



Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, August 10, 2023.

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

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Mayor Gunter	<u>P</u>	Clerk Szymiski	<u>P</u>
TRUSTEES:	Barker	<u>P</u>	Simonovich	<u>P</u>
	Brady	<u>A</u>	Guzzo	<u>P</u>
	Liddle	<u>P</u>	Nero	<u>P</u>

STAFF:

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

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Lampariello A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:

Bugle A

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR: Forsberg - 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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
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>
TRUSTEE BRADY	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</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>
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>
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>R</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>

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- We had an opportunity to be on WGN TV in the Morning Show to say farewell to Sarah Jindra. Sarah has been a long time resident and her parents still live here. We worked with the Morning Show producer in which we discussed silly ways in which to honor Sarah. Ultimately we presented Sarah with a key to the Village and the Chamber presented her with an ambassador sash. She has been a huge supporter of Westmont. She will be on a new afternoon show starting in September.
- The Library will be hosting several dementia friendly programs this fall. Program descriptions and dates can be found on our Village website.
- There was a tour of Richmond Gardens last Wednesday and Clarke Mosquito presented a \$15,000 grant to the Richmond Education Gardens to support this project. Photos of the presentation are on the website. Thanks to Lyle Clarke and their foundation for their generous contribution.

Clerk Szymski

- Village offices will be closed September 4th and October 9th.

Trustee Liddle

- Recapped the Administration / Finance Committee meeting that was held earlier this evening.
 - 2024 meeting dates were reviewed and will be published shortly.
 - Discussion was held regarding Village Code 38-55 regarding the noise ordinance. This section of the code will most likely be revised sometime in the future.
- Westmont Special Events has created a survey regarding community events.

- There are only 4 more weeks of Cruisin' Nights. Cruisin' Nights is held Thursday's from 5 - 9pm. Thanks to the volunteers of Westmont Special Events who coordinate and manage all of the events that bring thousands of people into our community every week.
- Please sign up for the fall mural program that has begun. More information can be found at westmontevetns.com

Trustee Nero

- The railroad crossing at Cass Avenue will be closed on August 26th and September 16th. More information is posted on the Village Website.
- The next Public Works Committee meeting is September 21, 2023.
- National Night Out was very successful. Thank you to Police and Fire and everyone that helped. It was a great event. It was nice having it at the park.

Trustee Simonovich

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be on October 19th.
- The Citizens Police Academy and the Jr. Police Academy are both eight-week courses. The adult classes are starting on September 27th and the Jr. Classes are starting on September 28th. You can still sign up for these classes through the Village website.
- The Police Department will be hosting a paper shred event as a fundraiser for Special Olympics. The event will be October 21st from 9am to 1pm.
- Back to school safety tips have been put together and published on the Village website. This reminds everyone that school will be back in session so please be careful.

Trustee Brady's report was given by Mayor Gunter

- The next Community Development meeting will be August 24th at 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Staff is reviewing the Village's tree preservation regulations and a report is expected on August 24th.
- The Westmont Chamber is hosting a Pets in the Park event on Sunday, September 17th from 11am - 2pm at Ty Warner Park and details can be found on the Chamber website.

Trustee Johnaik-Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be September 7th at 4:30pm.
- The Fire Department's 100th Anniversary and Open House will be October 14th at the Johanik Fire Station, 6015 S. Cass Ave, from 11am - 2pm. More information will be forthcoming.
- Invited Fire Chief Riley to the podium to talk about Fire Truck Night during Cruisin' Nights.
 - Fire Chief Riley stated that the weather was nice and we had a record of 30 fire trucks that attended. They are looking forward to Village Night on August 31st.



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Trustee Barker

- Recapped the EIC meeting from Monday night.
- EIC has a table down at Cruisin' nights. It's a nice display that demonstrates what you should put in your recycling container and try to educate the public. There is also a Dark Skies display which we use to encourage people to reduce their lighting.
- There is a Dark Sky Contest and grant. Details for the grant program have 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 Electronics & More Recycling Event will be held on September 23rd in front of Village Hall. The event will take place from 8am - 12pm. More details can be found on the Village website.

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 Nero** 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 27, 2023**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #8: Dated **August 10, 2023** in the amount of **\$3,261,516.45**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

24200662	Axon Enterprises, Inc.	\$29,963.66
Total of Purchase Orders & Finance Ordinance #6		<u>\$3,291,480.11</u>

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Simonovich, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Brady

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS



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(2) HOTEL/MOTEL GRANT REQUEST - ROTARY CLUB - 2023-24 COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDAR

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a motion awarding a Hotel/Motel Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the Westmont Rotary Club for the 2023-24 Community Event Calendar.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Simonovich, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Brady

(3) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - VILLAGE ENGINEERING SERVICES

Public Works Director Ries addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance authorizing an agreement with Primera Engineers, Ltd. for Village Engineering Services in an amount not to exceed \$96,500.00.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Simonovich, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Brady

(4) AWARD OF PROPOSAL- FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

Public Works Director Ries, Fire Chief Riley, and Attorney Zemenak addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance awarding the proposal from Granite Construction Company for the Fire Department Exterior Improvements.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Brady

Recuse: Nero



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(5) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT- PHASE 3 CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING FOR RESIDENTIAL ALLEY 12N RECONSTRUCTION

Public Works Director Ries addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering services agreement with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC for Phase 3 Construction engineering services for the Residential Alley 12N Reconstruction project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Simonovich, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Brady

MISCELLANEOUS:

- None

(6) REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Gunter requested a motion to adjourn to executive session to address the following:

Discuss pending litigation between the Village and OSHA pursuant to section 2C11 of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to go into executive session.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Simonovich, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Brady

(7) ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board to consider a motion to adjourn at **6:59pm**

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to go into executive session.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Simonovich, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Brady



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(8) ADJOURNMENT - 7:00 pm

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Barker, Guzzo, Liddle, Simonovich, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Brady

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 24th day of August, 2023