



Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, April 20, 2023.**

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

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Mayor Gunter	<u>P</u>	Clerk Szymski	<u>P</u>
TRUSTEES:	Barker	<u>P</u>	Simonovich	<u>P</u>
	Brady	<u>P</u>	Guzzo	<u>P</u>
	Liddle	<u>P</u>	Nero	<u>P</u>

STAFF:

May (Village Manager)	<u>P</u>	Parker (Assistant Manager)	<u>P</u>	Hennerfeind (Deputy CD Director)	<u>P</u>
Brainerd (H.R. Director)	<u>P</u>	McIntyre (Communications Director)	<u>P</u>	Liljeberg (I.T. Manager)	<u>P</u>
Chief Gunther (Police Dept.)	<u>P</u>	Dep Chief Thompson	<u>A</u>	Dep Chief Gruen (Police Dept.)	<u>A</u>
Chief Riley (Fire Dept.)	<u>P</u>	Dep Chief O'Hare (Fire Dept.)	<u>A</u>	Dep Chief Fitzgerald (Fire Dept.)	<u>A</u>
Mulhearn (Deputy Liq Commissioner)	<u>P</u>	Cunningham (Finance Director)	<u>P</u>	Ries (Public Works Director)	<u>A</u>

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Carrara A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR: Forssberg - P

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

OPEN FORUM:

Frank Trout, Sr., 328 N Wilmette - Disappointed about the recent election.



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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>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 BRADY	<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 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 NERO	<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 SIMONOVICH	<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>

	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE BRADY	<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>
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE SIMONOVICH	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- The Westmont Community Awards are scheduled for Monday, April 24 at the Hilton. The event will include award presentations by the Village, Chamber, Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Westmont Rotary and more. A press release will be issued next week to announce all award recipients.
- The Lions Club will have their Spring Fling event Memorial Day weekend at Ty Warner Park. On Sunday, the Park District will host the Race to the Flag 5K, which benefits the People's Resource Center. Details can be found on the Lions and Park District websites.
- The 4th Annual Senior Spring Fling event will be held at the Westmont Park District Community Center, 75 E. Richmond on May 4th and 5th. This event will provide information and resources from local businesses and public agencies to assist and support seniors in our area. This is sponsored by the Westmont Chamber, please stop by to see all of the vendors.

Village Clerk Szymski

- No Report.

Trustee Liddle

- Recapped the Administration / Finance Committee meeting held earlier.

- Discussed water rate analysis and the impact on the community if rates were raised to fund future projects.
- The Environmental Improvement Committee presented their annual report.
- Gave an update on the Muddy Warhol Contest. There were 45 art contest submissions. The art will be on display soon in the Westmont Special Events Office in Westmont Center. Details will be posted on westmontevents.com
- We are only 6 weeks away from Cruisin' Nights. Beginning June 1st and continuing for 14 consecutive weeks through August 31st along Cass Avenue. Details can be found at westmontevents.com
- The Taste of Westmont will be the week after the 4th of July. The Taste will be July 13, 14, 15, 16 and more details will be coming.
- The Creative Arts Network is out there and doing a lot of activities. It has been fun to walk around downtown and see all of these beautiful displays of art.
- The Village is hiring for the following positions:
 - Community Development Director
 - Facilities Maintenance Worker II
 - Facilities Maintenance Worker I
 - Probationary Police Officers
 - Please visit the Employment Opportunities section of our website for more information.

Trustee Nero

- Friday is the last day to sign up for the Annual Arbor Day Tree Seedling Giveaway scheduled for April 28 at the Library. Sign up is on the Village website.
- Gave an update on No Mow 'Til Mother's Day. We now have over 240 residents signed up. Thank you to everyone who is participating in this event that supports our local pollinator population.
- The gateway signs are starting to look good along Ogden Avenue.

Trustee Simonovich

- The Police Dept. is giving away steering wheel locks donated by Hyundai Motor America to Westmont residents who own specific Kia & Hyundai car owners due to a recent spike in thefts of these vehicles. More information is on the Village website.
- There are a few upcoming events with the Police Department.
 - Drug Takeback Day is this Saturday, April 22nd. There is a drive through at 500 North Cass and Mariano's on 63rd.
 - Cop on a Rooftop at the Dunkin' Donuts is coming up on May 19th from 5am - 12pm.
 - There is a Paper Shred Event on May 20th. Details for all of these events are on the Village website.
- Applications are being accepted now through May 18th. The online application is posted on the Village website.

Trustee Brady

- The next Community Development Committee meeting will be May 4th, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The contract for the Zoning Ordinance update was awarded to Duncan and Associates at the April 6, 2023 Board meeting. The consultant is beginning its research phase. The ordinance has not been updated for 45 years. It has been amended over a period of years and it will take 16-18 months to complete this study. Community outreach efforts will begin in early to mid summer.
- Construction has begun on the West Quincy Streetscape project. Work will continue throughout the summer and is expected to be completed by this fall. The restaurants will be able to have outdoor seating and it will be quite nice.
 - Mayor Gunter mentioned that Whiskey Hill Restaurant Kitchen and Bar have started their process of getting their license and they are shooting for July 1.

