - Dan talked about the event. It will take place May 24, 25, 26. The barbeque competition will not be part of the event this year. Looking for a way to bring that back next year. The Lions club will have the corn roaster.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) PROCLAMATION - AMERICAN LEGION POST 338 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Gunter addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Brady** to consider a proclamation celebrating the Village of Westmont American Legion on the 100th Anniversary of Post #338.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(3) APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Mayor Gunter and Doug Carmichael addressed the Board on this item.

Boyer Zekiri addressed the Village Board.

Motion made by **Trustee Nero** to consider a motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of Boyar Zekiri as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(4) DOWNTOWN INCENTIVE PROGRAM - COMPLETED PROJECT GRANT AWARDS

Community Development Director Hennerfeind addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance awarding five (5) Downtown Incentive Program (DIP) grants qualified for funding as completed projects.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(5) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - WATER TREATMENT PLANT REHABILITATION

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

Motion made by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering agreement with Baxter & Woodman, Inc. for Preliminary Engineering services for the Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(6) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - WASHINGTON AND TRAUBE WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENTS

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

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering services agreement with Baxter & Woodman, Inc. for Phase 2 design engineering services for the Washington and Traube Watermain Improvements Project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(7) EXERCISE OF OPTION YEAR 1 - GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL

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

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance exercising the first option year of the gasoline and diesel fuel contract with Al Warren Oil Company, Inc.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(8) AWARD OF PROPOSAL - BIENNIAL SAFETY AUDITS

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

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving an agreement with Hygieneering, Inc. for biennial safety audits.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(9) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - WARWICK AVENUE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT

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

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance awarding the bid proposal from Millennium Contracting Company for the Warwick Avenue Watermain Replacement Project and authorizing a contract consistent with the accepted bid documents.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(10) 2024 ZONING MAP

Community Development Director Hennerfiend addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving the revised Zoning Map dated December 31, 2023 as the official 2024 Zoning Map for the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #10

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Commander of the American Legion addressed the Village Board. He thanked the Village Board and appreciated the efforts in recognizing the 100th Year Anniversary.
- Trustee Brady asked about the grocery tax. The Illinois Municipal League and DMMC have been talking about the impact of the State eliminating this tax and the impact on the Village.

(11) ADJOURNMENT - 6:59 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #11

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:59 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 21st day of March, 2024