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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, January 8, 2026.**

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 A Parrilli P
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)	Mulhearn <u>P</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)	Liljeberg <u>P</u> (I.T.)
Chief Gruen <u>A</u> (Police Department)	D.C. Weibler <u>P</u> (Police Department)	Altic <u>P</u> (Finance Director)
Chief Riley <u>A</u> (Fire Dept.)	D.C. Frank <u>P</u> (Fire Department)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Gov't Services)
Richards <u>P</u> (Deputy Village Clerk)	McIntyre <u>P</u> (Communications)	Ries <u>P</u> (Public Works Director)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Lampariello A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

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THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Nero welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<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>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE PARRILLI	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<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>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE SCALES	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>				
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>				
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<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>				
TRUSTEE PARRILLI	<u>Y</u>	<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>	<u>Y</u>				
TRUSTEE SCALES	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>				

REPORTS

Mayor Nero

- Invited Deputy Chief Weilber to the podium to talk about the 2025 donations for the Special Olympics of IL. The community raised an incredible \$60,768 for this worthwhile cause.
 - Ambassador of Special Olympics, Erin Compton, addressed the Village Board. She talked about her experiences and the challenges that people with disabilities face.
 - Becky Cavanaugh, Special Olympics Athlete, thanked the Village Board for their support.
- Asked Trustee Liddle to talk about the loss of a long time Westmont resident, Lillian Archbold.
 - Trustee Liddle talked about Mrs. Archbold's life and her wonderful cakes. She was a great baker. The visitation will be January 13 from 4 - 8pm at Capetta's West Suburban Funeral Home at 39 N. Cass Ave.
 - Mayor Nero on behalf of the Village Board expressed their condolences.
- CP2 Consulting Strategic Plan Stakeholder's Report and presentation.
 - Introduction was given by Governmental Services Director Patti Mielcarski.

- Cory Poris Plasch talked about the strategic plan and the survey results.
 - Talked about the focus group process. Six focus groups were conducted with participants including residents, employees, students, businesses, leaders.

Village Clerk Szymski

- Village Offices will be closed January 19th and February 16, 2026. Garbage service will not be affected by this.
- Announced restaurant week. The Westmont Chamber will be hosting Restaurant Week, which will run from February 21 - March 1.

Trustee Guzzo

- The Fire Public Safety Committee meeting dates for 2026 are as follows: March 5, May 28, July 23, November 12
 - Meetings begin at 4:30pm and take place at Village Hall.
- There were no reported fires this season due to holiday decorations. Thanked everyone for their participation in the "Keep the Wreath Red Program".
- The Westmont Fire Department will be offering CPR classes in 2026. More information can be found on the Village website.

Trustee Scales

- The Community Development Committee meeting dates for 2026 are as follows: January 22, April 16, July 9, September 17
 - Meetings begin at 4:30pm and take place at Village Hall.
- Proposals for the update to the comprehensive plan are being received until January 23rd at 4pm. Once proposals are reviewed, interviews will be scheduled with an anticipated contract award in early April.
- The next Planning and Zoning meeting will be on January 14th at 6pm. Another Special meeting was added and will be held on February 4th at 6pm.

Trustee Parilli

- The Public Works Committee meeting dates for 2026 are as follows: March 19, June 11, August 20, December 10
 - Meetings begin at 4:30pm and take place at Village Hall.
- Reminded everyone that the previously approved annual water rate adjustment went into effect this month. Please check the website for more details. The updated rates will be reflected on the upcoming billing cycle.

Trustee Plowman

- The Police Public Safety Committee meeting dates for 2026 are as follows: February 5, May 14, August 6, October 1
 - Meetings begin at 4:30pm and take place at Village Hall.
- Police and Fire would like to remind residents to never hesitate to call 911 if they feel an emergency is taking place. More information on this is available on the Village website.

- The Fire and Police Commission is scheduled to continue the interview process this coming Saturday with the goal of reaching full staffing.
- Sharps can be disposed of at the Westmont Police Station, 500 N. Cass Ave. All sharps must be properly contained in a biohazard container before being dropped off.
- The Westmont Lions Club is celebrating its 90th year.
 - The secretary of the first Westmont Lions club is actually C.E. Miller, which our school is named after.
 - The Westmont Lions 90 year celebration is hosting a gala event at the Oak Brook Hilton. The tickets are \$50.00 and two drinks come with that ticket.

Trustee Liddle

- Recapped the Administration / Finance Committee meeting that was held earlier this evening at 4:30pm in Village Hall.
 - There was a request from the Park District requesting \$50,000 for assistance with a new digital sign to be placed on 63rd Street.
 - An overview from the Communications department was given on social media messaging.
 - Public Works wanted to make changes to the ordinances to make it easier on developers and business owners.
 - Personnel code amendments affecting part-time firefighters and police officers was discussed.
 - TIF status updates were given and a presentation on what a TIF is and explanation of impact.
- Park District Winter Beerfest will be February 14, 2026 at TY Warner Park from 2 - 6pm.
- Announced a new event called *Petpalooza*. The PR for this program will feature a pet of the week and we'd like to ask Mayor Nero if his dog Louie can be featured next week. More information will be posted on westmontevents.com
- Welcomed the new HR Coordinator, Sara Lawson, to the team. She will be supporting our recruitment efforts and assisting with personnel data changes and other administrative tasks.
- The next Administration / Finance Committee meetings will be held on the following dates: February 19, June 25, September 3

Trustee Barker is absent. Mayor Nero gave the report on his behalf

- Bins will be in place for Holiday Lights Recycling until January 31st at the Library and the Fire Department Headquarters.
- Flood Brothers will be picking up Christmas trees from December 29 to January 30th. Trees must be free of decorations, tinsel, and lights. More information can be found on the news release.

