



Village of Westmont

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, May 2, 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 A
Liddle P Nero A

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>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 - A

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

OPEN FORUM:

- Duane Newton, 10 W Traube: Talked about short term rental concerns and rezoning for his property.

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</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>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</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>

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Invited Larry Forssberg to the podium to talk about the Chamber Community Awards Dinner. The Citizen of the Year award went to Dan Buczkowski and the Employee of the Year award went to Natasha Buh.
- Larry Forssberg talked about the Community Improvement Awards. The recipients that night were Neat Kitchen & Bar, Champion Animal Rehab & Athletics, Mrs. T's Pizza, and The Village of Westmont for the West Quincy Street Project.
- We transitioned waste haulers on May 1st. Flood Brothers is the official new Waste Hauler for the Village of Westmont. More information can be found on the Village Website. There will be changes in terms of sizing for cans and recycling pick up will be every week. A news release was published today on the Village website to provide specific information on how to exchange the size of your recycling and trash containers as well as how to exchange stickers.
- 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.
- Lions Club Spring Fling will be Memorial Day weekend. This is an offshoot from the Red, White, and BBQ. Details can be found on the Village website or the Lions Club Website.

Village Clerk Szymski

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

Trustee Brady

- Recapped the Community Development Committee from earlier this evening. There will be a zoning ordinance update. This is an 18-mo study. We are now in the 12th month. A presentation was given by a representative from Duncan Associates.

Trustee Barker

- The next Environmental Improvement Committee will be May 6, 5:30 pm at Village Hall.
- A tree planting incentive program was launched through the Village website. That gives someone incentive for homeowners to plant more trees on their property.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be May 16, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The USA Luge Team Midwest Tryouts are coming back to Westmont on May 18 & 19 - details on the Village Website. It will be on Cass Ave.
- Race to the Flag will be on May 19th at TY Warner park, sign up at RaceToTheFlag.org.
- Reminded everyone that Cruisin' Nights are only 5 weeks away. Information can be found on the Westmont Special Events website at www.westmontevents.com
- The Taste of Westmont is only 10 weeks away. This year the event starts on Thursday night. Details are on the Westmont Special Events website at www.westmontevents.com.

Trustee Nero was absent. Report was given by Mayor Gunter.

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be June 27, 4:30 pm at Village Hall.
- 280 tree seedlings were given away. This event was well received by the community.
- Gave a construction update for the Warwick watermain alley at 12 North. Construction will begin shortly for Alley 5 South. More information can be found on the Village website.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo was absent. Report was given by Mayor Gunter.

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be June 13, 4:30pm at Village Hall.

Trustee Simonovich

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be on July 11th at 4:30pm.
- The Police Department held its Drug Takeback Day. They collected 409 lbs of unwanted prescription drugs. The day was hugely successful.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Gunter asked that the Proclamation for the Taiwanese American Heritage Week be removed and placed on the regular 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 18, 2024** Village Board.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

- Finance Ordinance #1: \$ 1,260,150.36

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

No purchase orders this evening.

(D) PROCLAMATION - POLICE WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation to declare May 12 thru May 18, 2024 as Police Week in the Village of Westmont to honor our Police Department.

(E) PROCLAMATION - PUBLIC SERVICE WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation to declare May 5 -11, 2024 as Public Service Recognition Week in the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo, Nero

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) PROCLAMATION - TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

Larry Forssberg and Clark Chen addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a proclamation declaring May 12-19 as Taiwanese American Heritage Week in the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo, Nero

(3) AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH METRO PARAMEDIC SERVICES

Deputy Fire Chief Fitzgerald addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Brady** to consider an ordinance approving a Second Amendment to the Public-Private Partnership Agreement for EMS/Firefighting Staffing with Metro Paramedic Services, Inc.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo, Nero

(4) EXERCISE OF OPTION YEAR 1 - DOWNTOWN ANNUAL FLOWER WATERING PROGRAM

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

Motion made by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance authorizing the Village to exercise the first option year of the contract with Ken's Landscaping & Supply, Inc. for the Downtown Annual Flower Watering Program.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo, Nero

(5) APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #1 - BURLINGTON AVENUE REALIGNMENT

Public Works Director Ries and Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving Change Order #1 to the Burlington Avenue Realignment project, Phase II Engineering, with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$64,500.00.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo, Nero

(6) COMED RELOCATION PROPOSAL **Public Works Director Ries** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a Proposal from Commonwealth Edison for the relocation of overhead facilities along E. Burlington Avenue.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Liddle, Simonovich, Gunter

Nays: None

Abstain: Brady

Absent: Guzzo, Nero

(7) FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGETS

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

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a resolution adopting the Budgets for Fiscal Years ending December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2025.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo, Nero

MISCELLANEOUS

- A Special Community Development meeting will be held on May 30, 2024 and it will be centered around zoning.

(8) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo, Nero

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:41 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 16th day of May, 2024