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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, April 3, 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 A Nero P
Guzzo P Scales A

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>P</u> (Police Department)	Altic <u>P</u> (Finance Director)
Chief Riley <u>A</u> (Fire Dept.)	D.C. Fitzgerald <u>A</u> (Fire Department)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Gov't Services)
Berkowitz <u>A</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.

PRESS:

Bugle A

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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>	<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>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</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>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>
	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>			
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>			
TRUSTEE BARRY	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>			
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<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>			
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>			
TRUSTEE SCALES	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>			

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Congratulations to everyone who voted. That is your right to vote.
- We have two of our future trustees in the audience, Gina Pirrelli and Bob Plowman. Bruce Barker was re-elected. They will be starting on May 1st, 2025.
- Steve Nero and Amanda Szymiski will also be sworn in on May 1st, 2025.
- There is a water rates page published on the Village Website. The page highlights the importance of maintaining our Village infrastructure and the related rate increases scheduled over the next few years.

Village Clerk Szymiski

- Reminded everyone who put out election yard signs that they should be removed promptly. The Village will have a yard sign collection box near the intersection of Grant and West Quincy Street as part of the Electronics and more special recycling event on Saturday, April 5th from 8am - 12pm.
- Village offices will be closed April 18th and May 26, 2025.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be June 12th.
- Congratulations to everyone who won and thanked everyone who voted for him. He is looking forward to starting his term.

- 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.
- Free leaf pick up will be April 7 - 11th and details have been published on the Village website.
- Public Works Open House will be May 17th 10am - 1pm at the Public Works Facility. Everyone is invited.
- Gave some information about the Deputy Mayor position, which was created in August of 2024 and was unanimously approved by the Village Board at that time. The intention is to ask Ron Gunter, our current Mayor, to serve in that capacity. His experience is very valuable. This is a part-time freelance contractor role. This position does not offer benefits or retirement packages.

Trustee Liddle

- Recapped the Administration Finance Committee meeting that was held at 4:30pm earlier today. The following was discussed:
 - Involuntary Annexations
 - Additional funding to the Park District for fireworks
 - Yard Waste Stickers
- Recapped last Thursday's Special Meeting. The following was discussed:
 - We introduced the public to the fire station needs and design. Additional information will be coming forward.
- There are nine more weeks until Cruisin' Nights start. It is held every Thursday night during the months of June, July, and August from 5pm to 9pm. More information can be found on the Westmont Special Events website, www.westmontevents.com

Trustee Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be May 15th, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- The Citizens Fire Academy has started and runs through the end of April with eight residents attending.
- Tuesday, May 13 - We will be having a fire facility tour and presentation. This will be held at 6015 South Cass Avenue.
- The Knights of Columbus is holding their Lenton Fish Fry every Friday from 5pm - 8pm at 25 N. Cass Ave.

Trustee Barker

- He is honored to be re-elected and to serve as a trustee.
- Expressed his appreciation for all of the public service the Mayor has given to the community.
- The next Environmental Improvement Committee meeting will be April 7th at the Westmont Public Library. There will be a guest speaker that evening that will talk about native plant restoration.
- The Electronics Recycling & More event will be April 5th in the commuter parking lot. More information can be found on the Village website.

Mayor Gunter gave the report on behalf of Trustee Barry

- 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 at the Police Station.
- April 22 - A portion of your purchase from Uncle Bubs will go to benefit the Special Olympics.
- April 26 - Drug Takeback Day is April 26th from 10am - 2pm at the Westmont Mariano's and the Westmont Police Department.
- May 9 - The Humidor is selling tickets for \$50 and that includes dinner supplied by Zaza's and 2 cigars. This is another Special Olympics Fundraiser.
- May 16 - Cop on a rooftop fundraiser will be May 16th. The proceeds will go to support Illinois Special Olympics at both Dunkin' Donuts locations in town.

Mayor Gunter gave the report on behalf of Trustee Scales

- The next Community Development Committee meeting will be April 17, 2025.
- The April 9th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting has been cancelled.
- There is a special meeting for the Planning and Zoning Commission that will take place April 23rd at 6pm. This will kick off the public hearings for the zoning ordinance updates. The public is welcome to attend. The Community Development page on our website has more detailed information.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

- No items to be removed from the consent agenda.

