



Village of Westmont

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, September 19, 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 A

TRUSTEES: Barker P Guzzo P
Liddle P Nero P
Simonovich 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>A</u> (Police Dept.)	D.C. Thompson <u>P</u> (Police Department)	Altic <u>A</u> (Finance Director)
Chief Riley <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	D.C. Frank <u>P</u> (Fire Department)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Gov't Services)
Mulhearn <u>P</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)	Richards <u>P</u> (Deputy Clerk)	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:

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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- The Mayor congratulates the Chamber on their 50-year anniversary and the open house event. Larry Forrsberg has done a great job and he will be missed as the Chamber president. Eric Carlson will be the new Chamber president.
- Meetings will be canceled on October 31st.
- The next Planning Zoning Commission meeting will be on October 9th at Village Hall with a 6 pm start time.
- Westmont special events and the Creative Art Network are coordinating a Fall business mural program. Visit the Westmont Special Events website for more details.

Trustee Nero

- Provided an update from the Public Works Committee that was held earlier. The South water tower inspection results were discussed. We are going to delay the exterior painting for a year until we get the inside coating a little more in line, so we can do the replacement all at once.
- We also talked about the Quincy streetscape Phase 2 update. The Committee decided that it's best to scale back that project to allow us more funds for the downtown area. We are going to focus on ADA improvements & really reduce that scope on Quincy Phase 2.
- There is a beautification project in store for the railroad fencing and the trees at Burlington and Cass in which we will put up a nice decorative fence. We are waiting on ComEd to finish an electrical project in that area.
- Gave an update on the capital improvement projects going on in the community.

- We finished most of the 2024 Motor Fuel Tax resurfacing projects.
- The Warwick water main is substantially complete.
- Two residential alley projects are almost complete.
- Gave an update on upcoming projects.
 - The 2024 sidewalk removal and replacement will begin in the fall.
 - North Water Tower project which is by the highschool
 - ComEd relocation project.
 - Wilmette sidewalk and then Dallas to Quincy is Spring of 2025.
 - Salt dome
 - Gateway Signs
- There is still time to sign up for the Oaktoberfest tree giveaway. There is still time to sign up. It is on October 11th at Neat Kitchen and Bar. The event is for any resident who would like to receive one oak tree seedling. They come in gallon containers. Details are on the village website.
- Downers Grove Sanitary District is having their open house on October 5th. Encouraged everyone to check out what they do with the waste water.
- Special shout out to the Westmont Police Department and Mike Weibler who did a great job with the Special Olympics Golf Outing. They raised about \$28,000.
- Thank you to everyone who came to the Country House for the Columbus fundraiser. We raised close to \$500.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration Finance Committee meeting will be 4:30pm, October 3rd at Village Hall.
- Wicked Westfest will be starting soon.. Program and event information is posted on the Village website including downtown Trick or Treating on Saturday October 19th.
- Westmont Special Events has hosted another Endless Summer Car Show in which we bring cool and classic cars to the area senior facilities and retirement communities so that they can enjoy the excitement of our Westmont Cruisin' Nights events right where they live. There will be a total of six events for seniors this year.
- Westmont Special Events will once again be hosting the Halloween decorating contest. Citizens are encouraged to sign up to be included in the voting which will take place online. Details will be on the website soon.

Trustee Barker

- The next Environmental Improvement Committee meeting will be October 7th at 5:30 pm in Village Hall.
- We currently have the Dark Sky Grant opportunity for residents to consider changes to their properties that will reduce or even eliminate unnecessary light pollution and protect our evening skies for everyone to see and enjoy. Details are on the Village website.
- We have a green business and residential recycling contest where businesses and residents have the chance to receive one or two months of free recycling and waste hauling. You can sign up on the Village website.
- Westmont Library is having a monarch festival this weekend and everyone is invited to attend. The festival will be held on Saturday September 21st at Ty Warner Park. More details can be found on the Westmont library website.
- Trustee Barker invited Larry McIntyre to the podium to tell us a little more about

Wednesdays on West Quincy.

- Westmont Special Events will be hosting Wednesdays on West Quincy. They will bring in music on each of the five Wednesdays for the month of October for about two hours. Each week will be at a different location or one of the restaurants. We are working with the restaurants to try to offer similar to The Taste of Westmont size portions and pricing. The goal is to get people to those businesses.
- In addition, we are going to create some kind of punch card system where at the end of the month there will be drawings. Details will be finalized and on the Village website early next week.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- The Fire Department open house is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th at 11 am until 2 pm at the Frank J Johanik headquarters station located at 6015 South Cass Avenue. More information is available on our Village website.
- The Silent Parade is scheduled for Friday, October 11th. This parade is dedicated to firefighters and fire victims who have lost their lives due to fire.
- October is fire prevention month. Hopes that residents will come out to the different events the Fire Department is hosting.

Trustee Simonovich

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be 4:30pm, October 17th at Village Hall.
- The paper shred fundraiser for the Special Olympics is scheduled for October 5th from 9am to 1 pm at the police station at 500 North Cass Avenue.
- Thanked everyone who came to the police department's annual golf outing to raise money for the Special Olympics Illinois.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

No items to be removed.

(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 **September 5, 2024**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

- **Finance Ordinance #9: \$2,829,904.92**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

PO 25200886	Morton Salt	\$ 44,340.00
PO 25200955	CDW LLC	46,075.00

PO 25200978	IMS Infrastructure Management Services	29,735.00
TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS		\$120,150.00

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: **\$2,950,054.92**

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) LIONS CLUB OF WESTMONT - CHARITY EVENT

Manager May, Carla Plowman and Bob Plowman addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Simonovich** to consider an ordinance approving a temporary use fee waiver request for a charitable fundraising event hosted by the Lions Club of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) INCREASE AVAILABLE CLASS 2 LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn and Vijay Muralidaran addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class 2 liquor licenses by one for Shri Bistro LLC at 655 N. Cass Avenue Westmont, Illinois.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) REDUCE AND INCREASE AVAILABLE CLASS 9(B) LIQUOR LICENSES

Deputy Liquor Commissione Mulhearn and Eric from Sunrise addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to approve an ordinance reducing and then increasing the number of

available Class 9(b) liquor licenses for Aspired Living of Westmont, 407 W. 63rd Street, Westmont, Illinois due to an ownership change.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR CASS AVENUE DOWNTOWN STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

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

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a resolution authorizing staff to apply for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funding for the Cass Avenue Downtown Streetscape Improvements.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

(6) ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEWFIELD MANOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

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

Motion made by **Trustee Barker** to consider a resolution authorizing staff to apply for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funding for the Newfield Manor Sidewalk Improvements project as well as committing matching funds as required by the grant.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

(7) TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Mayor Gunter addressed the Village Board on this item.

Mayor's recommendation is to appoint Harold Barry to fill the current vacant trustee position.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** left vacant by the passing of Trustee Brady.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

(8) PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mayor Gunter addressed the Village Board on this item.

Mayo's recommendation is to appoint Michael Lynn to fill the position on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Motion made by **Trustee Nero** to consider a motion approving Mayor Gunter's appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Nero gave kudos to the Public Works Department on finding artificial wreaths for our downtown area.

(9) ADJOURNMENT - 6:43 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:43 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2024