



Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, April 18, 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>P</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.)	Richards <u>P</u> (Deputy Village Clerk)	Narducci <u>A</u> (Interim Finance Director)
Chief Riley <u>A</u> (Fire Dept.)	D.C. Fitzgerald <u>P</u> (Public Works Supervisor)	Beusse <u>P</u> (Public Works Supervisor)
Mulhearn <u>A</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)	Mielcarski <u>A</u> (Administration Supervisor)	Ries <u>P</u> (Public Works Director)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Lampariello P

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:

Bugle A

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR: Forssberg - A

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

OPEN FORUM:

- There was no one for open forum.

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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

- We are transitioning waste haulers from Waste Management to Flood Brothers on May 1st. There will be changes in terms of sizing for cans and recycling pick up will be every week. If there are any issues, please contact us. Please leave the cans out for the last pick-up so that they can be collected by Waste Management. New cans will be dropped off by Flood Brothers. transition to the new recycling and waste hauler for Westmont has begun.
- Our next Coffee with the Mayor event will be May 18 at the new Park District facility, Park Place, located on South Linden Street next to Veteran's Memorial Park.
- The 5th Annual Free Senior Expo is Thursday, April 25th at 5:00pm to 6:30pm and on Friday, April 26 from 8:30 to 11:30am at the Park District Community Center at 75 East Richmond Street. For additional information, visit westmontchamber.com
- The Community Awards Dinner is being held on Monday, April 29th at the Hilton. Numerous community awards will be presented at the event including the Westmont Citizen of the Year Award. For more info, visit westmontchamber.com. The deadline to RSVP is this Sunday.

Village Clerk Szymski

- Village Hall will be closed Memorial Day, Monday May 27th.

Trustee Simonovich

- Gave a recap of the Police Public Safety Committee meeting.
 - Honored Fire and Police Commissioner Kovanda for his 24 years of service. Prior to that he also served for 5 years on the Environmental Improvement Committee. We are grateful for his 30 years of service.
 - A department service award was given to Sgt. Jeff Borgardt for his 20 years of service.
 - Two probationary officers are starting the academy at the end of the month.

- Updates were presented giving statistical information, arrests, investigations closed, etc. Other information was also presented regarding the Chief's new role as the Chief Public Safety Officer and the collaboration on safety issues that is going on in all three departments, Police, Fire, and Public Works.
- Gave a recap on the Paper Shred Fundraiser for Special Olympics on April 13th. 8,718 pounds of paper was collected to be shredded and they raised \$4,989 for the Special Olympics.
- Drug Take Back Day will be held April 27 from 10am - 2pm at the Police Department, 500 N Cass Ave & Mariano's, 150 W. 63rd Street.
- The next Special Olympics fundraiser will be on May 17 for the Cop on the Rooftop.

Trustee Brady

- The next Community Development Committee meeting will be May 2, 4:30 at Village Hall.
- Recapped the April Planning and Zoning Meeting. A new theater group, BAM theater, proposes moving into the old bank located at 520 N. Cass, and will be considered by the Board tonight.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission will have its next meeting on May 8th at 7:00pm.
- Recognized Public Works on the professional and quick response time for a water main break. They did a good job.

Trustee Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be June 13, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Westmont Fire Dept. just completed a GEMT (Ground Emergency Medical Transport) survey. Westmont has been a recipient of GEMT funding for the past several years.
- For the first quarter of 2024, Fire Department call volume is up 11% compared to a year ago. The Village will continue to monitor and report this information throughout the year.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be June 27, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- There are 8 more days to sign up online to request and receive various tree seedling species in time for Arbor Day. Tree seedling pickup will be April 26 at the Library. More information is on the website.
- With construction season right around the corner, keep an eye on the Village's website for details. Affected residents will receive a direct notification.
- Thanked the Public Works Water Division for their hard work addressing the water main break.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be May 16, 4:30 at Village Hall.
- The USA Luge Team Midwest Tryouts are coming back to Westmont on May 18 & 19 - details on the Village Website.
- Race to the Flag will be on May 19th at TY Warner park, sign up at RaceToTheFlag.org.

Trustee Barker

- The next Environmental Improvement Committee will be May 6, 5:30 at Village Hall.
- The Recycling & More Event that happens in front of Village Hall was successful. A record number 433 cars came through the event with items to drop off. Thank you to the EIC who coordinates and staffs the event.
- Volunteers are needed for the DuPage River Sweep May 4. Details and sign up on the Village Website.
- The Library has a Garden Expo on April 27th and details can be found on the Village Website.
- Congratulations to the People's Resource Center on receiving the Earth Flag this year. Reminded everyone about the buying power that monetary donations have to the People's Resource Center. Every \$1.00 donation can be turned into \$5.00 due to their buying power.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

No items have been removed from the consent agenda.

(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this agenda item.

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

(A) VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes

Board to consider approving the minutes of the **April 4, 2024** Village Board.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

- Finance Ordinance #26: \$ 1,6794,683.45

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

No purchase orders this evening.

(E) PROCLAMATION - ARBOR DAY

Board to consider a proclamation to declare April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day in the Village of Westmont.

(F) PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation celebrating National Volunteer Week honoring Westmont's outstanding volunteers.

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) REZONING - 522 NORTH CASS AVENUE

Community Development Director Hennerfiend and Melanie Lamoureux addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a request by BAMTHEATRE, LLC (Petitioner) and GRANT PARTNERS (Owner) for 522 North Cass Avenue, Westmont, Illinois, 60559 for the following:

1. Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment request to rezone from O/R-1 Office Research One District to B-2 General Business District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) BAMTheatre - 520 North Cass Avenue

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

Motion made by **Trustee Simonovich** to consider an ordinance approving requests by BAMTHEATRE LLC (Petitioner) and OLD NATIONAL BANK (Owner) at 520 North Cass Avenue, Westmont, Illinois 60559 for the following:

1. Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment request to rezone from O/R-1 Office Research One District to B-2 General Business District.
2. Special Use Permit request for a Performing Arts Studio.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES

Deputy Clerk Richards and Laura Vasilauskas addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available massage establishment licenses by one (1) for L Boutique and Spa, 124 N Cass Ave, Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) CLOSING OF THE DOWNTOWN PARKING FUND

Assistant Village Manager Parker addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance closing the Downtown Parking Fund.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(6) POLICE PENSION BOARD TRUSTEE REAPPOINTMENT

Assistant Village Manager Parker addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion made by **Trustee Barker** to consider a motion approving Mayor Gunter's re-appointment of Mr. John Saks as a Trustee of the Westmont Police Pension Board.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Gunter reminded everyone that the Budget Workshop is next Thursday at 4:30pm.

(7) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2024