



Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, May 1, 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>	Parker <u>P</u>	Hennerfeind <u>P</u>
(Village Manager)	(Assistant Manager)	(CDD Director)
Brainerd <u>P</u>	McIntyre <u>P</u>	Liljeberg <u>P</u>
(H.R. Director)	(Communications)	(I.T.)
Chief Gunther <u>P</u>	D.C. Thompson <u>P</u>	Altic <u>P</u>
(Police Dept.)	(Police Department)	(Finance Director)
Chief Riley <u>P</u>	D.C. Fitzgerald <u>P</u>	Mielcarski <u>P</u>
(Fire Dept.)	(Fire Department)	(Gov't Services)
Richards <u>P</u>	D.C. Frank <u>P</u>	Ries <u>P</u>
(Deputy Village Clerk)	(Deputy Fire Chief)	(Public Works Director)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Lampariello A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:

Bugle A

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Forssberg - P Harding - P

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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE PARRILLI	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE PLOWMAN	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE SCALES	-	-	<u>Y</u>

REPORTS

Outgoing Mayor Report - Mayor Gunter

- Acknowledged several people who were in the audience. Mayor Marchese from Darien, Mayor Trilla from Willowbrook, Bob Berlin State's Attorney for DuPage County, Former Mayor Greg Szymiski, Elmhurst Mayor Levin.
- Talked about how much he loves Westmont. He started at the Park District and raised his family here in Westmont. He loved to volunteer and be part of the community. He is fortunate for such a great group to work with and everyone works together. He thanked his family for their support. He has been in public service for 48 years and will continue to be part of the community.
- Mayor Gunter presented Trustee Nero with a plaque for all of his service.

Outgoing Trustee Report - Trustee Barry

- Expressed appreciation for all of the Board and staff members in his journey.
- Thanked former Village Clerk Szymiski and Gerry Szymiski for all of their help.
- Wished Village Manager May a nice retirement.
- Mayor Ron Gunter has been a mentor to him. He is grateful for all of the guidance over the years.
- Wished everyone the greatest success.

Steven T. Nero took the oath of office for Mayor of Westmont.

- The Oath of Office was administered by Honorable Michael Chvatal.

Amanda Szymiski took the oath of office for Village Clerk.

- The Oath of Office was administered by Honorable Michael Chvatal.

Bruce Barker took the oath of office for Village Trustee.

- The Oath of Office was administered by Honorable Michael Chvatal.

Gina Parrilli took the oath of office for Village Trustee.

- The Oath of Office was administered by Honorable Michael Chvatal.

Robert Plowman took the oath of office for Village Trustee.

- The Oath of Office was administered by Honorable Michael Chvatal.

ROLL CALL OF THE NEW VILLAGE BOARD:

PRESENT:	Mayor Nero	<u>P</u>	Clerk A. Szymiski	<u>P</u>
TRUSTEES:	Barker	<u>P</u>	Parrilli	<u>P</u>
	Guzzo	<u>P</u>	Plowman	<u>P</u>
	Liddle	<u>P</u>		

Mayor Nero

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for the support of the current Village Board.
- Thanked his wife for all of her support.
- Thanked Mayor Gunter for all of this support and mentorship.
- Congratulations to the new trustees.
- Gave a special thanks to the judge, Honorable Michael Chvatal, who swore everyone in.
- Acknowledged the community leaders that are here and present in the audience.
- Gave a shout out to his grandfather, Frank Rogers, who is in the audience tonight.
- Talked about wanting to be proactive in economic development. He wants to bring new projects and businesses to town. Wants Westmont to be one of the best to work with in the County.
- Information and communication will be a priority.

Mayor Nero presented former Mayor Gunter with a plaque for his public service.

Clerk Szymiski

- Thanks to everyone who voted.
- Thanked her husband Brandon, her parents, Gerry & Jinny Szymiski for their support.
- She is grateful to serve the Westmont Community and looking forward to working with everyone here.
- The Village offices will be closed on May 26th in observance of Memorial Day.

Trustee Barker

- Thanked the voters for voting for him.
- Thanked his family for their support. This is a very rewarding experience.

Trustee Liddle

- 5 more weeks until Cruisin' Nights. Please come out on Thursday from 5 - 9pm.
- The Taste of Westmont will be July 10 - 13th and information has already been posted on the Westmont Special Events website.

Trustee Plowman

- Thanked everyone for their support and helping him get here.
- There have been many changes since 2013 and has since become a fan. He is looking forward to being part of continued changes in the Village.
- Thanked his wife for supporting him through all of this.
- Westmont Lions is still looking for volunteers for their Spring Fling Event.

Trustee Parrilli

- Thanks to everyone who voted.
- Thanked her family for their understanding and support.
- Thanked her friends who helped her campaign.
- She is honored to be part of Westmont and has been a resident for 21 years. She is excited to be working with the team.

Trustee Guzzo

- Texting 911 in case of emergency is now available. It is still best to call when you can, but citizens can now text 911 if they cannot call. More information is on the Village website.
- The Fire Department facility tour and presentation is May 13th from 5:30 - 7:30pm. There will be discussion about a new fire department headquarters at 6015 S. Cass Avenue. Details have been published on the Village website. The goal of the tour and presentation is to allow our residents to see firsthand the condition of the current building and to talk about the needs of our fire department both now and in the future.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

- No items to be removed from the consent agenda.

(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:

Village 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 **April 17, 2025**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance # 9 **\$ 1,125,680.44**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

West Central Municipal Conference.	\$ 41,138.00
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(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE #9: \$ 1,166,818.44

(E) PROCLAMATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE WEEK

Board to approve a proclamation declaring May 4th -10th, 2025 as Public Service Week in the Village of Westmont.

(F) PROCLAMATION FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation to declare May 4th - 10th, 2025 as a Municipal Clerks Week in the Village of Westmont.

(G) PROCLAMATION FOR POLICE WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation declaring May 11th - 17th, 2025 as National Police Week in the Village of Westmont.

(H) PROCLAMATION FOR TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation declaring May 12th - 19th, 2025 as Taiwanese American Heritage Week in the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) MAYOR'S TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Mayor Gunter addressed the Village on this Board item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a motion confirming the Mayor's appointment, Matthew Scales, to fill the open Trustee position vacated by Steven Nero.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Matthew Scales took the oath of office for Village Trustee

- The Oath of Office was administered by Honorable Michael Chvatal.

ROLL CALL OF THE NEW VILLAGE BOARD:

PRESENT:	Mayor Nero	<u>P</u>	Clerk A. Szymski	<u>P</u>
TRUSTEES:	Barker	<u>P</u>	Parrilli	<u>P</u>
	Guzzo	<u>P</u>	Plowman	<u>P</u>
	Liddle	<u>P</u>	Scales	<u>P</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

- Thanked former Trustee Barry for all of work over the years.
- Acknowledged former Trustee Klebenow in the audience.

Trustee Scales

- Thanked everyone for their confidence and support. He is looking forward to continuing to serve the community.
- He thanked his family for their support.

(3) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:39 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymski, Village Clerk

Steven T. Nero, Mayor

Dated this 15th day of May, 2025