



Clerk's Office  
**Village of Westmont**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, June 1, 2023.**

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

**WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gunter P Clerk Szymiski P

**TRUSTEES:** Barker P Simonovich P  
Brady P Guzzo P  
Liddle P Nero P

**STAFF:**

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

**ATTORNEY:** Zemenak P Carrara A

**A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.**

**PRESS:**

Bugle A

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR:** Forsberg - P

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.



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### OPEN FORUM:

Mayor Gunter talked about sidewalks at Newfield Manor. He clarified statements made in the past. At the budget workshop the Board approved the budget for new sidewalks in town which included Newfield Manor.

- Jack McInerney, 500 S. Adams - He feels that there is no issue regarding safety and sidewalks. Expressed his disappointment with communication. He does not want sidewalks on Adams Street.
- Harold Barry III, 414 S. Washington St. - Talked about the sidewalks in Newfield Manor. He is in favor of sidewalks at Newfield Manor and feels that it would improve safety.
- Karen Byron, 433 Lindley - It is safer to have sidewalks in Newfield Manor. Many people have to walk their dogs in the street, kids ride their bikes in the streets, and sidewalks provide a safe passageway for pedestrians.

Trustee Barker lives in Newfield Manor and commented on how the traffic has changed over the last 30 years ago. It is important to give kids a safe place to ride their bikes that is not in the street.

Trustee Simonovich talked about how this coincides with providing safe routes to school, and promotes more activity in the neighborhood, not to mention the ADA accessibility.

Trustee Nero is in support of having sidewalks in Newfield Manor and feels that this is the right thing to do for safety.

Mayor Gunter states that we could have done a better job communicating. However, for years, we have been hearing that the public wants sidewalks for a safe route to schools and parks, so pedestrians do not have to walk in the street.



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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**

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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>

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TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE BRADY	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE SIMONOVICH	<u>Y</u>

**REPORTS**

**Mayor Gunter**

- There is a Taiwanese Dance and Music Performance June 5 at the Westmont High School. People can go to the Village website for more info and click on the link to get tickets.
- We are a dementia friendly community. The next program will be June 7th at the Library and it is titled Healthy Living For Your Body & Brain.

**Clerk Szymski**

- Village offices will be closed to the public on Monday, June 19th and on Tuesday, July 4th.
- Community Garage Sales will be August 4-6 and you can sign up now via the Village website.

**Trustee Johanik-Guzzo**

- Recapped the Fire Public Safety Committee meeting that took place right before the Village Board Meeting.
  - Congratulations to Andrew Busche and Josh Maly who have received the Dr. Joseph Hartman Award for medical excellence.
  - Deputy Chief Jim Fitzgerald received the public servant of the year award.

- Matt McCarthy, Daniel Barrett, and Andrew Hunt were promoted to Lieutenant.
- Tim King was promoted to Captain.
- The Fire Department took delivery of a new ladder truck which will be in service soon.
- Our cardiac monitors are in service.
- The Fire Department received a 100th Anniversary Proclamation from our State Senator.
- EMS Director, Lynn Dralle, will be retiring and her walk out is tomorrow. Congratulations to her.
- The Fire Department hosted a pancake breakfast for their 100th Anniversary. Trustee Guzzo asked Fire Chief Riley to the podium to recap the event.

#### **Trustee Barker**

- The next Environmental Improvement Committee is being rescheduled to June 12, 5:30pm at Village Hall.
- Residents can sign up for advance notifications of mosquito spraying in the community. They can sign up with Clarke Mosquito to receive these notifications. The link for this sign-up can be found on the Village website.
- Clarke Mosquito is giving us a \$15,000 Grant for Richmond Education Gardens.

#### **Trustee Liddle**

- The next Administration/Finance Committee will be held July 13, 4:30 pm at Village Hall.
- Westmont Cruisin' Nights starts tonight. It is a carshow on Cass Avenue and is hosted and coordinated by the Westmont Special Events organization. The event is every Thursday and will continue for 14 consecutive weeks thru August 31. Details can be found at westmontevents.com
- This year the Taste of Westmont is scheduled for the week after 4th of July. The Taste will be July 13, 14, 15 & 16. The main stage headline acts include a national touring Elton John Tribute, the #1 Eagles Tribute Band in the midwest, a Journey Tribute band, a Tom Petty Tribute, the Muddy Waters Blues Tribute, and more. Details are listed on the Westmont Special Events website at westmontevents.com.

#### **Trustee Nero**

- There will be a few more one day work closures at the railroad crossing at Cass Avenue. These closures will occur on June 17, July 8, and one more date to be announced soon.

#### **Trustee Simonovich**

- The next Police Public Safety meeting will be July 27, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Thanked everyone who made donations to the Special Olympics during our events.
- Free gun locks are available at the police station. More information is on the Police Department Facebook page.



