

Village of Western Springs
President and Board of Trustees February 24, 2025
Meeting Minutes

President Heidi Rudolph, Presiding

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting opened at 7:01 p.m.

Village Clerk, Edward Tymick

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amy Avakian, Trustee

Nicole Chen, Trustee

Alan Fink, Trustee

Scott Lewis, Trustee

Phil Nawrocki, Trustee

James Tyrrell, Trustee

Michael T. Jurusik, Village Attorney

Anne M. Skrodzki, Village Attorney

STAFF PRESENT:

Ellen Baer, Village Manager

SWEARING IN OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES JON CARLSON

Manager Baer invited Chief Scott to introduce the new Deputy Director of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Jon Carlson. Director Scott introduced Jon Carlson, who was then sworn in by Clerk Tymick.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

President Rudolph asked the Board if there were any changes or additions of the meeting minutes from the February 10, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting. There were none and President Rudolph stated the minutes will be on tonight's Omnibus for approval.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE TYRRELL)

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE CHEN)

Trustee Chen discussed ordinance amending a previously approved ordinance authorizing the issuance of alternate revenue bonds passed in March 2024. This ordinance amends the language offering clarification of the intended revenue source. Trustee Chen introduced Director Mastandona who stated that the stormwater utility funds was the intended revenue source however, the previously approved ordinance commingles the water and sewer system separate from the stormwater system. The amended ordinance clarifies the revenue source as the stormwater utility fee. Director Mastandona also highlighted the difference in alternative revenue bonds and the general obligation bonds proposed on the upcoming referendum. The alternative revenue bonds is for the stormwater specific projects and has no impact on property taxes. Director Mastandona stated that the Alternative Revenue bonds are not enough to fund water mains, sanitary sewer and sidewalks.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE NAWROCKI)

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the Official Zoning Map was previously discussed on is tonight's omnibus.

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the Timber Trails sidewalk and public utility easements were previously discussed and are on tonight's Omnibus.

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the French Market - Sixth Addendum to the Market License Agreement between the Village of Western Springs and Bensidoun USA, Inc. was previously discussed and is on tonight's Omnibus.

PUBLIC WORKS & WATER COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE FINK)

Trustee Fink reported that 2025 IDOT Motor Fuel Tax Authorization for Maintenance Items and Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase 2 Funding Nomination Form are both on tonight's Omnibus.

PROPERTIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE AVAKIAN)

Trustee Avakian reported that the approval and authorization of an agreement with Air Comfort, LLC for Village Hall HVAC Controls and a Resolution and Local Public Agency Contract with NPN Flooring of Brookfield have been previously reported and are on tonight's Omnibus.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE LEWIS)

No report.

EXPLANATION OF OMNIBUS VOTING PROCEDURE

President Rudolph stated the Illinois State Statutes allow a municipality to collectively vote on a group of ordinances, resolutions, and other motions, such as awards of contract, appointments, etc. This is known as an omnibus vote. All the items contained on the omnibus vote list have been previously discussed by the President and Board of Trustees on at least one occasion, and often on several occasions. By placing them on the omnibus vote list, a single vote may be taken to approve them. A Trustee may remove any item from the list and have it discussed and voted on separately, prior to the omnibus vote.

There were no changes to the Omnibus vote list.

CONSIDERATION OF AN OMNIBUS VOTE

Trustee Tyrrell moved that the ordinances, resolutions and motions as contained on the meeting agenda for February 24, 2025, be adopted and/or approved under an omnibus vote. Trustee Tyrrell read the omnibus in its entirety and motioned it be approved.

Trustee Nawrocki seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Trustees Avakian, Chen, Fink, Lewis, Nawrocki, Tyrrell and President Rudolph

Voting Nay: None

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 25-3247

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance by the Village of Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois, of its General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) (said bonds being general obligation bonds for which real property taxes, unlimited as to rate or amount, may be levied, but which are expected to be paid from the Village's stormwater utility fee) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$9,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the Village's stormwater system to alleviate flooding in the Village.

Trustee Chen made a motion to approve the Ordinance.

Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Trustees Avakian, Chen, Fink, Lewis, Nawrocki, Tyrrell

Voting Nay: None.

REPORTS

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT (TRUSTEE CHEN)

Trustee Chen briefly mentioned the January 2025 Monthly Financial Report is in the packet for your review. Trustee Chen made a motion to accept the January 2025 monthly Financial Report as presented.

Trustee Lewis seconded to the Motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Trustees Avakian, Chen, Fink, Lewis, Nawrocki, Tyrrell

Voting Nay: None.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT RUDOLPH

President Rudolph indicated that she attended the DMMC Mayors and Managers Conference, discussing shared issues going on in the community.

President Rudolph stated that she attended WCMC legislative breakfast with Trustee Nawrocki and that it was well attended by members of the local west suburban communities and they received a brief update on what is happening Springfield.

President Rudolph and Trustee Nawrocki and several members of the staff attended the Lyons Township Stormwater Management and Infrastructure Update and heard updates from Senator Casten, MWRD and IDOT. President Rudolph stated there were a lot of road construction projects coming up.

President Rudolph expressed her gratitude towards the Board members for the time and commitment.

C. Village Manager Baer

Manager Baer reported that there was a second infrastructure referendum open house on February 11, 2025 at the Thomas Ford Memorial Library and there will be another open house on March 13, 2025 at the Forest Hills school. Manager stated that the Village will

also be getting out to the senior center and the recreation center to reach more of the residents.

Manager Baer reported that the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting to Village of Western Springs for its Annual Comprehensive Report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form recognition in the area for governmental account and financial reports. Manager Baer stated this marks the 30th consecutive year the Village has received this award.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY JURUSIK

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Tyrrell made a motion to adjourn seconded by Trustee Chen.

Motion passed on a roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Trustees Avakian, Chen, Fink, Lewis, Nawrocki, Tyrrell.

Voting Nay: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Village Clerk