



Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, July 13, 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 A

STAFF:

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

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Carrara A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:

Bugle A

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR: Forssberg - P

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

OPEN FORUM: None



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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE BRADY	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>
TRUSTEE SIMONOVICH	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Thanked the Westmont Park District, the Village Staff, and everyone who contributed to the 4th of July. Everyone had a great time.

Clerk Szymski

- Community Garage Sales will be August 4 - 6. Sign up is now on the Village website.

Trustee Liddle

- The Administrative / Finance Committee meeting was held today at 4:30pm. Invited Deputy Chief O'Hare to the podium to discuss the meeting.
 - There were two promotions
 - EMS Coordinator, Dale Tobalt, was promoted to Lieutenant
 - Eric Rasmussen was promoted to Lieutenant
 - A brief overview was given on NIMS (National Incident Management System) and unified command, and the education that is involved.
- The South Westmont Business District TIF was discussed. It is progressing nicely.
- HR Director Brainerd gave an update on the Drug Free Workplace Policy.
- Finance Director Cunningham talked about a new payment program for electronic checks, VISA check cards, or regular checks to go to vendors in order to pay them quicker and more securely.
- Have heard only good things about the sidewalks on Adams Street.
- Taste of Westmont opened up today at 5pm. The Mainstage headlines are coming. We have beer tents and carnival rides. Everything is happening all weekend long. Main Stage headlines include an Elton John tribute band, Eagles Tribute band, Journey Tribute Band, Tom Petty Tribute Band, Muddy Waters Blues Tribute, and a whole lot



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more. Details are listed on the Westmont Special Events Website at westmontevents.com.

Trustee Barker

- The EIC will meet on August 7th at 5:30pm at Village Hall.
- There is a Dark Sky contest and grant. Details for this program will be announced soon. The goal is to encourage residents and businesses to embrace Dark Sky strategies on their property to reduce and eliminate unnecessary light pollution.

Trustee Nero's report was given by Mayor Gunter

- BNSF scheduled closures of the Burlington-Northern crossing at Cass Avenue this past weekend. This past Saturday they did additional work on the crossing and they are doing some track replacement further west.
- BNSF also took out the pedestrian crosswalk at Lincoln. It is permanently closed. Commuters and pedestrians will be able to cross the tracks at Cass Avenue. This change is partially due to upcoming station and platform improvements that are currently scheduled to take place in the Spring of 2024. Additionally, the newly installed tracks have varying rail heights resulting in an inability to create a ground level pedestrian crossing that meets ADA requirements. Conversations are on-going regarding the possibility of a pedestrian overpass or underpass at this location.

Trustee Simonovich

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be July 27, 4:30 at Village Hall.
- National Night Out is coming up. This year's event will take place at Ty Warner Park on August 1. There will be law enforcement vehicles, a bounce house, pictures with McGruff, refreshments & more.
- Special Olympics Golf Fundraiser: This is an Inaugural event that the Police Department is holding on Sept. 15. There are still openings for golfers. Contact Sgt. Mike Weibler at 630-981-6373 for details.

Trustee Brady

- The next Community Development Committee meeting will be Aug. 24th, 4:30 pm at Village Hall.
- Staff is currently reviewing the Village's tree preservation regulations and expects to have a report for the August 24 meeting.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission met last night and unanimously approved both a variance and special use that will be forwarded to an upcoming Board meeting.
- The event at Ty Warner Park was executed very well. Thank you and great job.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be September 7, 4:30pm at Village Hall.



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- Congratulations to the new Lieutenants in the Fire Department.
- Fire Truck Night will be August 3rd for Cruisin' Nights.
- See It, Report It - Do Not Hesitate - Call 9-1-1: A new Village of Westmont marketing campaign was launched this past month encouraging citizens to call 9-1-1 to report emergencies. Whether the situation be fire, medical, criminal, or otherwise, do not hesitate, be safe and call 9-1-1.
- Have a great Taste.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

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 **June 29, 2023**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

#6: Dated June 13, 2023 in the amount of **\$ 2,080,146.50**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS: No purchase orders at this time.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Nero

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) PERSONNEL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT

Human Resources Director Brainerd addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving a text amendment to Section 62-75 - Drug-free Workplace of the Westmont Code of Ordinances.

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



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VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- None

(3) ADJOURNMENT - 6:14 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:14 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 27th day of July, 2023