



Village of Westmont

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 11, 2025 - 4:30 PM
Westmont Village Hall - 31 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, Illinois 60559

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Minutes of the September 18, 2025 regular meeting.
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
 - A. Stormwater Ordinance Update
 - B. Pavement Management Program
 - C. Lead Water Services Update
 - D. FDHQ Project Update
8. Reports
 - A. Committee Chair
 - B. Department Director
 - C. Division(s) Reports
9. Miscellaneous
10. Adjourn

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Public Works Committee Meeting
September 18, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Called to Order: @ 4:30 pm

Present: Chairman - Trustee Bruce Barker, Mayor Steve Nero, Trustee Linda Liddle, Trustee Bob Plowman, Trustee Gina Parrilli (5:35 pm), Village Manager Jim Gunther, Assistant Village Manager Spencer Parker, Public Works Director Amy Ries, Fleet Supervisor Virgil Viscuso, Forestry Supervisor Jon Yeater, Underground Supervisor Jeff Bonk Water Supervisor Brian Beusse, CDD Director Joe Hennerfiend, Chief Steve Riley, HR Director Renee Brainerd, Governmental Services Director Patti Meilcarski, Chief Brian Gruen, Deputy Chief Michael Weibler.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from June 12, 2025 were approved by Trustee Liddle, second by Trustee Plowman.

Public Comment:

- A - Don Goliszewski - 255 James Drive raised a concern about dead end streets in Newfield Manor. He stated that no one wants thru streets but would like improved turnarounds at the dead end.
- B. Don Ferrell - homeowner at 331 N. Wilmette Ave. - has concerns about the berm at Lion's Park and flooding potential for his home.
- C. Laurel Rugen - 513 N Grant St- Curious as to why progress on the watermain project has halted for the last couple of weeks.
- D. Joe Bukovsky - homeowner at 135 N. Linden Ave. - raised concerns about flooding on North Linden & Norfolk.
- E. Margaret Bourke - homeowner at 139 N. Linden Ave. - also spoke about concerns regarding flooding on North Linden & Norfolk.
- F. Kimberly Borzym - homeowner at 335 N. Wilmette Ave. - concerns about flooding.

Unfinished Business:

- A. None

New Business:

- A. Storm event, August 12th, 17th & 18th recap. Supervisor Yeater gave an update on the rain events this summer. We have three rain gauges in town. In June, we had 2"

of rain, which is the first event over two inches since 2020. August was a very wet month. On August 12th, we had 2" of rain, between August 17th & 19th we had 4" of rain. August 2025 was the 12th rainiest August of the past 154 years. Total rainfall in Westmont for the month of August was 7.5". Detailed discussion ensued with Public Works Director Ries and members of the Committee.

Reports :

A. Chairperson

None

B. Village Manager

1) None

C. Public Works Director

- 1) Capital Projects Update - MFT - project is substantially complete with minor punch list items. Residential Alley 10N is complete, North Water tower - foundation complete, structural steel currently being installed with hopeful completion by year end. Tank painting and project completion expected to finish by summer of 2026. Washington and Traube project ran into some delays with utility conflicts, project completion aimed for Halloween. Oakwood sidewalk project is substantially complete.
- 2) Stormwater Program Update - Director Ries provided detailed updates on specific flooding areas including: Norfolk & Linden, Grant & Richmond and Lebeck Park. A feasibility study was conducted in 2016 for Norfolk & Linden. For Grant & Richmond an alternatives investigation in 2018 showed that a detention area at the Lebeck Park parcel alone would not be sufficient for a 100 year event, requiring storm sewer construction and additional detention under the metro parking lot.

D. Water Division

- 1) Sampling - UCMR sampling is completed, we should have results in December. We are in the second round of Lead & Copper Sampling as required by the EPA. The Water Treatment Plant design is 60% complete. Lead Service Line Replacement Plan was created in March of 2025, and are currently working with IEPA. We have not yet received any funding or scoring, but are hopeful to be scored in the next year and then have the possibility of a 0% interest loan with possible principal forgiveness for removal of all services.

