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

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Gunter P Clerk Szymski P

TRUSTEES: Addington P Barker P
Barry P Guzzo A
Liddle P Nero P

STAFF:
May (Village Mgr) P Parker (Finance Director) P
Brainerd (Assistant HR Director) A McIntyre (Communications Director) P
Chief Gunther (Police Dept.) P Dep Chief Thompson A
Chief Weiss (Fire Dept.) P Dep Chief Riley P
Ramsey (P.W. Director) P Noriega A

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Carrara A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:
Chicago Tribune A Independent: Daniel Smrokowski A
Bugle A

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR: Forssberg - P

VISITORS: None.

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM:
• None
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A = ABSENT  AB = ABSTAIN  N = NO  W = WITHDRAWN  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

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Reports

Mayor Gunter
- Congratulated Magistrate Chiu, who retired from his position on December 25th. We look forward to welcoming his successor, Magistrate Yang.
- There is one more week to sign up for Westmont is the Bestmont contest. Sign up now on the Village website.

Clerk Szymski
- Village offices will be closed on January 21st for Martin Luther King Day.
- The 2019 recycling and garbage schedule is available on the website.
- Over 500 coats were donated during the Holly Days Coat Drive.

Trustee Barry
- Gave an update on the EDC meeting that was held on January 2, 2019.
  - GSP Development presented on their proposal to put a medical facility on Ogden Avenue where Las Palmas and Major Restaurant currently sits. That was met with a negative recommendation from the committee.
  - S&G Partners, LLC proposed a car wash facility on the vacant lots of 6490 or 6500 South Cass Avenue and that was met with a positive recommendation.
- The groundbreaking has begun at the Natatorium site.
- The demolition has begun at 63rd and Cass Avenue.
- Last week there was a ribbon cutting at the Porsche dealer.
- BMW will have a grand opening soon on their parking deck and transformation of Westmont Drive.
- The Ryan Development on Pasquinelli Drive is moving along.
- Neat restaurant has re-opened under new ownership and is going strong. Amber restaurant has also re-opened. We encourage everyone to go and visit both restaurants.
- Be on the lookout for a review on Walsh’s.
- Restaurant week is coming up February 28 - March 10th. All restaurants are encouraged to participate.
- The Dupage County Board Chairman, Dan Cronin, will present at the State of the County address on January 9th at 11:30am. If anyone is interested, contact the Chamber for tickets.

Trustee Addington
- Sign up for the Citizens Fire Academy is now available. It is a free five week course from March 13 - April 10.
- Invited Deputy Chief Riley up to the podium to discuss the fire at 250 W 63rd Street. A bus caught fire inside the bus shelter. This was an accidental fire and there was no structural damage.
  - Thanked Larry McIntyre and Jenny Babyar for their quick response time on getting a press release out. They are a huge asset to the Village.
  - Larry McIntyre came up to the podium to explain the process of putting up the press release and how Notify Me works.
- The next Community Development Meeting will be January 17th at Village Hall.
- Bruce Sylvester came up to the podium to talk about his department.
  - At the next Community Development Committee meeting there will be a year-end report from the building department, code enforcement, and adjudication. There will also be an update on the different projects/developments that have been approved in the Village.
  - There will be one action item that the committee will be asked to make a recommendation regarding a facade improvement grant from the owner at 21 N Cass Ave.
- Tomorrow starts the second half of basketball season for Westmont High School.
- Kids are back at school after being off on break. Please be careful while driving because kids will be at bus stops and walking to school.

Trustee Barker
- The Environmental Improvement Committee will be meeting at the Library on January 7th at 6pm.
- The electronics recycling will be January 19th at 8:00 am until Noon at 318 E Quincy Street. It is the 3rd Saturday of the month.
- January 7 - January 18 will be Christmas tree composting. The trees must be free of decorations, tinsel, and lights. You can put it out on your regular garbage day with your recycle and trash.
- Holiday Lights can be recycled from November 9 - January 31st. There are two drop off locations. One is at the Library and the other is the Fire Department Headquarters.
- The next Westmont First Meeting will be January 22nd at the Westmont Library. The meeting starts at 6:00pm.
- Condolences to Danielle from Sweet and Savory for the loss of Shane Johnson.

