



Village of Westmont

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, April 17, 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 A

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>A</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>A</u> (Fire Department)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Gov't Services)
Richards <u>P</u> (Deputy Village Clerk)	D.C. Frank <u>A</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 - P 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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</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

- Mayor Gunter presented Village Manager May with a plaque to honor his 35 years of service to the Village of Westmont. He has served the community from 1986 - 2000 and 2003 - 2025.
- Mayor Gunter presented Trustee Barry III with a plaque honoring his service to the community from October 2024 - May 2025. He has also served previously for 8 years of service.
- Recapped of the awards dinner:
 - Joe Moffa Citizen of the Year
 - Michael Bueser Public Works Public Servant of the Year
 - Phillip's Flowers - Business of the Year
 - Special Award given to Larry Forssberg for his many years of service to the community through the Chamber and Economic Development
 - Special Award given to Frank Trout for his community service and leadership via the American Legion and VFW
- Spring Fling Festival will be held May 23-25 at Ty Warner Park. It is hosted by the Westmont Lions, visit their website for more info.
- The Race to the Flag will be held on Sunday, May 25th and the event benefits People's Resource Center (PRC).
- Recapped the Dementia Friendly Westmont meeting held at the Westmont Library. There was a committee reviewing what we need to accomplish in the future. The Library's next program will be on May 7 and the presentation will be about home safety. Visit the library website to sign up.
- The Village has published a news release listing the details regarding recent updates to our water rates and garbage rates. A new Water Rates webpage has been created and published, which highlights the importance of maintaining our Village infrastructure and the related rate increases scheduled over the next few years.

Deputy Clerk Richards

- Village offices will be closed April 18th and May 26, 2025.

Trustee Scales

- Recapped the Community Development Committee meeting.
 - The committee along with Trustee Nero hosted a meeting with some builders to conduct a session of feedback.
 - Talked about a new permitting and licensing process that will help to create some new efficiencies.
- A special meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission will occur at 6pm on April 23rd to discuss the long anticipated zoning ordinance updates. The public is welcome to attend. Visit the CDD page of the Zoning Update for schedules, links to agendas and draft documents, and other updates.

Trustee Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be May 15th, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Texting 911 in case of an emergency is now available. It is still best to call when you can, but citizens can now text 911 if they can't call. More info on the village website.
- May 13 - Fire facility tour and presentation from 5:30pm - 7:30pm.
 - The Village is coordinating a tour and presentation regarding the discussion of a new Fire Dept. Headquarters at 6015 S. Cass. Details have been published on the Village website. The goal of the tour and presentation is to allow residents to see first-hand the condition of the current building as well as talk about the needs of our fire department, both now and in the future.
- Knights of Columbus is hosting the last fish fry of the lenten season this Friday, 5:00 - 8:00pm at 25 N Cass Ave.

Trustee Barker

- The Environmental Improvement Committee will meet on May 5, 5:30pm, at the Westmont Library.
- Talked about the "Protect our Pollinators Program" which is the new version of "No Mow". There are over 60 residents signed up to be a part of the program this year.
- There is a tree seedling giveaway that will take place at the Library on Arbor Day, April 25 at the Library from 1:00pm - 5:00pm. This is something you must sign up for online.
- Westmont Public Works is again hosting a Tree Planting Incentive Program, which encourages residents to plant trees on their private properties. Sign up via the village website.
- The Library, 428 N. Cass Ave, is hosting its annual Gardening Expo on Saturday, April 26th, from 10:00am - 12:00pm.
- Dark Sky week is April 21st - April 28th. Details on this can be found at darksky.org.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration Finance Committee meeting will be May 15th, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The free Taiwanese music & drum performance will be Saturday, April 19 at the TECO Cultural Center on 63rd Street.

- Westmont Cruisin' Nights is only 7 weeks away. Every Thursday night in downtown Westmont on Cass Avenue from 5 to 9pm. This event is coordinated and hosted by Westmont Special Events
- The Taste of Westmont is only 12 weeks away from July 10-13. Information will be posted soon on the Westmont Special Events website at westmontevents.com

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be June 12th.
- Adopt-a-Planter is still available. Sign up is on the Village website.
- The annual Public Works Open house is May 17 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. This is a great family event. There will be tours, a forestry demonstration, street sign making demonstration, information regarding the Village's Dark Sky initiative, touch-a-truck display, raffles, games, free refreshments, and more.
- Alley construction began this week on Residential Alley 10N, which is between Park and Hudson from Burlington to Naperville Road. Check out our website for the latest construction information.

Trustee Barry

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be June 12th.
- April 19 - Papershred event benefitting Special Olympics will be from 9am - 12pm at the Westmont Police Department.
- April 22 - There will be a Special Olympics fundraiser at Uncle Bub's. A portion of your purchase will benefit the Special Olympics of Illinois.
- April 26 - Drug Takeback day will be held at Mariano's and Westmont Police Department from 10am - 2pm.
- May 9 - There is a fundraiser at the Humidor for the Special Olympics. Tickets are \$50 and include a dinner and two cigars.
- May 16 - Cop on a Rooftop will be held at both Dunkin' Donuts locations in town.

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 Nero** to approve the consent agenda.

(A) VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes

- Board to consider approving the Village Board Meeting held on **April 3, 2025**.

Executive Session Minutes

- Board to consider a motion to accept, approve and release the following Executive Session minutes with the exceptions as noted:

Meeting Date	Exception Paragraph #
June 27, 2024	
January 23, 2025	
February 20, 2025	Paragraphs 2 & 3

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance # 8

\$ 3,335,452.65

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

Meade, Inc.	\$ 75,797.65
Safe Step	25,000.00
Total of Purchase Orders	\$ 100,797.65

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE #8: \$ 3,436,250.30

(E) PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation to declare April 20-26, 2025, as National Volunteer Week.

(F) PROCLAMATION FOR ARBOR DAY 2025

Board to consider a proclamation to declare April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in the Village of Westmont.

(G) FEBRUARY 2025 MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) MAYOR'S COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT

Mayor Gunter addressed the Village on this Board item.

Motion by **Trustee Scales** to consider a motion confirming the Mayor's appointment, Thomas Sharp, 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) PROTECT OUR POLLINATORS - NO MOW TILL MOTHER'S DAY 2025

Trustee Barker addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider approving a resolution to honor Protect our Pollinators with the No Mow till Mother's Day event in the Village.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT - CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING FOR THE QUINCY STREETScape PHASE 2 PROJECT

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 Primera Engineers LTD for Phase 3 construction engineering services for the Quincy Streetscape Phase 2 project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Scales

Nays: Barry

Absent: None

(5) HYDRANT PAINTING PROGRAM

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance awarding the bid proposal from GoPainters INC. for the restoration of various fire hydrants throughout the Village and authorizing a contract consistent with the accepted bid documents.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(6) PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Village Manager May addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance approving a real estate agreement for the purchase of 17 West Traube, Westmont, for use by the Village.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(7) INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving three Intergovernmental Agreements with DuPage County for the following projects:

1. North Adams Street Detention Naturalization Project and
2. 3927 N. Lincoln Detention Naturalization Project, and
3. 328 S. Wilmette Avenue Detention Naturalization Project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(8) LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH NORCOMM

Attorney Zemenak addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider a motion to postpone indefinitely an ordinance approving an Exclusive License Agreement with Norcomm Public Safety Communications, Inc. for fire and police alarm monitoring services.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion to postpone indefinitely passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #8

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS

- None

(9) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:41 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymiski, Village Clerk

Steven T. Nero, Mayor

Dated this 1st day of May, 2025