Trustee Johanic-Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be June 1, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Westmont Fire Department 100th Anniversary Pancake and Swap Meet is being planned for Saturday, May 20th from 9am -12pm on the bay floor of the Fire/Police facility at 500 N. Cass Avenue. More details will be coming soon.
- Online sign up is now open for the 2023 Kids Safety Camp on the Village website. There are two sessions: June 13 & 14 and August 9 & 10.

Trustee Barker

- Green Recycling Award Contest Winners will be ready to be announced soon. The Green Recycling Awards will be announced at a future Village Board Meeting. This will probably happen on May 18th.
- Westmont Library And Garden Club Expo is on May 20th. Members of the EIC will be volunteering and participating in the Garden Club Expo on May 20 at the Library. Details will be coming soon.
- The Community Solar staff is talking to Community Solar project consultants about the possibility of providing information to the public about securing their electricity needs from a solar power provider, which may result in a cost savings to the public. More info will be available soon.
- The Electronics and More Recycling event was held on April 15th. We had a record number of 351 cars participating. We want to thank the 8 EIC members and the 4 EMA volunteers who staffed the event. The next event will be held Sept. 23rd.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

The four (4) Community Events will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this agenda item.

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



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(A) BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board to consider approving the minutes for the Village Board meeting held on **April 6, 2023.**

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

#25: Dated April 20, 2023 in the amount of \$ 1,588,729.81

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS

23202583	Albrite Building, Inc.	\$ 82,031.40
23202584	Foster Coach Sales, Inc.	421,235.00
23202586	H. Linden & Sons Sewer and Water, Inc.	418,555.00
23202620	Primera Engineers, Ltd.	50,000.00
23202621	Primera Engineers, Ltd.	37,850.00
TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS		\$ 1,009,671.40

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCES: \$2,598,401.21

(E) PROCLAMATION - ARBOR DAY

Board to consider a proclamation declaring April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the Village of Westmont.

(F) PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation declaring April 23-29, 2023 as National Library Week in the Village of Westmont.

(G) PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERK WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation declaring April 30 - May 6, 2023 as Municipal Clerk Week in the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(2) COMMUNITY EVENTS PERMITS - POSTPONE

Village Manager May addressed the board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to postpone the Four (4) Community Events Permits that were listed

on the consent agenda for two weeks.

- Westmont Lions Club Foundation Spring Fling 2023
- 2023 Race to the Flag
- Westmont Cruisin Nights Street Fair
- Taste of Westmont 2023

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

(3) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE CLASS 4 LIQUOR LICENSES

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn and Rogelio Perez addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class 4 liquor licenses by one for Taqueria El Ranchito Inc. 323 W. 63rd Street Westmont, IL .

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn and business owners addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Brady** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available massage establishment licenses by one for Sakura Foot Massage Darien 8888 LLC, d/b/a Enjoying Massage at 6551 S. Cass Avenue.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None



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(5) FINAL PLAT - 6104 TO 6154 SOUTH CASS AVENUE - ENCORE

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

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving a Final Plat of Subdivision from ENCORE CW, LLC to subdivide one (1) lot into two (2) lots.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

(6) SPECIAL COUNSEL APPOINTMENT

Attorney Zemenak addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving the appointment of a special counsel.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

(7) ILLINOIS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Police Chief Gunther addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council Westmont Lodge #63 and the Village of Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None



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(8) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL- 2023 WESTMONT SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance awarding the bid proposal from RW Dunteman Company for the 2023 Westmont Sidewalk Program and authorizing a contract consistent with the accepted bid documents.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

(9) NORTH ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK IEPA LOAN

Finance Director Cunningham addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance authorizing the Village of Westmont to borrow funds from the Public Water Loan Program.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

(10) FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT - ZOLL MEDICAL

Finance Director Cunningham addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance authorizing the Village of Westmont to borrow funds from the Public Water Loan Program.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #10

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

(11) APPROVAL OF A THREE YEAR EXTENSION FOR AUDIT SERVICES WITH SIKICH LLP

Finance Director Cunningham addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a three year extension of the Village's independent audit firm, Sikich LLP and authorizing staff to execute an engagement



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letter.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #11

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

(12) TRAVEL, MEALS, AND LODGING EXPENSE POLICY

Finance Director Cunningham addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to approve an ordinance adopting the amended Travel, Meals, and Lodging Expense Policy.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #12

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

(13) FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET

Finance Director Cunningham addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #13

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

None.

(14) ADJOURNMENT - 6:56pm

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to adjourn the meeting.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #14



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Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich
Nays: None
Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:56 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 4th day of May, 2023