

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 28, 2025

President Heidi Rudolph, Presiding

Call to Order, 7:00 pm

Jill Izzo, Deputy Village Clerk

Board Members Present:

Amy Avakian

Nicole Chen

Alan Fink

Scott Lewis

Philip Nawrocki

James Tyrrell

Michael T. Jurusik, Village Attorney

Anne Skrodzki, Village Attorney

Staff Present:

Ellen Baer, Village Manager

Casey Beirnacki, Deputy Village Manager

Sean Gilhooley, Director of Law Enforcement

Brian Scott, Director of Fire and EMS

Heather Valone, Director of Community Development

Kelsey Fawell, Senior Planner

John Mastandona, Director of Finance

Jeff Koza, Director of Engineering

Jill Izzo, Deputy Village Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rudolph led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call as noted above.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

President Rudolph asked the Board if there were any changes or additions of the meeting minutes from March 24, 2025 and April 14, 2025 Board of Trustees meetings. There were none and President Rudolph stated the minutes will be on tonight's Omnibus for approval.

COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS

President Rudolph read a list of reappointments to the Infrastructure Commission and stated that they will be on tonight's omnibus for approval.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Tyrrell introduced Village attorney, Jurusik to report on the approval of budget amendment and execute of the settlement documents to resolve Cook County Case No. 13 CH 18362. Attorney Jurusik gave a brief history of the litigation and that the settlement is in the best interests of the Village. Trustee Tyrrell indicated that this item would be on tonight's Omnibus for approval.

Trustee Tyrrell reported that the General Government Committee reviews and recommends a contract with Midwest Computer Products for audio visual upgrades needed to replace outdated equipment in the All Purpose Room used in Village Hall as well as upgraded equipment for the cable channel. The cost of the upgrades will be covered by a grant from West Central Cable Agency.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Chen reported that the previously discussed budget amendment for the additional design engineering services with HR Green, Inc. for the Woodland Ave. Reconstruction Project will be on tonight's omnibus.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Nawrocki reported that an application to amend the conditional use permit for Lyons Township High School to relocate and improve their softball field was recommended by the Plan Commission and the Planning and Zoning Committee. Trustee Nawrocki introduced Director Valone to report on the application and Director Valone introduced Senior Planner Fawell who gave a brief presentation on the proposed application. John Grundke, Athletic Director from Lyons Township High School was available to answer questions. Heather Valone indicated that this item would be on the May 12, 2025 agenda for consideration on the Omnibus.

PUBLIC WORKS & WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Fink reported that the ten items on the agenda were previously discussed on tonight's Omnibus for consideration. President Rudolph inquired as to whether the Water Resources contract for water meter replacement and contained a provision for an anticipating a cost increase related to tariffs. Director Mastandona indicated invoices processed after April 2 would incur an 8% surcharge.

PROPERTIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Avakian indicated that the previously discussed items were on tonight's Omnibus for consideration.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

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 April 28, 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

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS

Monthly Financial Report (Trustee Chen)

Trustee Chen gave a brief overview of the February and March 2025 financial reports and motioned they be motion to approved. Trustee Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Village President Rudolph

President Rudolph thanked the police department for the handling of the car theft that occurred last Thursday. President Rudolph acknowledged and thanked the first responders who were on the scene of horrific crash that occurred and her heartfelt condolences for all involved. President Rudolph also reported that Saturday was the opening of the pickle ball courts and it was a festive and fun event.

Village Manager Baer

Village Manager Baer reported that there is a live survey on the Village's website regarding the Safe Routes to School project that is looking at connectivity of the sidewalk system throughout the community. Manager Baer encouraged resident to give their feedback. Manager Baer also reminded residents that the Water Plant is hosting an open house on May 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for tours. Manager Baer also reminded residents to purchase vehicle stickers by Wednesday April 30 to avoid the \$50 late fee.

Village Attorney Jurusik

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Tyrrell made a motion to adjourn seconded by Trustee Nawrocki. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Izzo

Deputy Village Clerk