E. Fleet/Facilities Division

- 1) Quincy Streetscape Phase 2 - Work is underway in front of Village Hall, sidewalk to be completed soon, substantial completion by Halloween.
- 2) Village Hall breakroom - approval given this morning, work to be completed by Thanksgiving.
- 3) Dark Sky Downtown - Walked thru downtown with Engineering firm, pole layout complete, 44 poles down to 20 poles. All light will be facing down, all light will be on pavement not up or out.

F. Forestry & Grounds Division

- 1) New team members - Patryk Pachura, Dennis Arens, Joseph Duncan
- 2) Updates - Pending basket removal, residential parkway landscape requests, the possibility of native plantings in parkways. Stormwater Detention Naturalization updates.
- 3) Parkway Landscaping discussion- concerns brought up by the trustees included keeping items short under 18", areas not being maintained, Village should be able to take it away if it's not being maintained, how to enforce and do we have the manpower to enforce, is it worth it to allow it? No consensus was reached, requests will be handled administratively on a case by case basis.

H. Streets

- 1) Update - SafeStep working in NW/NE area of town, 238 sidewalk squares replaced, roadway patching in various areas, 284 street signs changed, 8 miles of striping painted, 1,500 hours for special events. Street lighting replacement - 9 poles being replaced in Ashford this fall.

G. Underground

- 1) Flooding - 8/12 & 8/18 = Staff responded to 45 issues, currently working on cleaning and jetting these low lying areas. No obstructions have been found.
- 2) Ditch work - currently finishing up
- 3) Hydrant painting - sandblasting and painting 256 hydrants. We are participating in a joint bid, with a 3 year contract.

Meeting motioned to adjourn at 5:55 pm by Trustee Liddle, seconded by Trustee Plowman. All in favor.



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DATE: 9/18/25

NAME OF PETITIONER:
Kimberly Borzym

ADDRESS:
335 N. Wilmette Ave. Westmont

QUESTION/REQUEST: (Be specific. Use a separate form for each subject/question to be addressed.)
FLOODING

BOARD RESPONSE: (Petitioner should leave this space blank for the Clerk's Remarks)

I have read and understand the above guidelines:

Signature.



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DATE: 9-18-25

NAME OF PETITIONER: Margaret Bourke

ADDRESS: 139 W. Linden

QUESTION/REQUEST: (Be specific. Use a separate form for each subject/question to be addressed.)
When will we have a permanent solution for the flooding on our property

BOARD RESPONSE: (Petitioner should leave this space blank for the Clerk's Remarks)

I have read and understand the above guidelines:

Signature: Margaret Bourke



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DATE: 9-18

NAME OF PETITIONER:

JOE BUKOVSKY

ADDRESS:

135 N. LINDEN

QUESTION/REQUEST: (Be specific. Use a separate form for each subject/question to be addressed.)

Norfolk + Linden flooding

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DATE: 9/18/2025

NAME OF PETITIONER: LAUREL RUGEN

ADDRESS: 513 N. GRANT ST; WESTMONT

QUESTION/REQUEST: (Be specific. Use a separate form for each subject/question to be addressed.)

WONDERED WHY THERE HAS BEEN VERY
LITTLE ACTIVITY ON THE WATER PROJECT
RECENTLY
AT TRAUBE-GRANT-WASHINGTON

BOARD RESPONSE: (Petitioner should leave this space blank for the Clerk's Remarks)

I have read and understand the above guidelines:

Signature: Laurel A. Rugen



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DATE 09-18-2025

NAME OF PETITIONER:

ADDRESS: 331 N Wilmette Ave Westmont IL

QUESTION/REQUEST: (Be specific. Use a separate form for each subject/question to be addressed.)

storm drains By Lyons park
and by my house.

