



Village of Westmont

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, December 5, 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 Liddle P
Barry P Nero P
Guzzo A (Vacancy)

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>P</u> (Police Dept.)	D.C. Thompson <u>A</u> (Police Department)	Altic <u>P</u> (Finance Director)
Chief Riley <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	D.C. Frank <u>A</u> (Fire Department)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Gov't Services)
Mulhearn <u>A</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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>	<u>8</u>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	=	Y
TRUSTEE BARRY	<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 deeply saddened by the sudden and tragic passing of Matt Verde, owner of Neat Kitchen & Bar. Matt was an important member of our business community, who had a great passion and commitment to making Westmont a better place for everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with Matt's family, friends, and the staff at Neat Kitchen & Bar.
- The Village Board meeting schedule has been adjusted. Due to the holidays, the next Village Board meeting will be Dec. 19. Then, there will be a three week gap to the next meeting, which will be on January 9.
- The Holly Days Festival will start on Saturday night. The Frosty and Friends Parade, Tree Lighting Ceremony, and Pictures With Santa, will take place in downtown Westmont this Saturday, Dec. 7. The festivities kick off with the Westmont High School Choir singing in Addington Plaza at 4:30PM, followed by the parade at 5pm. More information can be found on the village website at westmont.illinois.gov
- Tonight, the Village will continue the discussion regarding water infrastructure needs and corresponding rate increases to pay for these updates. Information has been posted on the Village website.

Clerk Szymski

- Village offices will be closed to the public on the following dates: Dec. 24 & 25, Jan. 1, 2025

Trustee Nero

- Recapped the Public Works Committee meeting.
 - An architect firm did a needs analysis on our Fire Department.
 - The location of Cruisin' Nights was discussed.
 - Downtown Light fixtures were discussed.
 - Talked about the APA and some of the lead and copper rules will be changing.
- Gave an update on the guidelines for snow removal operations

- After an accumulation of 2 or more inches of snow, parking is prohibited on any street for a period of eight hours after the snow has stopped falling to assist with snow removal.
- If snow removal is still needed after 8 hours, parking is prohibited until operations have been completed.
- During snow removal operations, the first priority of the Village is to keep all main streets open for emergency vehicles and residential use.
- Additional snow removal info has been posted on the village website.
- The next Community Development Committee meeting is scheduled for December 11th.
- Tonight the Board will consider both a Text Amendment and two cases for Special Uses from the November meeting.
- KC's Hall will be having a food drive on December 7th.
- KC's Hall will be hosting a pancake breakfast with Santa on December 8th

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be December 19, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The Village has begun using a new credit card payment processor for online bill payments. Details have been posted on the Village website.
- Business registrations for 2025 will be emailed soon to business license holders.

Trustee Barker

- The Holiday Lights Recycling is ongoing and residents can still drop off unwanted or broken lights until Jan. 31 at either the Library or Fire Headquarters.
- Recapped the Electronics & Recycling Event. We had another record-setting recycling event last month with 425 vehicles participating. Thank you Communications for coordinating, Public Works for dropping off traffic control devices, EMA for assisting with traffic flow, and our EIC volunteers for managing the event. Two collection events have been scheduled for 2025.
- Starting in January, the Environmental Improvement Committee will be meeting at the Library on the first Monday of each month, 5:30pm. There will be more guest speakers in 2025, so the Library will be a good venue to accommodate more public participation.

Trustee Barry

- Expressed condolences for the passing of Matt Verde.
- Citizens are encouraged to keep their homes and property safe by following the 9 P.M. ROUTINE every night.
 - The routine is as follows: Secure your vehicle, lock the garage, check your mail, lock your house.
 - If you see something, say something. The 9PM Routine details have been posted on the Village Website
- The Westmont Police Department is hiring. They are hiring Lateral Transfer Police Officers and information has been posted on the Village website.
- March 6, 2025 - The Fire Public Safety Committee meeting.
- The Fire Department encourages everyone to keep the wreath red. Now through January 2 to be vigilant with Fire Safety.

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 **November 14, 2024**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

- **Finance Ordinance #16: \$ 1,569,097.69**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

No purchase orders for this meeting.

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: **\$ 1,569,097.69**

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) SPECIAL USE PERMIT - 822 EAST OGDEN AVE - BOWIE BARKER

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

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving a request by FH PB Company, LLC and SJ Investment Associates, LLC regarding 822 East Ogden Avenue, Westmont, Illinois, 60559 for the following:

1. Special Use Permit request to operate an animal grooming business in the B-2 General Business District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo

(3) TEXT AMENDMENT - SPECIAL USES O/R ZONING DISTRICT

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a Zoning Ordinance text amendment request from FULTON WESTMONTIL LLC to Appendix A, Section 8.13, "Special uses in the office/research district," of the Zoning Ordinance to allow performing arts studios as an allowable special use in the Office/Research (O/R) District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo

(4) SPECIAL USE PERMIT - 750 PASQUINELLI DRIVE - EXPRESSION DANCE STUDIO

Community Development Director Hennerfeind and Amber Saraceno addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a request from Expression Dance Studio, Inc. for the property at 750 Pasquinelli Drive, Westmont, Illinois, 60559, for the following:

1. Special Use Permit request to operate a Performing Arts Studio in the Office/Research (O/R) District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo

(5) APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT - LIBERTY PARK WATER EXPANSION PROJECT (ARPA)

Village Manager May addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between County of DuPage, Illinois and the Village of Westmont for the Liberty Park Water Expansion Project (ARPA).

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo

(6) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - LINCOLN AND 41ST STREET WATERMAIN EXTENSION

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

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance awarding the bid to Miller Pipeline LLC for the Lincoln and 41st Street Watermain Extension, and authorizing a construction contract consistent with the bid documents.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo

(7) WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT DISCUSSION

Finance Director Altic addressed the Village Board on this item.

Director Altic gave a presentation to the Village Board informing them of how the changes will affect water bills for residents. The water rate analysis provided a better understanding for the upcoming adjustment. An ordinance will be presented to the Village Board at the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Mayor proposes Matt Scales to fill the vacancy on the Village Board for the next 5 months.
- Trustee Nero stated that he and the Mayor have been working with DuPage County to approve a \$50,000 ARPA funded grant specifically for the natatorium.

(8) ADJOURNMENT - 7:09 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:09 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 19th day of December, 2024

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 5, 2024