



Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, March 6, 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>A</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>A</u> (Fire Department)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Gov't Services)
Berkowitz <u>P</u> (Fire Prevention Director)	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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>

	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<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>
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<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>
TRUSTEE NERO	<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>

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Thank you Westmont Chamber for organizing Westmont Restaurant week. It was a successful event with 32 participating restaurants. The results of voting for dining favorites will be announced at the Westmont Community Awards Dinner on April 14th at the Hilton Hotel.

Village Clerk Szymski

- In person early voting begins Monday, March 17th for the April 1st Consolidated Election. More information can be found on both the Village of Westmont and the DuPage County website.

Trustee Guzzo

- Recapped the Fire Public Safety Committee meeting.
 - Options were discussed for the Fire Department headquarters station. Some of the possibilities were remodeling, adding on, or new construction.
 - A special meeting will be held on March 27 and the exact start time of the meeting is yet to be determined.
- There is still time to sign up for the Citizens Fire Academy. Information and sign up is on the Village website. Classes begin April 1st.
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is this Friday and it starts from 5:00pm - 8:00pm at 25 N Cass Avenue.

- Reminded everyone that we will be changing our clocks once again and we should also change the smoke detector and CO batteries when we spring forward with the clocks.

Trustee Barker

- Recapped the Environmental Improvement Committee meeting that was held on Monday evening at Village Hall.
 - There was a guest speaker from the conservation foundation that talked about native plant restoration.
- The 2025 recycling and more dates have been set. The first event will be April 5th from 8am - 12pm in the commuter lot. There is a small charge to recycle some items, but it is a good way to reuse things instead of throwing them in the landfill.
- April 7 - The EIC has guest speakers lined up for the next several months and on April 7 we will have another speaker on native plants. Everyone can attend and the meetings are held at the library.
- May 5 - The EIC will have a guest speaker on May 5th who will give a presentation about solar power. Everyone can attend and the meetings are held at the library.
- We have a Protect our Pollinators Program which encourages residents to take part of the lawn and turn it into pollinator friendly plants. More information can be found on the Village website.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration Finance Committee meeting will be April 3rd, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- March 15 - The Jig & Swig Pub Crawl will be March 15. There is still one route available for sign up, so please visit westmontevents.com website to sign up and join the pub crawl.
- Businesses are invited to sign up to have their windows painted by a local artist for the spring. If anyone is interested visit westmontevents.com for more information.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be March 20th, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- Residents can sign up for the tree seedling giveaways. You can select which seedling you want then pick it up on Arbor Day, April 25th, from 1pm - 5pm at the Library.
- Online sign up has begun for Adopt-a-Planter and that information is available on our website.
- A construction update for projects going on in the Village is on our website. There is a lot of good information on the website.
- Gave an update on the County stormwater meeting and a total of 8 grants are being offered. Westmont has 3 applications in and all 3 have been approved and that totals to about \$35,000 in grants, which is about 25% of those projects. Thanked Amy Ries and Public Works staff for getting those applications sent into the County.
 - North Adams Streets Detention Basin
 - 3927 N Lincoln
 - 328 South Wilmette Detention Basin

Trustee Barry

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be June 12th.
- April 19 - The Police Department has a paper shred event and the proceeds go to support the Special Olympics. This event will be on April 19, 2025 from 9am - 12pm. More information is on the website.
- Reminded everyone to set their clocks ahead this weekend.

Trustee Scales

- The next Community Development Committee meeting will be April 17, 2025.
- The March 12th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of items for the agenda.
- There will be some special meetings to be announced soon regarding the zoning ordinance update. The intent is to make the code more streamlined, modern, and user friendly.
- Some Community Development permits can be submitted online by visiting the permit division webpage and following the link to the Civic Access Portal.
- There is a news release posted on the website about the requirement to call JULIE before you dig for any type of project.
- The Westmont High School Girls Basketball team just won their second regional championship.

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 20, 2025**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance # 5

\$ 1,496,221.46

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

EMS Management & Consultants	\$ 72,000.00
DuPage County, Illinois (DuJIS)	45,842.01
Total Purchase Orders	\$ 117,842.01

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE #5: \$ 1,614,063.47

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) REZONING - 4108 NORTH GRANT STREET

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

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving requests from K4K LLC, for the property at 4108 North Grant Street, Westmont, Illinois, 60559, for the following:

1. Map Amendment request to rezone from B-2 General Business District to R-3 Single-Family Detached Residence District.
2. A Zoning Ordinance Variance request to reduce the minimum required access easement width.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - RESIDENTIAL ALLEY 10N RECONSTRUCTION

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance awarding the bid to Everlast Blacktop Inc. for the Residential Alley 10N Reconstruction project and authorizing a construction contract consistent with the bid documents.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING FOR RESIDENTIAL ALLEY 10N RECONSTRUCTION

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

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering services agreement with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC for Phase 3 construction engineering services for the Residential Alley 10N Reconstruction project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) EXERCISE OF OPTION YEAR 2 - GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL

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

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance exercising the second option year of the gasoline and diesel fuel contract with Al Warren Oil Company, Inc.

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 - PARK, CHICAGO AND WILLARD

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving an engineering agreement with Baxter & Woodman, Inc. for Phase 2 design engineering for the Park, Chicago and Willard Watermain Improvements project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(7) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - WATER TREATMENT PLANT REHABILITATION

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

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering agreement with Baxter & Woodman, Inc. for Phase 2 design engineering for the Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(8) INDEMNIFICATION TEXT AMENDMENT

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-99 "Indemnification of certain officials" of the Westmont Municipal Code.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(9) EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Mayor Gunter addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance appointing James Gunther as Village Manager and approving an employment agreement with James Gunther to serve as Village Manager, effective June 2, 2025.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(10) CHANGE OF VILLAGE'S FISCAL YEAR

Finance Director Altic addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance authorizing a change to the Village's Fiscal Year and amending Chapter 2, Section 2-511 of the Westmont Municipal Code to reflect such change.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #10

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(11) BUILDING AND FIRE CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS

Fire Prevention Director Berkowitz addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Scales** to consider an ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 18 and Chapter 42 of the Westmont Municipal Code related to fire safety requirements.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #11

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS

- Nothing for miscellaneous

(12) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #12

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:33 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 20th day of March, 2025