BOARD RESPONSE: (Petitioner should leave this space blank for the Clerk's Remarks)

I have read and understand the above guidelines:

Dou Ferrill Paul E Ferrill

Signature.



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NAME OF PETITIONER:

DON GOLISZEWSKI

ADDRESS:

255 JAMES DRIVE

QUESTION/REQUEST: (Be specific. Use a separate form for each subject/question to be addressed.)

WE THE RESIDENTS ON JAMES DRIVE HAVE AN UNFINISHED
DEAD END STREET SINCE NEWFIELD MANOR WAS DEVELOPED.
CAN PARK DISTRICT + VILLAGE ASSESS A RESOLUTION?

BOARD RESPONSE: (Petitioner should leave this space blank for the Clerk's Remarks)

I have read and understand the above guidelines:

Don Goliszewski

Signature.

Members of City Council,

I am here today because of a recurring flooding problem at our property located at 335 N. Wilmette Ave. Our home sits at the lowest point on our block, and unfortunately, all the runoff from the surrounding houses-as well as from Lion Park-flows eventually directly into the culvert in front of our home. The way the system is designed is completely insane. Starts at one end then goes across the street then back again. It makes no sense.

When the culvert fills up, the water has nowhere else to go. This causes severe backup, and despite having a sump pump system in place, my pump cannot discharge water because the culvert itself is already at capacity. As a result, water backs up into my yard and has threatened our home.

This has become an increasingly serious concern, not only for the safety and condition of my property but also for the infrastructure in our neighborhood. I believe this situation requires a more permanent solution-whether that be improvements to the drainage system or other stormwater management measures to prevent future flooding.

I respectfully request that the council review this matter and explore possible remedies.

Recently, staff from public works made the culvert wider and deeper and it is a much-needed first step and we appreciate the effort put into this work and can only hope that it is an improvement as we were told "it may help."

This recent work was done but unfortunately, we had hoped for more water storage but gas lines in the (neighbors culvert) was too high in so therefore no water storage is an option for us and to the right of us, it is minimal. 9/18/25

In October of 2017 it was a horrible rain that came through, 7 inches in 1 hour. Not only did the culvert flood, we also had water in the basement. When we purchased the home 8 years ago, we were told it was a dry basement. To find out later by neighbors that it was not true and that the City has major water issues. We have known several neighbors to have left Westmont because of the flooding.

As homeowners, we have done all what we can, new sump pump system, drain tiles, window well covers and landscaping. These heavy rains do not come that often so kind of out of sight out of mind...but then it happened again, which brings me here today as we cannot go through this dreadful stress one more time.

Recently a few weeks back it was 3 inches of rain in 1 hour and once again the Culvert filled up and in came the water. Twice in one week. Literally in front of our house and the neighbor across the street; we both had a huge lake in front of our homes. This is distressing and heartbreaking.

We moved from Riverside to Westmont to care for my 90 year old mother. My parents were living in Westmont at the time and after my dad died my mom wanted to stay in Westmont. So we moved here and sadly regret it. We have made such great improvements to our home all because we wanted to give Westmont a chance.

So today we are asking for the City's help to make this right. We do need the City's utmost attention to this serious and painful concern. We do appreciate the fact that you spent time with widening the culvert but the bigger concern is the flooding issues in our neighborhood remain a serious concern.

While the culvert improvement may help, the larger problem still exists; during heavy rains, stormwater continues to overwhelm our area. To provide lasting relief, we ask the City to consider two important next steps. First, A Retention Pond, please consider engineers to look at this ongoing flooding issue. By installing a retention pond; it would give excess water a place to go and significantly reduce flooding pressure on our homes.

As you know a homeowner recently purchased property on Wilmette and also has empty area next to his home on Blackhawk. We also know that there is a retention pond on Warwick. With all these options, it seems to me there should be a retention pond on Wilmette Ave. since it is right in between these 3 open areas. As we know our home is the lowest part in this area and my home and the house across the street has had the most flooding on our property. Perhaps, consider a retention pond instead of having Lions park since that park floods anyway.

