Clerk’s Office

Village of Westmont

AMENDED MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, May 9, 2019.

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 P

Liddle P Nero P

STAFF:

May P Parker P Sylvester P
(Village Mgr) (Finance Director) (Community Dev. Director)

Brainerd P McIntyre P Liljeberg P
(Assistant HR Director) (Communications Director) (I.T. Manager)

Chief Gunther P Dep Chief Thompson A Dep Chief Gruen A
(Police Dept.) (Police Dept.) (Police Dept.)

Chief Riley P Dep Chief Connelly A Olsson A
(Fire Dept.) (Fire Dept.) (Assistant Finance Director)

Ramsey A Noriega A Mulhearn P
(P.W. Director) (Assistant P.W. Director) (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)

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:

- Juanita Rea - Dorn, 526 N. Park Street (will speak during the agenda item)

OATH OF OFFICE:
Village Clerk Virginia Szymski to administer the oath of office to Village Trustees:
- Trustee Marie Guzzo

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2019
Trustee Guzzo thanked the residents for allowing her to serve another term and believes that Westmont is the greatest place. Thanked the Village Board, her husband, and her parents for all of their support.

Trustee Liddle thanked the entire Village and looks forward to another 4 year term.

Trustee Nero thanked the voters for re-electing them. It's a privilege and honor to be here. Thanked his wife, and family for their support.

Mayor Called a 5 - 10 minute recess.

ROLL CALL OF THE NEW VILLAGE BOARD:
6:19PM

PRESENT: Mayor Gunter P Clerk Szymski P

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

OPEN FORUM:
• Mayor Gunter asked that Gregg Pill come to the podium to talk about Race to the Flag. This is the 10th annual Race to the Flag that will occur on Memorial Day Sunday, May 26, 2019. The money that is raised will be benefiting the People’s Resource Center. To sign up for the event visit Racetotheflag.org. Dogs, skateboards, and rollerblades are not allowed due to race certification protocols. The Mayor will be flipping pancakes.
• Larry McIntyre and WSEC presented Gregg Pill with the Jim Wright Making Memories Award. Gregg thanked everyone and he loves being part of Westmont.

VOTING KEY: A=ABSENT AB=ABSTAIN N=NO W=Withdrawn
P=PRESENT Y=YES R=RECIPE

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.

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REPORTS

Mayor Gunter
- Talked about the passing of Jimmy Wright who has been a lifelong resident of Westmont. He was an employee for 32 years. His services are at Toon tomorrow from 3:00pm - 8:00pm.
  - Village Manager May talked about Jimmy Wright and his impact on the community. He was very dedicated to Westmont and was involved in many ways.
- Mayor Gunter asked Clerk Szymski to comment on the passing of another great resident.
  - Clerk Szymski announced that Anne Szymski passed away on Tuesday. She was a wonderful person and a great mother-in-law. She was so proud to have received the key to the city during her 100th Birthday Celebration.
  - Clerk Szymski expressed her condolences for Jimmy Wright.
- Mayor Gunter recapped the Community Awards Dinner. Congratulations to the Chamber for another great event. Congratulated everyone on their awards.
  - Citizen of the Year: Stella Qualizza
  - Business of the Year: Uncle Bub's Barbeque
  - Westmont Public Servant of the Year: Maggie Bjur

Clerk Szymski
- The Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive will be Saturday, May 11. Put your food donations in a bag next to your mailbox before your letter carrier comes.
- The U.S. Olympic Luge Team will return to Westmont for the sixth time to conduct their Midwest search for future Luge Olympians. That event is scheduled for June 22nd and 23rd. It is a fun event to watch.

Trustee Addington
- Condolences to the Szymski family and the Wright family on their losses.
- Talked about going to Mt. Vernon to support former Village Manager, Ray Botch, for being elected as a Village Trustee.
- Happy Mother’s Day.
- Talked about Red, White, & BBQ, which is only two weeks away. There are 49 competitive teams cooking professionally on Saturday and Sunday. There are over 20 people who will be cooking Friday for the steak competition. There are 37 amateur competitors on Saturday afternoon. There will be bands playing, a carnival, and good food vendors.

