



Village of Westmont

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, November 20, 2025.**

Mayor Nero called the meeting to order at **6:00 P.M.**

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Nero P Clerk A. Szymiski P

TRUSTEES: Barker P Parrilli P
Guzzo P Plowman A
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>A</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>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:

Bugle A

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Nero welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

- Dan B., 310 S. Grant Street: Wanted to address some questions for the Lions Club Spring Fling Event that will occur on Memorial Day weekend.

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</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>
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<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>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>
TRUSTEE PLOWMAN	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</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>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</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>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>				
TRUSTEE SCALES	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>				

REPORTS

Mayor Nero

- Gave an update on the Sister City Exchange program. This was a great program for our community. Thanked everyone for their help in making this a success.
- Residents are encouraged to fill out the community survey as it closes November 25.
- The Westmont Library has released the winter schedule for Dementia Friendly programs. There is more information on the Village website.
- Trustee Plowman was not able to attend today's meeting but asked that his appreciation of staff's efforts relating to the budget be passed on to them.
- Mayor and Manager met with the owners of Net Game last week. They are an instrumental partner to this Village and we are excited to have them in town.

Village Clerk Szymski

- As we are approaching the holidays there have been some changes to the Village Board meeting schedule between now and the end of the year. Please refer to the calendar on the Village website for the most accurate information.
- Village offices will be closed November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving, December 24 & 25, and January 1 & 19. Please check the website to confirm if garbage pickup will be affected on specific dates.

Trustee Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be 4:30pm, March 5, 2026.
- Keep the Wreath Red is an annual program aimed at promoting fire safety during the holidays. Outside our fire stations are wreaths with red lights. The wreaths remain lit 24/7 during the holiday season, which runs from December 1 through January 2. A white bulb will replace a red bulb if a fire occurs due to holiday decorations.
- Continue to visit the Village website for updated information on the new fire facility. A news release was recently published and there will be a presentation at the December 11 committee meeting.
- Hosted the Police Public Safety Committee meeting that was held earlier today and congratulated the following:
 - Scott Buckovich for 20 years of service.
 - Kamil Broda and Robert Arndt with a felony arrest award. .
 - Bart Broda a life saving award.
 - Jim Bartell from the Citizen's Police Academy received the Chief's recognition award.
 - Jeremy Durst was sworn in as sergeant.
 - Two new officers were sworn in, Shane Pollina and Cesar Chaidez.

Trustee Scales

- The Community Development Committee will be announced for 2026.
- The building and code division manager position is open. We are accepting applications until December 1st.
- The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting will be December 10th, 6pm at Village Hall.

Trustee Parilli

- There is a Special Public Works Committee Meeting on December 11th, 4:30pm, at Village Hall. The meeting starts at 4:30pm.
- Thanked Public Works for all of the holiday decorations that they put around town.
- Free leaf pick up will be November 3 - 29th. Residents can put out unlimited kraft paper bags free of charge on their regular garbage pick up day. Stickers are not required during this time frame.

Trustee Liddle

- The Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be Thursday, January 8, 2026.
- We want to thank the Finance Department and Village staff for the excellent budget presentation last Thursday. A recording of the budget workshop was posted last Friday for public review.
- Westmont Holly Days information can be found on the Village website. The parade, tree lighting, and free pictures with Santa will be December 6 in downtown Westmont. Everyone is welcome to join the Westmont High School Choir in a Christmas Carol sing-along. The sing-along begins at 4:30pm and will continue up until the start of the parade at 5pm.

Trustee Barker

- The Environmental Improvement Committee will meet on Monday, December 1st, 5:30pm at the Westmont Public Library.
- Recapped the pumpkin composting event that occurred on November 8th.
 - We collected over 2.53 tons of pumpkins from 100 vehicles. Thanked members of EIC, Village Staff and the Westmont Public Library for their continued cooperation.
- We have an electronics and more recycling event on November 22nd from 8am - 12pm in front of Village Hall. Some items may have a fee. More information can be found on the Village website.
- We are collecting holiday lights. The bins are in place at the library and at the south fire headquarters. Residents can drop off their unwanted or broken holiday lights there to be recycled.
- We have some helpful information and links regarding community solar programs. That has recently been published on the Village website.

