



Village of Westmont

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, February 6, 2025.**

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

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Gunter P

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>

STAFF:

May <u>P</u> (Village Manager)	Parker <u>P</u> (Assistant Manager)	Hennerfeind <u>A</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>P</u> (Police Department)	Altic <u>P</u> (Finance Director)
Chief Riley <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	D.C. Fitzgerald <u>P</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: Forssberg - P Harding - A

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

- Tom Chlystek wanted to introduce himself to the community as Highway Commissioner.

OATH OF OFFICE

- Mayor Ronald Gunter administered the oath of office to Amanda Szymiski for the position of Village Clerk.

ROLL CALL OF THE NEW VILLAGE BOARD:

PRESENT: Mayor Gunter P Clerk A. Szymiski P

TRUSTEES: Barker P Liddle P
Barry P Nero P
Guzzo P Scales P

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>	<u>9</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>	<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>	<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>	<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>	<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>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE SCALES	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</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

- Gave an update on the Village Board. We just swore in a new village clerk. Recently we have sworn in two new trustees. The election will be on April 1st and at that point we will have a new mayor and at least one new trustee.
- Mayor asked Manager May to give a report.
 - Manager May announced his retirement and it will be effective June 1, 2025. Thanked the Mayor for the encouragement in assuming the Village Manager position at the time. Manager May expressed his thanks for the opportunity.
- Mayor Gunter expressed his appreciation for all of the work Manager May has done over the years and the dedication of public service to the community.
- After discussion with the Village Board members and key staff the intention is to appoint Jim Gunther as the next Village Manager. He brings a wealth of experience from serving as Police Chief for several years and most recently as our Chief Public Safety Officer. The Village Manager appointment needs official approval by the Board so that will be on the agenda in the near future.
- Congratulations to Steve, Jim, and Amanda.

Village Clerk Szymski

- Village offices will be closed on February 20th in observance of President's Day.

Trustee Barry

- Recapped the Police Public Safety Committee Meeting.
 - The Police Department gave their 2024 annual report.
 - There are officer wellness heartscans available
 - Officer Vincent, Detective Durst, and Officer Eisenbeis received awards for their police work.
 - The Employee of the Year award was given to Natalie Michalek.
 - E-bikes and E-scooters were discussed.
 - Detective Newton and Sergeant Rainaldi were recognized for their 25 years of service.
 - 2400 training hours were completed
- Over \$57,000 was collected for the Special Olympics of Illinois. We were presented with the Special Olympics trophy this year.

Trustee Scales

- Does not have a report as he was absent at the last meeting, but asked Trustee Barry to give an update.
- Trustee Barry stated that the Downtown Incentive Program was updated for 2025 and is published on the Community Development section of the website.
- Trustee Barry also stated that the Westmont Chamber of Commerce has announced its 9th Annual Restaurant week February 20 - March 2. Visit westmontchamber.com for more information.

Trustee Guzzo

- Announced that the next Fire Public Safety Committee meetings will be March 6, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The schedule of meetings will be March 6, May 1, August 7, and November 6
- There are still a few spots available for the Citizen's Fire Academy, which is scheduled for April 1 to 29.

Trustee Barker

- Recapped the meeting from the Environmental Improvement Committee held on February 3rd at the Westmont Public Library.
 - Michael Flood gave a presentation and was there to answer questions from residents.
 - Recycling was discussed.
- The guest speaker for the March 3rd EIC meeting will be talking about pesticides.
- The No Mow Program will be announced soon. We will transition into a program called Protect Our Pollinators.
- The EIC is hoping to present their annual report to the Board at the April 3rd Admin Finance Committee Meeting.
- Christa from the EIC will be presenting in front of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus via zoom regarding dark skies.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration Finance Committee meeting will be held at Village Hall on February 20, 2025 at 4:30pm.
- The Westmont Winter Beer Festival will be February 15, 2025. Sign up is via the Park District website at westmontparks.org.
- Westmont Special Events is always looking for volunteers to help with events such as Taste of Westmont or Cruisin' Nights.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be March 20, 2025.
- Information regarding the annual Tree Seedling Giveaway, coordinated by Public Works and the EIC, has been published on the Village website. Residents can sign up to select which seedling they want, and then the seedlings can be picked up on Arbor Day, April 25, 1-5pm at the Westmont Public Library.
- May 17 - Public Works Open House

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 **January 23, 2025**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance # 3 **\$ 1,455,082.16**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

Currie Motors	\$ 67,130.00
Foster Coach Sales	419,552.00
Imperial Service Systems	47,844.00
Lithoprint Inc.	41,800.00
Midwest 911	53,662.00
Total Purchase Orders	\$ 629,988.00

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: **\$ 2,085,070.16**

(E) COMMUNITY EVENTS REQUEST: 2025 WESTMONT SPRING FLING FESTIVAL

Board to consider an ordinance approving the following requests for the 2025 Westmont Spring

Fling Festival hosted by the Westmont Lions Foundation from May 23 - 25, 2025:

1. Community Events Permit
2. Liquor License Fee Waiver
3. Amusement Fee Waiver
4. Live Amplified Sound Permit
5. Tent Permit Fee Waiver
6. Temporary Banner Permit Waiver

(E) HOTEL / MOTEL TAX GRANT REQUEST: LIONS CLUB - 2025 SPRING FLING

Board to consider an ordinance awarding a hotel/motel \$2500 tax grant to the Westmont Lions Club for the Spring Fling event.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT - 2025 MFT RESURFACING PROJECT

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

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving an engineering agreement with Primera Engineers, Ltd. for Phase 2 design engineering for the 2025 MFT Resurfacing Project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider approval of an Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution for the Village's 2025 MFT Resurfacing Project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) SURPLUS ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance to declare outdated, unused items from the Public Works Department as surplus.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) SURPLUS ITEMS - VILLAGE HALL

Village Manager May addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance to declare outdated or unused items from the Administration Department as surplus.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(6) IGA FOR FLEET SERVICES - OAK BROOK

Village Manager May addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Scales** to consider an ordinance to postpone approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Oak Brook for the Westmont Fleet Division to offer fleet maintenance services.

The item will be deferred to the next Public Works Committee on March 20, 2025.

Seconded by **Trustee Barry** and the motion to postpone passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #6

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS

- Nothing for miscellaneous

(7) REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:32pm

Mayor Gunter requested a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Potential purchase or real property by the Village for public use pursuant to section 2(C)(5).
- Pending litigation matters against the Village involving Tomax Tree Service, IRMA and the Heiden Estate pursuant to section 2(C)(11).

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to adjourn to executive session.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(8) ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board to consider a motion to adjourn at 7:02pm.

Motion by **Trustee Nero**.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #12

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(9) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:03 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 20th day of February, 2025