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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Mayor Gunter called the meeting to order at **6:00 P.M.**

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Gunter P Clerk Szynski P

TRUSTEES: Barker P Liddle P
Barry P Nero P
Guzzo P (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>A</u> (Fire Dept.)	D.C. Fitzgerald <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: Forssberg - P Harding - A

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

OPEN FORUM:

- Stephen Fleck, 11 N. Washington - Talked about having an honorary designation for Matt Verde. Announced the beginning of the Matt Verde Foundation for young people who would be interested in a scholarship for culinary arts.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE:

- Mayor Gunter and Clerk Szymiski gave the oath of office to Matthew Scales.
- Matt Scales took the Oath of Office for Village Trustee.

Matt Scales introduced himself to the community. He was a Planning and Zoning Commissioner prior to this appointment.

ROLL CALL FOR THE NEW VILLAGE BOARD

PRESENT:	Mayor Gunter	<u>P</u>	Clerk Szymiski	<u>P</u>
TRUSTEES:	Barker	<u>P</u>	Liddle	<u>P</u>
	Barry	<u>P</u>	Nero	<u>P</u>
	Guzzo	<u>P</u>	Scales	<u>P</u>

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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 BARRY	<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>Y</u>	<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>	<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>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE SCALES	<u>P</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**

- Requested Trustee Barry to take over as being the Chairperson for the Police Public Safety Committee until May.
- Requested Trustee Scales to take over being the Chairperson for the Community Development Committee until May.
- The Westmont Library coordinates monthly dementia awareness meetings that are open to the public. More information can be found on the Library website.
- The Village recently published a news release regarding all of the services provided by Downers Grove Township, especially for senior citizens. Please visit the village website, or the Downers Grove Township website for a listing of all they offer.

- New Village Water Rates: Residents were recently mailed the Winter 2025 Community News Magazine with information on Village water rates and infrastructure updates. New water rates will take effect starting with February 28 utility bills.
- Winter Beer Festival: Visit the Westmont Park District website to learn more about the 2025 Winter Beer Fest at Ty Warner Park in February.

Clerk Szymski

- Village offices will be closed on January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Trustee Liddle

- Administration Finance Committee Meeting Recap:
 - The Legislative Action Plan that was discussed at the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference.
 - The Outdoor Dining and Parkway Grant has been extended to the springtime.
 - Grocery Tax was discussed
 - Possible funding sources were discussed for the fire station.
- Congratulations to all our Village employees, volunteers and committee or commission members who were recently recognized for their years of service.
- Westmont Special Events will soon be announcing their complete 2025 events schedule, but we have a few dates to share immediately: Police Squad Car Night will be June 19, Public Works Night will be July 17, and Fire Truck Night will be August 14.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee Meeting will be March 20, 2025.
- With winter in full swing, check out the Village website for cold weather tips for the home, winter safety, as well as responsible salt usage during snow and ice removal. Don't wait to be prepared for winter weather!
- Congratulations to the Westmont Junior High School because they won 1st place for wrestling at the Tiger Invitational Tournament.

Trustee Barry

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be February 6, 2025.
- Congratulations to the Westmont Police Department on their Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) reaccreditation.

Trustee Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 2025, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The Toy Express toy drive was a huge success, thank you to everyone who dropped off toys & books. The last day to drop off is Jan. 10.
- Citizens Fire Academy: Sign up for the CFA has begun. Classes begin April 1st and are on Thursdays from 6 - 8pm. Register online via the Village website.