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- The Police Department has a vacation watch program. Police officers will conduct daily safety checks of your residence while you are away on vacation. Vacation watch forms are available on the police website and at the records department during regular business hours.
- Squad car night for the car show will be Thursday, June 8, 5 to 9pm on Cass Ave. Each year, dozens of police squad cars from throughout the area participate in this event. Be sure to bring the family out to meet our police officers and check out these awesome vehicles. There will be a Police Squad Car Lights and Sirens Parade at 9pm to end the night.

**Trustee Brady**

- Temporary Certificates of Occupancy are being issued this week for Belle Tire at 6490 Cass Avenue and for Mrs. T's Restaurant at 2 West Naperville Road. Both businesses may be open this weekend or soon thereafter.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting of June 14 has been canceled. The next scheduled meeting is July 12.
- The Race to the Flag Event was on Sunday and Public Works worked very well.

**ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:**

Trustee Simonovich asked that the Proclamation for National Gun Violence Awareness be removed from the consent agenda to be read separately.

**CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:**

**Village Manager May** addressed the Board on this agenda item.

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

**(A) BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Board to consider approving the minutes for the meetings for the Village Board Meeting held on **May 18, 2023**.

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE**

**#3: Dated June 1, 2023** in the amount of **\$ 1,190,861.65**

**(C) PURCHASE ORDERS**

23202556-01	Bell Fuels, Inc.	\$ 33,000.00
23202887	West Central Municipal Conference	26,494.00
24200206	Primera Engineers, Ltd.	89,955.00
24200208	Go Painters Inc.	49,490.00
24200216	Al Warren Oil Company, Inc.	225,000.00



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24200217	Hygieneering, Inc.	29,120.00
24200218	Baxter & Woodman, Inc.	46,600.00
<b>TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS</b>		<b>\$ 499,659.00</b>

**(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$1,690,520.65**

**(E) 2023 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

Board to consider an ordinance approving the following requests from the Westmont Park District regarding the annual 4th of July Celebration at Ty Warner Park:

- 4th of July special event traffic plan - various one-ways and street closures around Ty Warner Park from 7am to 11pm
- Fireworks Permit fee waiver
- Amplified Sound Permit
- Tent permit fee waiver
- Temporary Liquor License Fee Waiver

**(F) REDUCTION OF AVAILABLE CLASS 3 LIQUOR LICENSES BY ONE**

Board to consider an ordinance reducing the number of available Class 3 liquor licenses by one due to the recent sale of Neruta Inc d/b/a Cafe Ruta at 6551 S. Cass Avenue..

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**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(2) PROCLAMATION - GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

**Trustee Simonovich and Sarah Robbins** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Simonovich** to consider a proclamation declaring June 2, 2023 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Village of Westmont.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #2**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None



**(3) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE CLASS 3 LIQUOR LICENSES**

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class 3 liquor licenses by one for Taip Ruta Corp d/b/a/ Cafe Ruta at 6551 S. Cass Avenue Westmont, Il. 60559

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #3**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(4) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - 2023 MFT RESURFACING PROJECT**

**Village Manager May** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance awarding the bid proposal from K5 Construction Company for the Village's 2023 MFT Resurfacing Project (MFT#23-00113-00-RS) and authorizing a contract consistent with the bid documents.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #4**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(5) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - DOWNTOWN ANNUAL FLOWER WATERING PROGRAM**

**Village Manager May** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance awarding the bid proposal from Ken's Landscaping & Supply, Inc. for the Downtown Annual Flower Watering Program.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #5**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None



**(6) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2 DESIGN ENGINEERING FOR QUINCY STREET LANDSCAPE PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS**

**Village Manager May** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving an engineering agreement with Primera Engineers, Ltd. for Phase 1 and Phase 2 Design Engineering for the Quincy Street Streetscape Phase 2 Improvements.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #6**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(7) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - PHASE 2 DESIGN ENGINEERING FOR RESIDENTIAL ALLEY 5 S**

**Village Manager May** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving an engineering agreement with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC for Phase 2 design engineering for Residential Alley 5S Improvements.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #7**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(8) COMCAST LICENSE AGREEMENT**

**Village Manager May** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving a Cable Equipment Room License Agreement with Comcast of Illinois VI, LLC for Village-owned property located at 33 East Burlington Avenue, Westmont.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #8**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None





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**(9) SPECIAL COUNSEL APPOINTMENT**

**Village Manager May** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance confirming the Mayor's appointment of attorney Adam C. Carter of Esp Kreuzer Cores LLP as outside special counsel to the Village.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #9**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Trustee Barker offered condolences to Trustee Liddle.

Trustee Brady asked about the food trucks at the 4th of July Celebration and asked about safety.

- Fire Chief Riley talked about the health department certificates and the Fire Prevention Bureau's role with safety and inspection of not just the food trucks, but also the tents, carnival rides, fireworks, etc.
- Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn talked about his experience with food truck inspections.

Larry Forssberg announced that this Saturday at the Taiwanese Cultural Center there will be a funfair starting at 11:30am - 3:00pm. There will be street food and games. It is a family friendly event.

**(10) ADJOURNMENT - 7:07pm**

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

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #10**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:07 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Virginia Szyski, Village Clerk

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Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 15th day of June, 2023