Trustee Liddle
- Announced the new Park District Event, Park District Ale Fest. It will be February 9th from 3 - 7pm at Ty Warner Park. Tickets are on sale through the Park District website.
- There are volunteering opportunities in Westmont.
• Recapped the Administration Finance Committee Meeting.
  ○ There was discussion of class 23 liquor licenses in the Central Business District.
  ○ The scheduling of the budget meetings was discussed and we will be meeting in
    the first meeting in May where we will be finalizing our budget.

Trustee Nero

• The next Public Works Committee meeting will be March 28th at 4:30pm at Village Hall.
• The second block of downtown east of Cass is temporarily paved. It will be fixed
  according to our typical methods of pervious concrete.
• Invited Mike Ramsey to talk about our new hire who will be starting soon.
  ○ We hired, Chad DeFries who will be our new horticulturist. He is coming to us
    from Brookfield Zoo. He will be starting on Tuesday, January 22nd.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:
There were no items to be removed from the consent agenda.

(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:
Village Manager May addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by Trustee Barry to approve the consent agenda.

(A) BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Board to consider approving the minutes of the Village Board meeting held December
20, 2018.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #17: Dated January 3, 2019 in the amount of
$1,153,801.17

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS

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Seconded by Trustee Addington and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #1
Ayes: Addington, Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero
Nays: None
Absent: Guzzo
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) 410 N WASHINGTON STREET (NORTH LOT) - LOT WIDTH VARIANCE EXTENSION
Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by Trustee Barry to consider an ordinance approving a Zoning Code variance extension of 12 months requested by Mr. & Mrs. James Lesko. Seconded by Trustee Addington and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #2
Ayes: Addington, Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero
Nays: None
Absent: Guzzo

(3) WESTMONT PARK DISTRICT WINTER BEERFEST FEE WAIVER
Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn and Park District Director Bob Fleck addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by Trustee Liddle to consider an ordinance approving a Special Event Liquor License fee waiver for the Westmont Park District Beerfest.

Seconded by Trustee Barry and the motion to passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #3
Ayes: Addington, Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero
Nays: None
Absent: Guzzo

(4) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE CLASS 23 LIQUOR LICENSES
Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by Trustee Addington to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class 23 liquor licenses by one (1) for Diana Sub Inc. d/b/a/ Johnny’s Blitz Bar and Grill, 20 N. Cass Avenue.

Seconded by Trustee Nero and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #4
Ayes: Addington, Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero
Nays: None
Absent: Guzzo
(5) TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT
Finance Director Parker addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by Trustee Addington to consider an ordinance authorizing an Economic Development Agreement with Holladay related to the development of the SW corner of Cass and Quincy.

Seconded by Trustee Barry and the motion to postpone passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #5
Ayes: Addington, Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero
Nays: None
Absent: Guzzo

MISCELLANEOUS:
• None.

(6) CLOSED SESSION:
Mayor Gunter requested an executive session to discuss:
  1) The purchase of property for the use of the Village pursuant to section (2)(C)(5) of open meetings act.
  2) Setting the price of real estate owned by the Village pursuant to section (2)(C)(6) of the open meetings act.

Motion by Trustee Nero to move into executive session at 6:37 pm.

Seconded by Trustee Barry and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #6
Ayes: Addington, Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero
Nays: None
Absent: Guzzo

(7) RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Motion by Trustee Liddle to move out of Executive Session and to reconvene the regular Board meeting at 7:07 pm.
Seconded by Trustee Addington and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #7
Ayes: Addington, Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero
Nays: None
Absent: Guzzo

(8) ADJOURNMENT Motion by Trustee Addington to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Nero and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #8
Ayes: Addington, Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero
Nays: None
Absent: Guzzo

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:08 P.M.
ATTEST: 

Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

Dated this 17th day of January, 2019

APPROVED:

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor