



Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, August 21, 2025.

Mayor Nero called the meeting to order at **6:01 P.M.**

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Nero P Clerk A. Szymiski A

TRUSTEES: Barker P Parrilli P
Guzzo P Plowman P
Liddle P Scales P

STAFF:

Gunther <u>A</u> (Village Manager)	Parker <u>P</u> (Assistant Manager)	Brainerd <u>P</u> (H.R. Director)
Hennerfeind <u>P</u> (CDD Director)	Babyar <u>P</u> (Communications)	Liljeberg <u>P</u> (I.T.)
Chief Gruen <u>P</u> (Police Department)	D.C Thompson <u>P</u> (Police Department)	Altic <u>P</u> (Finance Director)
Chief Riley <u>A</u> (Fire Dept.)	D.C. Frank <u>A</u> (Fire Department)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Gov't Services)
Richards <u>P</u> (Deputy Village Clerk)	Mulhearn <u>P</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)	Ries <u>P</u> (Public Works Director)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Lampariello A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:

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THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mayor Nero conducted the oath for Michael Weibler.

Michael Weibler took the oath for the Deputy Chief of Police.

Deputy Chief Weibler addressed the Village Board and thanked his family, friends, and fellow officers and other colleagues for their support.

OPEN FORUM:

- No open forum

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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

- School has started and we want to remind motorists to drive safely especially near schools. The Village has posted some back to school safety tips on the Village Website and message boards around town.
- Thanked the FMC Natatorium for inviting some Village officials to be interviewed for a promotion video.
- The USA Luge Slider search returned to Westmont last weekend and young athletes from all over the midwest came to try out for the US National Luge team. Thank you to Village staff for putting this program together.
- Mayor Nero will be the guest bartender at a Knights of Columbus charity function on September 11, 2025 at the Country House.

Deputy Clerk Richards

- Village offices will be closed for Labor Day, September 1st.
- Village offices will also be closed on October 13th.
- The Village has now provided another option for residents to pay their utility bills by phone. More information can be found on the Village website.

Trustee Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting is November 6, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Announced that the Fire Department Open House event will be September 20th at the Johanik Fire Station, 6015 S. Cass Avenue. The event will feature fun and educational activities for the public as well as offer free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and bottled water. More information is on the Village website.

Trustee Scales

- The next Community Development Committee meeting will be October 16.
- The zoning ordinance amendments have been posted to the Village website.

Trustee Parrilli

- The next Public Works Committee meeting is September 18th, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- Updates to the front entrance to Village Hall begin Monday, Aug. 25. The back entrance will be open for staff and guests to Village Hall.
- Residents are encouraged to check our website for the latest construction updates.

Trustee Plowman

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be September 4, 2025, 4:30pm at Village Hall. All are invited to attend.
- Citizens Police Academy gives an interactive behind the scenes look into different aspects of law enforcement. This course runs for 8 weeks and classes are held on Wednesday evenings at the Westmont Police Department. Participants must be 18 years of age and must either live or work in Westmont. Classes start September 24th, there is no charge to participate, and registration is on the Village website.
- Attended the anniversary event for the People's Resource Center. They will be having a gala on October 4th.

Trustee Liddle

- Recapped the Administration Finance Committee meeting held earlier. The following items were discussed:
 - Reviewed credit card fees and e-check options
 - Hotel Motel Tax revenues
 - The Employee Merit Program
 - The Community Development comprehensive downtown plan review and along with a district map.
- Businesses are invited to sign up to have their windows painted by a local artist with fall or Halloween themes. Sign up is on the Village website.
- There are only two more weeks left until Cruisin' Nights is over for the year. Every Thursday night in downtown Westmont on Cass Avenue from 5 to 9pm. This is coordinated and hosted by the Westmont Special Events not-for-profit organization.
- Wicked West Fest is a month-long celebration in October.

Trustee Barker

- The next EIC (Environmental Improvement Committee) meeting will be held September 8th.
- Vision and Vibe Fest will be September 13th & 14th from 11am - 7pm. Many artists have applied, several music inquiries, and dance companies are also interested in participating. There will be two Westmont food trucks, as well as beer and wine sales. Please reach out to Jenny Babyar, project coordinator, at jbabyar@westmont.il.gov for any questions.
- Mosquito spraying alerts have been posted on the Village website regarding mosquito abatement. Information on how to sign up to receive notifications can be found on the website.

- The Library is hosting another Monarch Fest September 6th from 10am - 12pm at Ty Warner Park. The EIC will participate in this event and information is on the Westmont Library website.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

- No items to be removed from the consent agenda.

(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:

Assistant Village Manager Parker 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 **August 7, 2025**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance # 17 **\$ 4,102,332.29**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

AXON Enterprises, INC.	\$ 28,654.54
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(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDER(S) AND FINANCE ORDINANCE(S): **\$ 4,130,986.83**

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

(2) REAPPOINTMENT TO THE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION

Government Services Director Mielcarski addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider a motion to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Tom Mulhearn to a second term on the Board of Fire & Police Commission.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

Nays: None
Absent: None

(3) SURPLUS PROPERTY - FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance declaring certain Fire Department equipment as surplus property.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS

- Mayor announced that he is not likely to be at the next Village Board meeting. Trustee Barker will preside over the meeting in the Mayor's absence.
- Trustee Plowman thanked the Public Works staff for all of their help during the storms. Mayor Nero also thanked the staff for their assistance.

(4) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymiski, Village Clerk

Steven T. Nero, Mayor

Dated this 4th day of September, 2025