



Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, August 8, 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>A</u> (Communications)	Liljeberg <u>A</u> (I.T.)
Chief Gunther <u>P</u> (Police Dept.)	D.C. Thompson <u>A</u> (Police Department)	Altic <u>P</u> (Finance Director)
Chief Riley <u>A</u> (Fire Dept.)	D.C. Frank <u>P</u> (Fire Department)	Yeater <u>A</u> (Public Works)
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:

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR: Forssberg - P

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

OPEN FORUM:

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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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

- Mayor reminded everyone that school is starting next week and asked people to please slow down, because there will be a lot of new people going to different places and a lot of students walking to and from school.
- The next concert in the park will be Wednesday August 21st featuring Mr. Meyers Caribbean Rock and Reggae at Veterans Memorial Park, 55 E. Richmond. They have been performing for years and do a great job.

Village Clerk Szymski

- Monday, September 2nd is Labor day, so we will be closed.

Trustee Brady

- Short term rentals and code enforcement updates were discussed at the Community Development Committee meeting.
- The Community Development Committee's next meeting will be August 8th at 4:30 pm in Village Hall.
- The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Pets in the Park on September 14th at Ty Warner Park from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. It's a very interesting day so bring all the children to see the parade of different dogs.
- Two years ago the State legislature put together a DuPage County Veterans Resource Fair called a VAC (Veterans Assistance Committee). They will be having a resource fair on August 21st in Wheaton. The committee consists of veterans from various organizations and Frank Trout is one of the members if we ever need information. They have over a million dollar budget.

Trustee Barker

- The Environmental Improvement Committee had a meeting Monday night where they had a guest speaker from an organization called CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Area for Planning). They are a group of scientists and the conversation was about climate change locally. They talked about tree canopy and stormwater management, both of which we have programs in place.

- One of the EIC members took our green regions and applied it to the climate change guidelines. Now we have a document that lets the residents know what we are doing.
- Village Manager Steve May goes into detail about who CMAP is and what they do.
- EIC conducts education and there will be another educational seminar in the spring that will hopefully be hosted at the Library.
- EIC will be at Cruisin Nights with a native plant conversation. The group has done two events already discussing Flood Brothers and Dark Sky. There has been a pleasing amount of people coming up to the table and asking questions.
- West Nile Virus was detected in Westmont. The first human case in DuPage County has been reported. Practice the 4 D's to protect yourself from West Nile Virus.
 - Drain items that collect standing water around your home, yard, or business. Scrub and Refill pet water dishes and bird baths regularly, at least weekly.
 - Defend yourself using an insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors and reapply according to directions.
 - Dress yourself wearing long pants, long sleeves, and closed toed shoes when outside to cover the skin.
 - From Dusk to Dawn wear repellent outdoors during these prime times for mosquitos activities.

Trustee Liddle

- The Administration Finance Committee will be August 22, 4:30 pm at Village Hall.
- We only have four more weeks of Cruisin Nights on Thursday nights through the end of August. We are always looking for volunteers. For more information visit the website at westmontevents.com.
- The Wicked West Fest Program is coming up. Event information has been posted to the Village website.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting is September 19, 4:30 pm at Village Hall.
- The 2024 motor fuel tax resurfacing projects for all of the streets will begin after Labor Day. Check out the website for more details on what roads have been selected.
- Public Works staff is developing a new idea called Oaktober Fest in which Oak trees will be distributed in the month of October. Details will be coming soon.

Trustee Simonovich

- Thanked everybody who came out for National Night Out. You can continue to support our officers by signing up for the golf fundraiser. The second annual Special Olympics golf fundraiser is on September 13th. More information is on the Village website.
- The paper shred fundraiser for Special Olympics is scheduled for October 5th from 9 am to 1 pm at the Police Station at 500 N. Cass Ave.
- The next Police Public Safety meeting will be on October 17, 4:30 pm at Village Hall.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting is September 5th at 4:30 pm here in Village Hall.

- The Fire Department open house is scheduled for September 28th. More information will be posted on the Village website.
- Congratulations to everyone involved for a very successful fire truck night last Thursday evening.
- Personal shout out to Rob Sipek who was presented with the Dawn King Volunteer award.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

No items to be removed from the consent agenda.

(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:

Manage 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 Village Board Meeting held on **July 25, 2024**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

- **Finance Ordinance #8: \$2,074,701.59**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

PO 25200671	Thomas Dodge	\$ 41,223.00
PO 25200672	Atlas Bobcat	32,333.79
TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS		\$73,556.79

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$2,148,258.38

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) B-1 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT - 19 SOUTH CASS AVENUE

Mayor Gunter addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a B-1 Development Permit for Oedae Farraj d/b/a Tasty Treat to operate an ice cream shop at 19 South Cass Avenue.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) GATEWAY SIGNS

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

- Director Ries gave a presentation on gateway signs.
- Designs and options were presented.
- There have been requests for Civic Organization Signage. Discussed criteria that other municipalities have for these types of signs. Talked about a location that could accommodate this request.

(4) SURPLUS PROPERTY - VILLAGE HALL

Village Manager May addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Simonovich** to consider an ordinance declaring the attached inventory list of outdated/ unusable equipment as surplus property.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

Village Manager May addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a motion to amend the 2024 meeting schedule.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS

- NONE

(6) ADJOURNMENT - 6:50 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2024