Trustee Barker

- The EIC Committee had a meeting on Monday and they are working on goal setting for 2025.
 - EIC had a guest speaker from Downers Grove to see how our neighbors are addressing environmental issues.
 - EIC meetings have moved to the Library. Meetings are on the first Monday of each month, 5:30pm. The library will be a good venue to accommodate more public participation.
- Holiday Lights Recycling - Residents can still drop off unwanted or broken lights until Jan. 31st at 2 locations, the Library and Fire Department Headquarters.
- Holiday Tree Pick Up - December 26 to January 31. Put out your tree to be composted during this time. Trees must be free of all decorations and lights.
- Solsmart - Thank you to our Community Development Dept. and the on-going efforts of the EIC to pursue all things green in Westmont. With this effort, Westmont recently achieved the SolSmart Silver status, which indicates the Village's commitment to making solar opportunities in Westmont more achievable. More info on the Village website

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 **December 19, 2024**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance #18 (Fiscal Year 2025)	\$ 2,119,058.97
Finance Ordinance # 1 (Calendar Year 2025)	1,228,047.24
TOTAL OF FINANCE ORDINANCES	\$ 3,347,106.21

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$ 46,538.20
Community Unit School District 201	267,702.64
Currie Motors	127,413.00
Total Purchase Orders	\$ 441,653.84

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: **\$ 3,788,760.05**

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

Present: Scales

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) MAYOR'S COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT

Mayor Gunter addressed the Village on this Board item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** confirming the Mayor's appointment of John Simpson to fill the open Planning and Zoning Commissioner position..

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) 36 NORTH CASS - POSTNET

Community Development Director Hennerfiend and Joseph Jovanovich addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving requests by Bugwilder Studios, LTD, doing business as PostNet, at 36 North Cass Avenue, for the following:

1. Special Use Permit to operate a retail copy shop in the B-1 Limited Business District.
2. B-1 Development Permit for a retail copy shop

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) 27 EAST CHICAGO AVENUE - AMALGAM MARTIAL ACADEMY

Community Development Director Hennerfiend and Frank Delo addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a request from Amalgam Martial Academy and Bassam Shaheen at 27 East Chicago Avenue, for the following:

1. Special Use Permit to operate a commercial school in the B-2 General Business District

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) 233 WEST 63RD STREET - WESTMONT YARD

Community Development Director Hennerfiend and William Gust addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Scales** to consider an ordinance approving requests from WY Investments, LLC, d/b/a Westmont Yard, for the property at 233 West 63rd Street, for the following:

1. Amended and Restated Planned Development Agreement to allow ancillary outdoor uses associated with a Daycare Center in the (C-1) Commercial District.
2. Amended Site Plan and Amended Landscape Plan in the (C-1) Commercial District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(6) ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT - BAXTER AND WOODMAN, INC.

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

Motion by **Trustee Barry** to consider an ordinance authorizing an Engineering Services Agreement with Baxter and Woodman, Inc. for Phase 3 construction services for the Lincoln and 41st Street Watermain Extension project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(7) LEGISLATIVE ACTION PLAN - DUPAGE MAYORS AND MANAGERS CONFERENCE

Governmental Services Director Mielcarski addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a resolution supporting the DuPage Mayors and Managers Legislative Action Program for the 2025 Legislative Session.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS

- Mayor Gunter announced that Clerk Szymski will be retiring and today is her last meeting.
- The Mayor presented her with a special Mayor's Proclamation. She started her term in 1997 and has been an active member in the community for many years. She received the Certified Municipal Clerk Designation and she is an Athenian Scholar. She has made many contributions to our Village.
- Village Clerk Szymski talked about her love for the town and everyone she had a pleasure to serve with. Everyone here has made such an impact on her life.
- Gerry Szymski presented a poem in dedication to Jinny Szymski.
- Darien Clerk, JoAnne Ragona, talked about Clerk Szymski and the designation that she received in 2016 from the Municipal Clerks Institute. That designation was the Ilian Crabel Member Award. It is one of the most designated honors a Clerk can get.
- Former Trustee Nancy Martens congratulated Clerk Szymski on her retirement. Jinny has been wonderful to work with and the Village is lucky to have you.
- Jill Rahn spoke highly of Jinny and talked about her volunteer work and dedication to the Village of Westmont.
- Gretchen Alton, Jinny's daughter, talked about her Mom. She congratulated her mother on her retirement.
- Mayor Gunter talked about how instrumental Jinny was in starting the girls softball program many years ago. He thanked her for her commitment to the town and her years of service.

(8) ADJOURNMENT - 7:10 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, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Alicja Richards, Deputy Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2025