Trustee Guzzo
- The next Public Safety Meeting will be May 23rd, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
• 201 lbs of prescription drugs were collected during our Drug Take-Back Program.
• Cop on Top is scheduled for Friday, May 17th at both Dunkin' Donuts locations, 19 W 63rd Street & 121 W Ogden Avenue from 5:00am - 12:00pm. The proceeds will go to benefit Special Olympics.
• The Special Olympics paper shredding fundraiser is Saturday, May 18th from 9:00am - 12:00pm at the Westmont Police Department, 500 N. Cass Ave.
• Congratulations to Interim Deputy Chief Fitzgerald on the Chief Fire Officer designation. Fire Chief Riley was invited to the podium to talk about the designation.
• Expressed condolences to the Szymski and Wright families.
• Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers.

Trustee Barry
• There is an Economic Development Committee meeting on May 10th at Village Hall to review a fuel station at Mariano’s. The presentation is set to take place at 9:00am.
• The groundbreaking at Market Centre has been rescheduled from this Saturday to early June.
• TECO Annual Family Fun Fest is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 11:30 am - 3:00pm. It is a family friendly event with lots of night street style food. The event is being held at TECO.
• Rotary Club is hosting a fundraiser at Woodgrain Pizzeria. If you visit Woodgrain on May 28th and mention the Westmont Rotary Club, proceeds from the meal will go to the Club.
• Offered condolences to the Wright, Szymski, and the Haubenreiser Family.

Trustee Nero
• Deepest Condolences to the Wright and Szymski families.
• The next Public Works Committee meeting will be June 20th.
• Talked about the beautification projects on Irving.

Trustee Liddle
• Recapped the Administration / Finance Committee Meeting.
  ○ Online payment options for Places for Eating Tax was discussed
  ○ Talked about a Community Arts Program. Westmont First is looking for people to serve on the committee.
  ○ The Hotel - Motel Tax Request was discussed.
• The Pet Promenade and Party in the Park will be May 19th. This event is hosted by the Westmont Chamber.

Trustee Barker
• Condolences to all families.
• Westmont First will meet at the Westmont Public Library on May 20th at 6:00pm.
• Invited Communications Director McIntyre to the podium to talk about the arts initiative in Westmont. We are hoping to have our first arts show by next year.
• The EIC is looking for volunteers for the River Sweep on May 18th from 9:00am - 12:00pm and the Storm Drain Stenciling on June 1st from 9:00am - 12:00pm.
• The EIC is also working on a Community Survey to gauge interest in upcoming topics.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2019
No items were removed from the consent agenda.

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

Motion by Trustee Addington to approve the consent agenda.

**(A) BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
Board to consider approving the minutes of the Village Board meeting held April 25, 2019.

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #1: Dated May 9, 2019** in the amount of $1,297,017.82

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**(C) PROCLAMATION - POLICE WEEK 2019**
Board to consider a proclamation declaring May 11 - 18, 2019 as National Police Week and May 15, 2019 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day in the Village of Westmont.

**(D) PROCLAMATION - PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**
Board to consider a proclamation declaring May 19 - 25, 2019 as National Public Works Week.

**(E) PROCLAMATION - EMS WEEK**
Board to consider a proclamation to declare May 19 - 25, 2019 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the Village of Westmont.

Seconded by Trustee Liddle and the motion passed.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**(2) AMENDMENT TO ALLOW CHAIRLIFTS IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES**
Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by Trustee Addington to consider an ordinance to amend the municipal code and section 1009.4 of the International Building Code (IBC) and International Fire Code (IFC) to allow chairlifts on shared stairwells in multi-family common areas.

Seconded by Trustee Liddle and the motion passed.

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

(3) 4 W BURLINGTON - VAPE SHOP
Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Village Board on this item.