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 **October 30, 2025**.

Executive Session Minutes

- Board to consider a motion to accept, approve and release the following executive session minutes with the exceptions noted:

Meeting Date	Exception Paragraph #
• March 21, 2024	• Paragraph 1
• April 3, 2025	
• June 26, 2025	• Paragraph 2

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance # 23

\$ 3,365,086.58

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

Cass Avenue Management Group, LLC	\$ 50,258.00
CDW LLC	\$ 46,075.00

Romeoville Fire Academy	27,300.00
Total of Purchase Orders	\$ 123,633.00

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDER(S) AND FINANCE ORDINANCE(S): \$ 3,488,719.58

(E) COMMUNITY EVENTS

1. 2026 Westmont Winter Beer Festival

Board to consider an ordinance approving the following requests from the Westmont Park District for the 2026 Winter Beer Festival to be held on February 14, 2026:

- Community Event Permit
- Tent Fee Waiver
- Food Truck Permit Fee Waivers

2. 2025 Westmont Holly Days

Board to consider an ordinance approving the following requests from the Westmont Park District for the 2025 Westmont Holly Days Opening Ceremony on December 6, 2025:

- Community Events Permit
- Sound Amplification Permit from 5pm - 8pm.
- Close North Linden from Burlington to Naperville Road from 3pm to 7pm
- Close Cass Avenue from Naperville Road to Richmond Street from 4:30pm - 7:30pm
- Close West Quincy Street from Cass to Adams, from 3pm to 8pm

(F) PROCLAMATION

1. Proclamation - Dementia Friendly Awareness Month

Board to consider a proclamation to declare November 2025 as Dementia Friendly Awareness Month in the Village of Westmont.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle**

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Plowman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

(2) TAQUERIA EL RANCHITO - CLASS 3 LIQUOR LICENSE

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class 3 liquor licenses by one and decreasing the number of available Class 4 licenses by one to accommodate a request from Taqueria El Ranchito located at 323 W 63rd Street, Westmont, IL.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Plowman

(3) DOWNTOWN INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT - 212 EAST CHICAGO AVENUE

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

Motion by **Trustee Scales** to consider an ordinance awarding a Downtown Incentive Program (DIP) grant to TGP Innovations LLC (dba That Golf Place) to install new wall signage at 212 East Chicago Avenue.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Plowman

(4) SPECIAL COUNSEL APPOINTMENT

Finance Director Altic addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance confirming the Mayor's appointment of the law firm of Miller Canfield as special legal counsel to the Village related to the issuance of General Obligation Alternative Revenue Bonds.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Plowman

(5) MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT - EZEE FIBER TEXAS LLC

Assistant Village Manager Parker and IT Director Liljeberg addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a Master License Agreement between Ezee Fiber Texas LLC and the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Plowman

(6) PROPOSED AGGREGATE TAX LEVY - VILLAGE & LIBRARY

Finance Director Altic addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a motion determining the proposed aggregate property tax levy for 2025.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Scales

Nays: Parrilli

Absent: Plowman

(7) PROPOSED AGGREGATE TAX LEVY - WESTMONT SPECIAL SERVICE AREA 2

Finance Director Altic addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider a motion determining the proposed aggregate tax levy for 2025 for the Westmont Special Service Area 2.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Scales

Nays: Parrilli

Absent: Plowman

(8) SURPLUS PROPERTY - IT DEPARTMENT

Attorney Zemenak addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance declaring certain Village owned IT equipment as surplus property.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Plowman

(9) FISCAL YEAR 2026 VILLAGE BUDGET

Finance Director Altic addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a resolution adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 ending December 31, 2026.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Plowman

MISCELLANEOUS

- No miscellaneous items.

(10) ADJOURNMENT - 6:52 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #10

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Plowman

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:52 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymiski, Village Clerk

Steven T. Nero, Mayor

Dated this 11th day of December, 2025