



Clerk's Office  
**Village of Westmont**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, July 27, 2023.**

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

**WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Mayor Gunter	<u>P</u>	Clerk Szymiski	<u>P</u>
<b>TRUSTEES:</b>	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:**

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

**ATTORNEY:** Zemenak A Lampariello P

**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: 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**VOTING KEY:**      **A=ABSENT**              **AB=ABSTAIN**              **N=NO**      **W=Withdrawn**  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>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</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**

- Wished Clerk Szymski a very Happy Birthday.
- The DuPage County Health Department has confirmed the first mosquito batches to test positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) this year in Dupage County, and is reminding residents to protect themselves from mosquito bites and the risk of contracting West Nile Virus.
- Reminded residents that if they are holding a block party that they need to get a permit and 75% of your neighbors must agree.

**Clerk Szymski**

- Community Garage Sales will be August 4 - 6. Sign up is now on the Village website.
- Village Offices will be closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 4th.

**Trustee Simonovich**

- Recapped the Police Public Safety Committee meeting held earlier this evening.
  - Thanks to our Fire and Police Commission for their time in selecting qualified applicants as it can be a vigorous process. There are currently 38 people on the list.
  - The Citizens Police Academy still has openings. Sign up is on the Village Website.
    - If you are 18 years and older, if you live or work in Westmont the academy is September 27 - November 15.
    - The Junior Academy for 12 - 15 year olds will be September 28 - November 2.

- Westmont has 5 drones that are various sizes or capabilities. They were recently used at the 4th of July and the Taste of Westmont.
- Discussed back to school safety and police presence as school will be starting next month.
- Discussed resolutions for traffic issues during parent pick up at schools.
- National Night Out is coming up. This year's event will take place at Ty Warner Park in the West Pavilion. There will be law enforcement vehicles, bounce houses, pictures with McGruff, refreshments & more.
- The Police Department is hosting a Special Olympics Golf Fundraiser. This is an Inaugural event being held on Sept. 15, there are still openings for golfers. Contact Sgt Mike Weibler at 630-981-6373 for details.
- The Westmont Police Department will also hold a shred event for the Special Olympics on October 21 from 9am - 1pm.
- Reminded everyone about the various services that the Police Department provides, such as a Sharps box, prescription collection box, car seat installation, vacation watches, fingerprints for employment, and a safe exchange zone.

#### **Trustee Brady**

- The next Community Development meeting will be August 24th. This meeting was originally scheduled for August 10th, but was rescheduled to August 24th.
- Staff is reviewing the Village's tree preservation regulations and expects to have a report for the August 24 Community Development Committee meeting.
- The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is on August 8.
- The Westmont Chamber will host the Pets in the Park event scheduled for Sunday, September 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Ty Warner Park. Details can be found on the Chamber website.

#### **Trustee Johanik-Guzzo**

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be September 7, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Fire Truck Night at Cruisin' Nights is next Thursday, August 3rd. Come see all of the Westmont Fire Department vehicles as well as fire trucks from other communities. It is always a great event.
- The Westmont Fire Dept. is turning 100. The Fire Department will host their 100th Anniversary Open House on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11am - 2pm, at the Johanik Fire Station, 6015 S. Cass Ave.
- Wished Clerk Szymiski a Happy Birthday.

#### **Trustee Barker**

- The next Environmental Improvement Committee meeting will be August 7, 5:30pm at Village Hall.

- Currently there is a Dark Sky Contest and Grant Program that has been published on the Village website. The goal is to encourage residents and businesses to embrace Dark Sky strategies on their property to reduce and eliminate unnecessary light pollution.
- The next Electronics and More Recycling Event will be held in the commuter parking lot in front of the Westmont Village Hall at 31 W. Quincy Street. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, from 8 a.m. to noon. Visit the Village website for details.
- The Taste of Westmont was outstanding. He received a lot of positive feedback about the event from friends visiting the community.
- Westmont Special Events and everyone involved did a great job.
- Trustee Barker is very proud of his community.

### **Trustee Liddle**

- The next meeting for the Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be August 10, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The Westmont Finance Department was recently awarded the Certificate of Achievement Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. This award represents the highest form of recognition to be earned in the area of government accounting and financial reporting. Congratulations and thank you for all of their hard work.
- Taste of Westmont had a wonderful weekend. Thanks to everyone who participates, volunteers, and helps out. Westmont Special Events will be publishing and promoting a survey regarding its events to seek community feedback.
- The Westmont Special Events Board will once again hold our Endless Summer Car Show. This year we will have a total of three private car shows for Aria Senior Facilities in September.
- The Batmobile has arrived in Downtown Westmont. It is currently parked at the corner of Cass and Norfolk.

### **Trustee Nero**

- There are a couple of upcoming closures at the BNSF Crossing at Cass. The closures are scheduled to occur on August 26 and September 16th. More information will be posted on the Village website.
- The BNSF pedestrian crosswalk at Lincoln is permanently closed. The 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 and underpass at this location.
- The Taste was a blast and safety was at the forefront.

Mayor Gunter asked Larry Forsberg to the Podium.



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- Larry Forssberg talked about the support for the Quincy Street restaurants during the construction. The Chamber is working on a program where \$4,500 was allocated to do a voucher program for the restaurants on West Quincy. In addition to that a raffle will be held. The hope was that this would be launching on August 1st but there are still some details that must be worked out with the restaurants regarding hours of operation. The whole idea is to bring more footsteps to their doors during construction and help them do well. More details will follow shortly.
- Clerk Szynski acknowledged her niece and the Carmichaels who were in the audience tonight.

**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 **July 13, 2023**.

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #7: Dated July 27, 2023** in the amount of **\$ 2,338,859.45**

**(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:**

24200514	Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau	\$30,000
24200551	Pizzo & Associates, Ltd	28,385.28
24200529 24200530 24200534	Public Safety Direct, Inc.	109,830.83
<b>Total of Purchase Orders</b>		<b><u>\$ 168,216.11</u></b>
<b>Total of Purchase Orders &amp; Finance Ordinance #6</b>		<b><u>\$2,507,075.56</u></b>

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #1**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(2) FENCE VARIANCE - 240 S WASHINGTON STREET**

**Deputy Community Development Director Hennerfiend** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving a request from Amanda Szymiski & Brandon Holl, regarding the property at 240 South Washington Street, for a Zoning Ordinance Variance to allow a six foot solid fence in a required side yard adjoining a street setback.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #2**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(3) WEST HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH - SPECIAL USE PERMIT - 213 EAST 55TH STREET**

**Deputy Community Development Director Hennerfiend** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving a Special Use Permit request by West Hills Community Church, 213 East 55th Street, for an existing religious institution with outdoor recreation fields in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #3**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(4) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - RESIDENTIAL ALLEY 12N RECONSTRUCTION**

**Public Works Director Ries** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving the bid and awarding the construction contract to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. for the Residential Alley 12N Reconstruction project.

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



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**VOTE ON MOTION #4**

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

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- None

**(5) ADJOURNMENT - 6:40 pm**

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

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #5**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

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Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 10th day of August, 2023