Motion by Trustee Barry to consider an ordinance approving a B-1 Business District Development Permit for a proposed Vape Shop at 4 West Burlington Avenue.

Seconded by Trustee Addington and the motion failed.

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

NEW BUSINESS

(4) FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 BUDGET
Finance Director Parker & Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by Trustee Addington to consider a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget.

Seconded by Trustee Liddle and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #4
Ayes: Addington, Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero
Nays: None
Present: Barry
Absent: None

(5) 301 - 319 W. OGDEN / 530 N. PARK-MEIDCAL OFFICE BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT
Community Development Director Sylvester, Attorney Zemenak, & Developer Larry Deb addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by Trustee Nero to consider an ordinance approving the following requests to allow a medical-office building redevelopment at the corner of 301-319 West Ogden Ave and 530 Park Street:

1. Zoning Map Amendment to rezone 530 N Park Street from R-3 Residential District to B-2 General Business District
2. Variance to allow parking in the required front yard setback
3. Plat of Consolidation
4. Site and Landscape Plan
5. Waiver to allow non-conforming parking stall dimensions

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Public Comment:

- Joe Sacco, 510 N. Park Street: Talked about the location of the school and park and concerned about traffic issues. Feels that a retention pond would be better suited for this area.
- Juanita Rea-Dorn, 526 N. Park Street: Concerned about the traffic in the area, safety concerns for residents, and the current flooding issues.
- John Sacco, 509 N. Park Street: (1) Offered condolences to the Szymksi family. (2) Has issues with the process of notifying the public of the rezoning of this property, flooding concerns near the park, and traffic issues. Would also like to see a retention area to compensate for the flooding concerns.

Seconded by Trustee Addington and the motion passed.

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

(6) 1 WEST QUINCY: RE-APPROVALS FOR HOLLADAY PROPERTIES
Attorney Zemenak addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by Trustee Addington to consider an ordinance re-approving the following approvals for Holladay Properties, LLC related to the zoning and development of a mixed-use building located generally at the southwest corner of South Cass Avenue and West Quincy Street:

1. Comprehensive Plan amendment request to redesignate approximately .22 acres from Parks/Open Space to Downtown Mixed Use.
2. Zoning Code variance request to increase the maximum allowed FAR in the B-1 Limited Business District.
3. Zoning Code variance request to increase the maximum allowed height in the B-1 Limited Business District.
4. Zoning Code variance request to allow for construction of a mixed-use development within a required front yard in the B-1 Limited Business District.
5. Zoning Code variance request to allow for construction of a mixed-use development within a required side yard adjoining a street in the B-1 Limited Business District.
6. Zoning Code variance request to allow for construction of a mixed-use development within a required side yard in the B-1 Limited Business District.
7. Zoning Code variance request to allow for construction of a mixed-use development within a required rear yard setback in the B-1 Limited Business District.
8. Zoning Code variance request to reduce the total required number of parking spaces for both the multiple-family residential and commercial components in a mixed-use development.
9. Preliminary Plat of Subdivision request to consolidate lots, to include a portion of a public alley to be vacated.
10. Site and Landscaping Plan.
11. Development Agreement.
12. Vacation of a portion of the public alley located immediately south of 1 W. Quincy Street.
Seconded by **Trustee Nero** and the motion passed.

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

**(7) ERNST & YOUNG TIF CONSULTING AGREEMENT**
**Finance Director Parker** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider approving a Master Agreement and Statement of Work with Ernst & Young LLP regarding TIF Consulting and Economic Development Consulting Services.

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

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

**(8) PARKING AMENDMENT - COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**
**Community Development Director Sylvester** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance to amend the Village Code regarding regulation of commercial vehicle parking on residential properties.

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

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

**MISCELLANEOUS:**
- None

**(9) ADJOURNMENT**  Motion by **Trustee Addington** to adjourn the meeting.  Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #9**
Ayes: Addington, Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero
Nays: None
Absent: None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:01 P.M.**
Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2019

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor