Clerk’s Office

Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, June 20, 2019.

Mayor Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Gunter P Clerk Szymski P
TRUSTEES: Addington P Barker A
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 A Dep Chief Thompson A Dep Chief Gruen P
(Assistant P.W. Director) (Police Dept.) (Police Dept.)
Chief Riley P Dep Chief Connelly A Richards A
(Fire Dept.) (Fire Dept.) (Deputy Clerk)
Ramsey P Norlega A Mulhearn A
(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:
• None
VOTING KEY:  A=ABSENT      AB=ABSTAIN      N=NO      W=Withdrawn  
P=PRESENT      Y=YES      R=RECOUSE

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

- Talked about the loss of Gregg Pill. Chamber Director Forssberg was asked to the podium to talk about Gregg’s involvement in Westmont.
- Communications Director McIntyre talked about the internship of Calvin Herion. Calvin addressed the Village Board.
- Daniel from Sweet & Savory talked about hiring special needs individuals.
- Paul, an employment specialist from transition 99 spoke to the Village Board.
- Mayor Gunter talked about having a Junior Mayor, John Paul Alexander.
- Chief Riley talked about the dissolution of the North Westmont fire prevention district and the certificate of appreciation for their award on efficiency in government.

Clerk Szymski

- Announced that the U.S. Olympic Luge Team will be here on June 22 & 23. This is the 6th time the U.S. Olympic Luge Team has been to Westmont to conduct their midwest search for future Luge Olympians. South Cass will be closed at 8:00 am - 6:00pm on Saturday & Sunday. There is more information on the website including the sign up form.
- Clerk Szymski told Calvin how proud she is of him.
- Talked about the loss of Gregg Pill and everything he has done for the community.

Trustee Liddle

- Westmont First is continuing the work on the Community Arts Initiative. Maggie South is coordinating the Artisans Night event, which will be part of next week’s Cruisin’ Nights, June 27th from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Local artists will be on display at 22 N Cass. Artists can visit the Village website to sign up. Thanked Westmont Suburban Life for doing a feature story on this program.
- The next Westmont First meeting will be August 19th, 6:00pm at the Westmont Public Library.
- The EIC wants to inform residents about mosquito abatement. You can go to
Clarke.com to sign up for their mosquito hotline. Residents can report high mosquito populations, standing water, receive updates via email, text, postcard or phone calls. For more information you can read more from the press releases on the Village website.

- The next Administration Finance Committee meeting will be August 1st at 4:30pm.
- The Taste of Westmont will be July 11 - 14th downtown Westmont on Cass Ave. For more information you can go to westmontevents.com.
- The 4th of July Celebration is co-hosted by the Village of Westmont and the Park District to be held at 4:00 pm and concluding with fireworks.
- The Community Garage Sale will be held August 2, 3, 4th. No Village permit is needed and you can sign up on the website.
- Cruisin’ Nights made the cover of the Suburban Life newspaper. This event is held every Thursday 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm from June to August. There is live music in two locations and there are many activities for kids.

Trustee Nero

- Deepest condolences to the Pill family for their loss.
- The Public Works Annual report is on the website. All residents are encouraged to check it out so that they can see all of the things that Public Works does for our community and the progress that has been made.
- The bid results were received from our Public Works Facility bid. There were 7 respondents and the bid winner will hopefully be approved at the next Village Board meeting.
- Recapped the Public Works meeting.
  - Director Ramsey talked about establishing a Public Works Hall of Fame to highlight employees accomplishments. This will be based on a set list of criteria.
  - The Senate House bill for lead service line replacement was mentioned.
  - The CBD alleys are almost done.
  - Richmond Gardens is nearing completion. Dry weather is needed to finish the concrete work.
  - Fire Department HQ Stormwater Project is completed and they are now working on the plantings.
  - New Flood Insurance Rate Maps are available on the County’s website and at Village Hall.
- Thanked Greg Boltz for selling some raffle tickets at Westmont Cruisin’ Nights for the Police Department to benefit Special Olympics.
- Please come out to Ty Warner Park to celebrate the 4th of July.