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 **December 11, 2025**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

Finance Ordinance # 26

\$ 2,474,877.48

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

Currie Motors	45,509.00
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(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDER(S) AND FINANCE ORDINANCE(S): \$ 2,520,386.48

Motion by **Trustee Liddle**

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**(2) SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST — TOBACCO AND VAPE RETAIL STORE —
101 WEST OGDEN AVENUE, SUITE B**

8.a.1

Motion by **Trustee Scales** to consider a motion to reconsider the denial of the Zoning Ordinance Special Use permit request from JA RE Enterprises, LLC d/b/a LIT SMOKES and WL Property Acquisitions, LLC, for the property at 101 West Ogden Avenue, Suite B, Westmont, Illinois for a tobacco and vape retail store in the B-2 General Business District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

**(3) SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST — TOBACCO AND VAPE RETAIL STORE —
101 WEST OGDEN AVENUE, SUITE B**

8.a.2

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to approve an ordinance approving the above referenced Zoning Ordinance Special Use Permit.

Seconded by **Trustee Plowman.**

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman

Nays: Parrilli, Scales

Absent: Barker

*Mayor Nero elected not to vote; Trustee Scales made a motion to postpone.

The item must now be postponed to January 22, 2026.

(4) SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST — TOBACCO AND VAPE RETAIL STORE —
101 WEST OGDEN AVENUE, SUITE B
8.a.2

Motion by **Trustee Scales** to postpone an ordinance approving the above referenced Zoning Ordinance Special Use Permit until the January 22, 2026 Village Board Meeting.

Seconded by **Trustee Parrilli** and the motion to postpone passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Guzzo, Liddle, Plowman, Parrilli, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST — TOBACCO AND VAPE RETAIL STORE —
101 WEST OGDEN AVENUE, SUITE B
8.a.3

The approval of the Special Use Permit was postponed until the January 22, 2026 Village Board meeting. Therefore, the agenda item requesting an increase of a tobacco license has been administratively removed at this time and will be placed on the next agenda.

The tobacco license can not be considered without the approval of a Special Use Permit.

NEW BUSINESS

(5) DOWNTOWN INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT - 33 NORTH CASS AVENUE

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance awarding a Downtown Incentive Program (DIP) grant to John and Kimberly Hagedorn to make facade improvements to the building at 33 North Cass Avenue, along with the following waivers from the DIP guidelines and requirements:

- a. Waiver to allow a DIP grant where construction of the improvements has already commenced.
- b. Waiver to allow a 10% increase in eligible funding for this Tier 2 grant; and
- c. Waiver of the 3-year waiting period for future DIP grant requests.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

(6) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - PARK, CHICAGO AND WILLARD WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works Director Ries addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Scales** to consider an ordinance awarding the bid to Miller Pipeline LLC for the Park, Chicago and Willard Watermain Improvements project, and authorizing a construction contract consistent with the bid documents.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

(7) ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT - CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING FOR THE PARK, CHICAGO AND WILLARD WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Public Works Director Ries addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Scales** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering services agreement with Baxter & Woodman, Inc. for Phase 3 construction engineering services for the Park, Chicago and Willard Watermain Improvements project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

(8) AWARD OF COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT - 328 S. WILMETTE NEW COLD STORAGE BUILDING

Public Works Director Ries addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving the purchase and construction of a Public Works storage building and foundation for 328 S. Wilmette pursuant to a Cooperative Procurement Program authorized and administered by the State of Illinois.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

(9) CODE OF ORDINANCE REVISIONS - STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

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

Motion by **Trustee Plowman** to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 34 of the Westmont Code of Ordinances to add local amendments to the DuPage County Countywide Stormwater and Floodplain Ordinance regarding stormwater management.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

Ayes: Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

(10) PERSONNEL CODE AMENDMENTS

Human Resources Director Brainerd addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving multiple text amendments to Chapter 62 - Personnel of the Westmont Code of Ordinances.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #10

Ayes: Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

(11) DOWNTOWN INCENTIVE PROGRAM - FY2026 ANNUAL BUDGET AND ACTIVITY TARGETS

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

Motion by **Trustee Plowman** to consider an ordinance adopting the FY2026 Downtown Incentive Program Annual Budget and Activity Targets.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #11

Ayes: Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

(12) RIPPLE FIBER ILLINOIS, LLC - LICENSE AGREEMENT

IT Director Liljeberg addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Scales** to consider an ordinance approving a master license agreement between Ripple Fiber Illinois, LLC and the Village of Westmont to provide internet and phone services for residents and businesses.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #12

Ayes: Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

(13) UNCOMMON X SECURITY AGREEMENT

IT Director Liljeberg addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Scales** to consider approving a 3-year agreement with UncommonX for SOC, security operations center, services for the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #13

Ayes: Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

MISCELLANEOUS - None

(14) ADJOURNMENT - 7:17 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #14

Ayes: Guzzo, Liddle, Parrilli, Plowman, Scales

Nays: None

Absent: Barler

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:17 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Amanda Szymiski, Village Clerk

Steven T. Nero, Mayor

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2026