(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:

Manager 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 **March 20, 2025**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance # 7

\$ 1,433,103.58

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

MainStreet Designs, Inc.	\$ 34,553.00
Currie Motors	62,966.00
Currie Motors	86,458.00
Total of Purchase Orders	\$ 183,977.00

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE #7: \$ 1,617,080.58

(E) PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation to declare April 6-12, 2025 as National Library Week in the Village of Westmont.

(F) PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation to declare April 13-19, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry, Scales

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) AMEND CLASS 19 LIQUOR LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn addressed the Village on this Board item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 10, Section 10-36 of the Westmont Code of Ordinances to revise the Class 19 liquor license requirements.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry, Scales

(3) 5908 WESTERN, WILLOWBROOK AND 6S435 RICHMOND AVENUE, WESTMONT, AND 415 AND 425 EAST 59TH STREET, WESTMONT - INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATIONS

Village Manager May addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving a request from the Village of Westmont to involuntarily annex the subject properties into the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None
Absent: Barry, Scales

(4) 459, 458, and 457 BIRCHWOOD COURT, 6323 AND 6325 S RICHMOND AVENUE, WILLOWBROOK AND 6348 WESTERN AVENUE, CLARENDON HILLS - INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATION

Village Manager May addressed the Village Board on this item.

Public Comment: Zulaka Aguire, 459 Birchwood Court
She asked about school district implications and if that would change anything.
Manager May stated that the Library district would change. There would be some other changes, such as the waste vendor, fire service, and park district.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving a request from the Village of Westmont to involuntarily annex the subject properties into the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero
Nays: None
Absent: Barry, Scales

(5) MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE TO AMEND IT TO EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR CONNECTION TO 10 YEARS.

Village Manager May explained that we have an ordinance that we've never used that said if you are in the Village of Westmont and water is available adjacent to your property then you are required to hook on. We have never evoked it and this is adding a 10 year promise that we will never invoke it for that purpose.

Motion made by **Trustee Nero**

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle**

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero
Nays: None
Absent: Barry, Scales

(6) MOTION FOR THE INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATIONS WITH THE AMENDED CONDITION.

Motion made by **Trustee Nero**

Second by **Trustee Guzzo**

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero
Nays: None
Absent: Barry, Scales

(7) ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT - PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING (WATERMAIN) FOR WASHINGTON AND TRAUBE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

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

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering services agreement with Baxter & Woodman for Phase 3 construction engineering services for the watermain portion of the Washington and Traube Infrastructure Improvements Project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry, Scales

(8) ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT - PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING (STORM SEWER AND ROADWAY) FOR WASHINGTON AND TRAUBE

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering services agreement with Primera Engineers LTD for Phase 3 construction engineering services for the storm sewer and roadway portions of the Washington and Traube Infrastructure Improvements Project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry, Scales

(9) ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT - PHASE 2 ENGINEERING FOR THE OAKMONT OUTFALL IMPROVEMENTS

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

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering agreement with WBK Engineering for Phase 2 design engineering for the Oakmont Outfall Improvements project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry, Scales

(10) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - QUINCY STREETSCAPE PHASE 2

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance awarding the bid proposal from Landmark Contractors, Inc. for the Quincy Streetscape Phase 2 Project and authorizing a contract consistent with the accepted bid documents

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

VOTE ON MOTION #10

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry, Scales

(11) SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH DACRA TECH

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

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance approving a three-year agreement with Dacra Tech for ticketing/adjudication software.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #11

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry, Scales

(12) SPECIAL COUNSEL APPOINTMENT

Village Attorney Zemenak addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance confirming the Mayor's re-appointment of attorney Justin Beyer and his new law firm, Saul Ewing LLP, as outside special counsel to the Village for pending litigation.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #12

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry, Scales

MISCELLANEOUS

- Reminded everyone about the Knights Fish Fry.
- Mary Beth Carlson addressed the Village Board and wanted to inquire about benches, near village hall, and by the restaurants.
- Mary Beth Carlson also thanked the Fire Department for their services.

(13) REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:03pm

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

Review of Executive Session Minutes pursuant to section 2(C)(21) of the open meetings act.

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #13

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry, Scales

(14) ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board to consider a motion to adjourn at 7:15pm.

Motion by **Trustee Nero**.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #14

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry, Scales

(15) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #15

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Barry, Scales

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:16 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 17th day of April, 2025