



Village of Westmont

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, February 20, 2025.**

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

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Gunter P Clerk A. Szymiski P

TRUSTEES: Barker P Liddle P
Barry P Nero P
Guzzo P Scales 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>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. Fitzgerald <u>P</u> (Fire Department)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Gov't Services)
Mulhearn <u>A</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)	D.C. Frank <u>P</u> (Deputy Fire Chief)	Ries <u>P</u> (Public Works Director)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Lampariello A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Forssberg - A Harding - A

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

- No open forum requests

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>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

- The Westmont Library has announced their Spring programs. One of the programs is for Dementia Friendly Westmont. Visit our website for more info.
- Mayor attended the Chamber Open House. It was a nice event and it was well attended.

Village Clerk Szyski

- Downers Grove Township provides many programs and assistance to area seniors. Some programs include: Meals on Wheels, Dial-A-Ride, social events, computer classes and more. Please see our website for more information.
- In person early voting begins Monday, March 17th for the Consolidated Election. This can be accomplished at the DuPage County Election Office in Wheaton. Other locations are listed on the DuPage County website, dupagecounty.gov.

Trustee Liddle

- Recapped the Administration Finance Committee meeting.
 - Awards were given to our Fire Department
 - Battalion Chief Blaskovich, Fire Fighter Jansen, Fire Fighter Martinez-Zuniga, Fire Fighter Kenna, Fire Fighter Sakalas, Fire Fighter Busche, Battalion Chief Nolan, Lieutenant Sciaky, Lieutenant McCarthy, Fire Fighter Basalone, Fire Fighter Vicencio, Fire Fighter Lenzi, Fire Fighter White, Fire Fighter Vlcek-Mahn, Fire Fighter Lestina
 - Patrick Lenzi received the Fire Fighter of the Year award
 - Text Amendments were reviewed
 - The Fire Department gave an end of the year report
 - The Village Purchasing Policy was reviewed.
 - Information Technology Policy was also reviewed.
- The Special Events Schedule has been published on the Village Website.

- Cruisin Nights will be Thursday from 5pm - 9pm in June, July, and August.
- Creative Arts Network Art Classes will be held at Neat Kitchen on the second Monday of the month.
- The Taste of Westmont is already scheduled for July 10, 11, 2, 13

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee Meeting will be March 20, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- We have our annual tree seedling giveaway. Information is available on our website. This is coordinated by Public Works and the Environmental Improvement Commission. Sign-up is on the Village website, residents select which seedling they want, and then seedlings can be picked up on Arbor Day, April 25, 1-5pm at the Library.
- The Adopt-a-Planter program has begun. Online sign up has begun, visit the village website to adopt a planter today.
- Special Thank you to Public Works for all of their hard work with snow removal operations over the past few weeks. Their efforts are appreciated.
- There is a fundraiser for DuPage Animal Friends at Gia Mia restaurants next Thursday. If you order online use the code DAF27 and 20% of all of the sales will go towards the charity.

Trustee Barry

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be June 12, 2025.
- The next Police Department Special Olympics Paper Shred fundraising event will be April 19 from 9am to noon. More information is on our website.

Trustee Scales

- The next Community Development Committee meeting will be April 17, 2025.
- The Downtown Incentive Program has been updated for 2025. Program information has been published on the Community Development section of the website.
- Restaurant week has kicked off. The 9th annual Restaurant week starts today and continues until March 2. Visit westmontchamber.com for more info on the dining deals offered by the 33 participating dining establishments.

Trustee Johanik Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be March 6th, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- There are still a few spots available for the Citizen's Fire Academy, which is scheduled for April 1 to 29.
- Congratulations to all of the Fire Fighters that were honored this evening.
- Special congratulations to firefighter Pat Lenzi on being named Westmont Fire Department Employee of the year.

Trustee Barker

- The next Environmental Improvement Committee meeting will be March 3, 2025 at the Westmont Public Library.
- Recycling and More Dates will be April 5th and November 22nd.

- There will be a guest speaker at the Westmont Public Library from the Conservation Foundation that will talk about the use of pesticides.

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 **February 6, 2025**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance # 4 **\$ 2,184,755.38**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

CDW LLC	\$ 89,450.00
Gordon Flesch Company, Inc	54,020.00
Baxter & Woodman, Inc	65,000.00
Foster Coach	28,000.00
Patson Inc (Trans Chicago Truck Group)	642,034.00
Total Purchase Orders	\$ 878,507.00

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE #4: **\$ 3,063,262.38**

(E) COMMUNITY EVENTS REQUEST: 2025 RACE TO THE FLAG EVENT

Board to consider an ordinance approving the following requests for the 2025 Race to the Flag Event to be held on May 25, 2025.

1. Community Events Permit
2. Street Closures
3. Live Amplified Sound Permit

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) MUNICIPAL GROCERY TAX

Finance Director Altic addressed the Village on this Board item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving a one percent local grocery tax on food for home consumption beginning January 1, 2026.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) 2025 ZONING MAP

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving the revised Zoning Map dated December 31, 2024 as the official 2025 Zoning Map for the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) WATER RATE TEXT AMENDMENT

Assistant Village Manager Parker addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving amendments to Section 82-201 "Bi-monthly rates within village".

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) OUTDOOR DINING ON PUBLIC PARKWAY GRANT - WHISKEY HILL

Finance Director Altic and Community Development Director Hennerfiend addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider a motion approving an outdoor dining reimbursement grant for Whiskey Hill, 5 W. Quincy Street, for the purchase of the outdoor dining chairs and tables.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS

- Nothing for miscellaneous

(6) REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:29pm

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

- Employment and performance of specific employees of the Village pursuant to section 2(C)(1) of the open meetings act.
- Pending litigation matters against the Village 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 #6

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(7) ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board to consider a motion to adjourn at 7:34pm.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle**.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(8) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** 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 7:34 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 6th day of March, 2025