



**Village of Westmont
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, September 4, 2025.

Mayor Pro-Tem Barker called the meeting to order at **6:00 P.M.**

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Nero A Clerk A. Szymiski P

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

STAFF:

Gunther <u>P</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>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	D.C. Frank <u>A</u> (Fire Department)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Gov't Services)
Richards <u>A</u> (Deputy Village Clerk)	Mulhearn <u>A</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)	Ries <u>P</u> (Public Works Director)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Lampariello A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:

Bugle A

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Pro-Tem Barker welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

- James & Nancy Fernandez, 39 E. Quincy Street - Addressed the Village Board regarding the neighbors fence encroaching on their property.
- Rob Obodzinski, 234 W Burlington Ave. - Addressed the Village Board about garbage trucks in the alley.

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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

REPORTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Barker

- Reminded residents to please be patient as the front of Village Hall is still being updated. Visitors can access the building through the back door and parking is available in the back lot.
- A Westmont resident has tested positive for West Nile Virus. Please take precautions when spending time outdoors and some helpful information can be found on our website.

Village Clerk Szymiski

- 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 Scales

- The next Community Development Committee meeting will be October 30
- The next Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting will be October 8 and there will not be a meeting in September.

Mayor Pro-Tem Barker gave the report for Trustee Parrilli

- Residents are able to sign up to receive free tree seedlings through a program called OAK-tober. Information can be found on the Village website.
- Free leaf pick-up will be November 3 - 29. Residents can put unlimited craft paper bags on their scheduled garbage day through that time. Stickers are not required.
- Residents are encouraged to check our website for the latest construction updates.

Trustee Plowman

- Recapped the Public Safety Committee Meeting held prior to the Village Board meeting.
 - An award was given to Officer Thomas Carusso for giving First Aid to a stabbing victim and securing the scene while investigating.
 - Officer Sam Salvaio was given an award relating to a felony case that dealt with significant fraud.
 - Went over staffing updates
 - D.C. Weibler gave an update on upcoming Police Department Fundraising Events such as the Special Olympics Golf Outing & Shred Event.
 - There is continued discussion regarding E-bikes & E-Scooters. An ordinance will be forthcoming.
- There are still some spots left for the Citizens Police Academy, which gives an interactive behind the scenes look into different aspects of law enforcement for residents. Classes start September 24th and there is no charge to participate.
- The Papershred Event will be October 4, 2025 at the Police Department. Suggested donation is \$10 / box.
- The service organizations are getting together to collect baby items that will be donated to the PRC. There will be collection boxes throughout town and items to be collected are diapers, pullups, wipes, shampoo, etc. This event will conclude at DJ's Sports Bar on October 5th.
- Attended the volunteer dinner for Westmont Special Events and it was a great event. Gave a special recognition to our volunteers.
- Westmont Jr. High was ranked #2 in Illinois and Manning School was ranked #12.

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 Saturday, 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.
- The silent parade will be October 10 and will start in Hinsdale at 7pm. It will come down to Chicago / Naperville Road. This is to honor fallen firefighters and those who have lost their lives in a fire. Encouraged everyone to bring a flashlight and come out.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration Finance Committee meeting will be October 2nd, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Wicked West Fest is a month-long celebration in October. Events have been posted on the Village website.

Trustee Barker

- The next EIC (Environmental Improvement Committee) meeting will be held September 8th at the Westmont Library. The meeting begins at 5:30pm.

- 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.
- 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.
- Reminded residents to take precautions when outside due to a positive case of West Nile in Westmont. Information regarding mosquito abatement is on the Village website.
- Pumpkin composting will be November 8th at the Westmont Library.
- The next electronic recycling event will be November 22, 2025 from 8am - 12pm.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

- No items to be removed from the consent agenda.

(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:

Village Manager Gunther addressed the Board on this agenda item.

(A) VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

Board Meeting Minutes

- Board to consider approving the Village Board Meeting held on **August 21, 2025**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance # 18 **\$ 1,059,626.28**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS: No Purchase Orders

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDER(S) AND FINANCE ORDINANCE(S): **\$ 1,059,626.28**

(E) PROCLAMATIONS

- 1) National Payroll Week 2025
- 2) National Suicide Prevention Week
 - a) Manager Gunther read this proclamation.
 - b) Bev with *Hope for the Day* addressed the Village Board and talked about the organization and mental health awareness.
- 3) National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- 4) National Police Woman Day
 - a) Manager Gunther read this proclamation.

(F) COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 1) **2025 Wicked West Fest Halloween Events**
 - a) Board to consider an ordinance approving the following requests from the Westmont Chamber of Commerce for the 2025 West West Event to be held on October 18, 2025:
 - i) Community Events Permit
 - ii) Amplified Sound Permit
 - iii) Street Closure requests from 7:30am - 2:30 p.m.

- (1) Cass Avenue between Burlington and Chicago / Naperville Road
Cass / Irving Parking lots on Cass Ave
 - (2) Manning School Parking Lot
 - (3) Norfolk and Irving Streets from Alley East and West to
Cass Ave
- iv) Waive restrictions in Chapters 38 and 70 of the Code of Ordinances in order to allow scarecrows to be secured to public utility light poles during the month of October.

(G) JULY 2025 MONTH BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to approve the consent agenda.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

(2) LOT COVERAGE VARIANCE REQUEST FOR A PATIO - 500 REVERE AVENUE

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

Motion by **Trustee Scales** to consider an ordinance approving a request from Ajradin and Ikmet Rizmani, for the property at 500 Revere Avenue, Westmont, Illinois, 60559, for a Zoning Ordinance Variance to the maximum lot coverage in the R-3 Single-Family Detached Residence District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Plowman reported that Chief Gruen mentioned that a gentleman was here concerned about the noise disturbance from fireworks and future outreach.
- Trustee Plowman reported that Chief Gruen showed a video regarding the brand new crisis center in Wheaton. It is located at 115 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton IL and the phone number is 630-627-1700 for those going through a crisis.

(3) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Parrilli

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymiski, Village Clerk

Steven T. Nero, Mayor

Dated this 18th day of September, 2025