Trustee Barry

- Gregg Pill was such a huge part of economic development and he will be missed.
- Recapped the Economic Development Committee meeting.
  - There will be ongoing discussions concerning brew pub locations and there will be a comparison done with surrounding towns.
  - The rezoning of East Quincy Street was also discussed.
- The next Economic Development Committee meeting will need to be rescheduled due to the holiday.
- Introduced Dr. Jess Torok, owner of Urban Veterinary Associates, at 35 N Cass Ave. They are celebrating their second anniversary. Dr. Torok talked about her business.
- The Downers Grove Rotary Club is having their Downers Grove Rotary Fest this
weekend.

Trustee Guzzo
- The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be August 15, 4:30 pm at Village Hall.
- Squad Car Night was last week and it was a very nice event. Our Make-a-Wish kid, Branden got to judge and hand out trophies.
- The Kids Safety Camp was a big hit and the kids had a great time and learned about bus safety, met a police dog, practiced first aid, learned about wildlife, and more. There will be another Kids Safety Camp in July and information is on the website.
- Extended condolences to the Pill Family. He will be missed.
- Everyone have a great 4th of July.

Trustee Addington
- The next Community Development meeting will be July 18th at 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Gregg will be missed. It was a pleasure working with him and he is a phenomenal individual. Condolences to his family.

**ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:**
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) MAY 9, 2019 CORRECTED MINUTES**
Board to consider approving a motion to accept the corrected minutes of the May 9, 2019 Village Board Meeting.

**(B) BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
Board to consider approving the minutes of the June 6, 2019 Village Board Meeting.

**(C) FINANCE ORDINANCE #4: Dated June 20, 2019 in the amount of $1,798,447.76**

**(D) PURCHASE ORDERS**

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Seconded by Trustee Nero and the motion passed.
VOTE ON MOTION #1
Ayes: Addington, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero
Nays: None
Absent: Barker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE CLASS 24 LIQUOR LICENSES
Mayor Gunter read the description for this item which is to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class 24 liquor licenses by one (1) for Prestige Liquors, 6249 South Cass Avenue.

Attorney Zemenak updated the Village Board. He explained that this item can be removed from the agenda because when the Class 24 license was created, we also increased the license by one at that time. The Mayor can issue that license if he feels it is appropriate.

The item died for lack of a motion.

(3) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - SOUTH CASS AVENUE MEDIAN PROJECT
Public Works Director Ramsey addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by Trustee Guzzo to consider an ordinance authorizing a Supplement Agreement to the Cass Burlington Realignment contract with Thomas Engineering Group to add Phase 1 and 2 Design Engineering Services for the proposed South Cass Avenue Median Project.

Seconded by Trustee Nero and the motion passed.

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

(4) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - DEER CREEK DETENTION BASIN MODIFICATION PROJECT
Public Works Director Ramsey addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by Trustee Liddle to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering agreement with Engineering Resource Associates for Phase 1 and Phase 2 Design Engineering Services for the proposed Deer Creek Detention Basin Modification Project.

Seconded by Trustee Nero and the motion passed.

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

(5) DUPAGE COUNTY COUNTYWIDE STORMWATER AND FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE
Public Works Director Ramsey addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by Trustee Addington to consider an ordinance adopting the DuPage County Countywide Stormwater and Floodplain Ordinance Amendments and General Certifications effective 05/14/2019.

Seconded by Trustee Barry and the motion passed.

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

(6) INTERGOVERNMENTAL POLICE SERVICE ASSISTANCE (IPSA) AGREEMENT
Deputy Chief Gruen addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by Trustee Guzzo to consider an ordinance approving an Intergovernmental Police Service Assistance Agreement to join the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigation Team (MERIT) police task force.

Seconded by Trustee Liddle and the motion passed.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:
- Mayor Gunter inquired about the free water that was being handed out by one of our local businesses. The water had a label on it that indicated that it was bottled by the Village of Woodridge. The Mayor is curious if they market and sell it.
  - Public Works Director Ramsey talked about how some towns will partner with a water bottling company and hire someone to put a label on the water bottles. It’s a marketing tool. The American Water Works Association is against bottled water. Studies show that tap water has been proven to be safer to drink than bottled water.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:05 P.M.
ATTEST: 

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Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk   Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 18th day of July, 2019