Second, Traube Street Repairs which I understand may be costly but it needs the City's immediate attention. The condition of Traube street contributes to stormwater runoff and water buildup in our area. Addressing this issue would help prevent future flooding and improve the overall drainage system.

Enclosed you will find pictures of the flooding. You will see that our home sits at the lowest part of the block. You will see how the streets are higher and how the water moves to the lowest area. You will see a retention pond and other open properties right in our area but not on our block. You will see the heartache that we have been living with for the last 7 years. The amount of stress over these years is enormous and we are asking Members of the Council to please find a way to fix this ongoing flooding issue as we would like to stay in our home and in our town.

Thank you, Kim



OCT. 2017

7" in 1 hour
HORRIFIC
FLOODING



Must
see
Videos
to capture
This
dreadful
pain



House 8 yrs ago.



Improvements
done -
property sits low.



Recent 9/25
Flooding

3" in 1 hour

We need
your
help!

Also have
video's.



Flooding to
front side
along driveway
to back of
home .

2 large lakes.

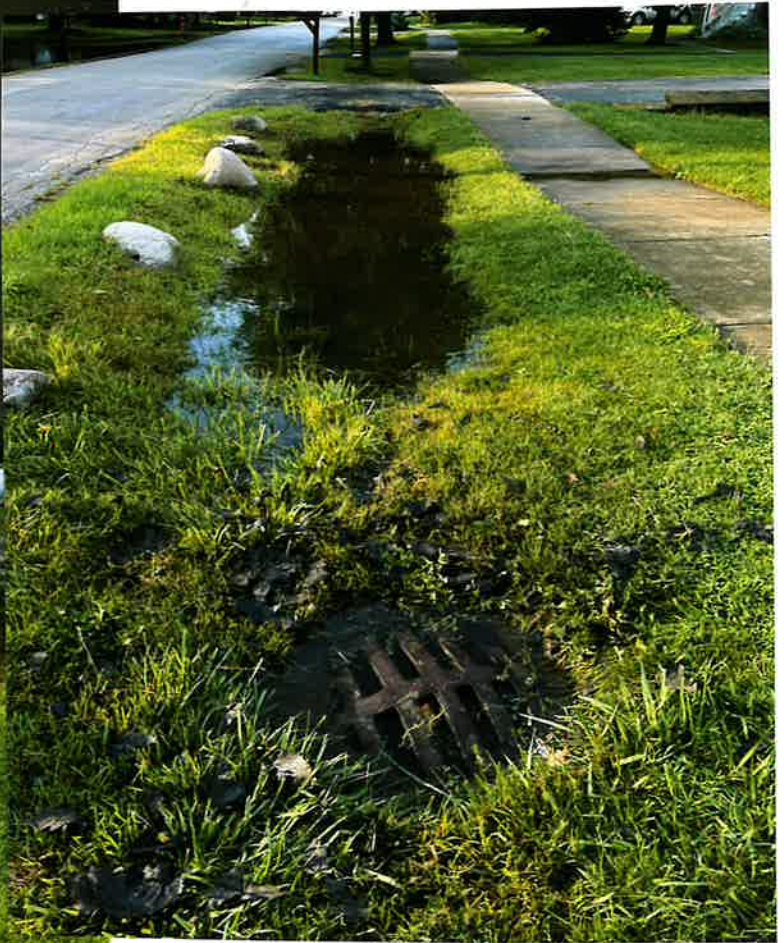
have
videos





Streets are ↑

Continuous
flooding.



Videos on
phone.



owner on
Blackhawk
house sits
up high —
own drainage?
has lot next
door —



Warwick
Retention Pond



Blackhawk
owner
purchased
this
recently
on
Wilmette.

9/16/25

Members of Council,

Please help us
with this ongoing
water (flooding) concern.

Please make this a
priority —

We are sincerely asking
for your help today!

Thank you,

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