



Village of Westmont

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, November 14, 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 Guzzo P
Liddle P Nero P
Simonovich P Barry 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>P</u> (I.T.)
Chief Gunther <u>A</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>P</u> (Fire Department)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Gov't Services)
Mulhearn <u>A</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)	Richards <u>A</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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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 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>

	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	-	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE BARRY	<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 talks about water infrastructure needs and related rate adjustments. Water rates will be affected. More information will be published on the website.
- The Village has begun using a new credit card processor. The details have been sent directly to affected customers as well as placed on the Village's website.
- The Season Holidays Festival:
 - The Frosty and Friends parade is December 7th at 5 pm.
 - There is a traditional tree lighting ceremony and you can take a picture with Santa Claus.
 - The festival starts at Westmont High School with the Coral Choir singing in Addington plaza at 4:30 pm.

Clerk Szymski

- No report

Trustee Simonovich

- No report

Trustee Barry

- Westmont High School and Westmont District 201 has earned the highest recognition platinum rating with access from the College Board. Westmont High school is the only traditional high school in Illinois to earn the rating and recognition out of over 600 traditional high schools in Illinois. No other Illinois public high school has won that in the history of that award.

- Kyla Bab, a cross country runner, placed third in the IHSA 1A State Finals.

Trustee Guzzo

- Our Next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be in 2025. Stay tuned as dates are released.
- Westmont Fire Department is working on some seasonal fire safety tips which will be on our website soon.

Trustee Barker

- There will be more information and discussions on Municipal Street lighting and the dark sky compliant fixtures. It is about illumination, not turning all of the lights off.
- We had the pumpkin composting event with the EIC volunteers at the library with help from Public Works and Flood Brothers.
- We have the community recycling contest going on. Businesses and residents are asked to go to the website and sign up to be part of the community recycling contest. More information is on our website at westmont.illinois.gov
- Holiday lights recycling began November 1st. Residents can drop off their unwanted or broken lights at two locations, the Westmont Library and the South Fire Station.
- We have an electronics and more recycling event in front of the Village Hall on November 23rd from 8am until noon. Details are posted on the Village website.

Trustee Liddle

- Fall festivities on West Quincy
 - There will be specials, entertainment, raffles, and more.
 - Ten different business locations are participating with their own specials.
 - Five locations will have live music performances.
 - Westmont resident Connie Garitano is performing from 6 pm until 8 pm at Galaxy Sushi.
 - An online raffle has been coordinated by Westmont Special Events in conjunction with Westmont First. Visit the Westmont special events website for additional information.
- Due to the holidays, the December village board meeting schedule has been adjusted. There will be village board meetings on December 5th and December 19th. Various village board committees will be taking place on those dates as well.
- The local businesses are invited to sign up for holiday window paintings.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting is on December 5th at 4:30 pm here in Village Hall.
- Special thanks to Public Works and all the team who helped with our wonderful holiday decorations.
- We had a Community Development Committee special meeting. We discussed local amendments to our building and fire regulations. We are looking to be a bit more developer friendly. We can expect that change to be coming to the Village board soon.
- We talked about a multi-family density discussion in which we learned that our density requirements are a bit outdated so we are taking a peek to see if there is anything we need to change to get more in line with our neighbors.
- We are getting closer to being almost fully online with electronic permitting.

- In last night's Planning and Zoning meeting there were a few items.
 - An animal grooming place that was recommended for approval.
 - A text amendment for a zoning ordinance to add a performing arts studio on Pasquanelli.
 - Then there was James Long Park which we will talk about tonight.
- Do not forget about the free leaf collection going through November 30th. Residents can put out an unlimited amount of leaves and craft paper bags during this time and no stickers needed.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

- Mayor asks for the Dementia Friendly Awareness 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 **October 17, 2024**.
- Board to consider a motion to accept, approve, and release The following executive session minutes:
 - March 21, 2024 - except paragraphs 1 & 2
 - October 3, 2024

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

- **Finance Ordinance #14: \$ 1,507,247.22**
- **Finance Ordinance #15: \$ 2,068,242.91**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

PO 25201438	West Central Municipal Conference	\$37,471.10
TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS		\$37,471.10

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$ 3,612,961.23

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) PROCLAMATION - DEMENTIA FRIENDLY AWARENESS

Village Manager May and Mary Ferguson addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider a proclamation declaring November as Dementia Friendly Awareness Month in the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE TOBACCO LICENSE

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mullhearn and Alia Stefin and Navine Mikiel addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class B tobacco licenses by one (1) for Sefin LLC d/b/a Grab N' Go at 7 S. Lincoln Street Westmont, Illinois.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) ANNEXATION OF 4119 NORTH LINCOLN STREET

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

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving the voluntary annexation of 4119 North Lincoln Street into the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) JAMES LONG PARK - SITE PLAN AMENDMENT AND VARIANCE

Community Development Director Hennerfeind and Park District Director Bob Fleck addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving requests by the Westmont Park District, regarding the property located at 867 and 888 Blackhawk Drive (James M. Long Park), for the following:

1. Zoning Ordinance Variance to construct a maintenance garage within a required rear yard setback in the (M) Manufacturing District.
2. Site Plan Amendment approval for a maintenance garage.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(6) IGA WITH METRA - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TUNNEL

Village Manager May addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority ("Metra") for a grade separated pedestrian crossing.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(7) PROPOSED AGGREGATE TAX LEVY - VILLAGE & LIBRARY

Finance Director Altic addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barry** to consider a motion determining the proposed aggregate property tax levy for 2024.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(8) PROPOSED AGGREGATE TAZ LEVY - WESTMONT SPECIAL SERVICE AREA 2

Finance Director Altic addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Simonovich** to consider a motion determining the proposed aggregate

property tax levy for 2024 for the Westmont Special Service Area 2.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(9) WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT DISCUSSION

Finance Director Altic, Assistant Village Manager Parker, and Public Works Director Amy Ries addressed the Village Board on this item.

Public Comment / Questions:

- Resident had a question about the water rate increase. She had a question about the dispensary and does this offset costs for the water rate increase.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Mayor talks about Trustee Martin who was a dentist. He had influenced the water utility changes at the time he was a trustee.
- Trustee Simonovich announced that she will be resigning her position of Village Board Trustee. This is effective as of tomorrow. She gave a speech and thanked everyone she has worked with. She expressed how grateful she is for the opportunity to serve.

(10) ADJOURNMENT - 7:44 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #10

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:44 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 5th day of December, 2024