

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 21, 2025

President Heidi Rudolph, Presiding

Call to Order, 7:00 pm

Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

Board Members Present:

Amy Avakian

Nicole Chen

Alan Fink

Scott Lewis

Karen Martin

Board Members Absent:

Phil Nawrocki

Village Attorney Present:

Anne Skrodzki, Village Attorney

Staff Present:

Ellen Baer, Village Manager

Casey Biernacki, Deputy Village Manager

John Mastandona, Director of Finance

Matthew Supert, Director of Municipal Services

Jeff Koza, Director of Engineering Services

Sean Gilhooley, Director of Law Enforcement

Brian Scott, Director of Fire and EMS

Heather Valone, Director of Community Development

Kelsey Fawell, Senior Planner

Jill Izzo, Deputy Village Clerk

Electronic Attendance:

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rudolph led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call as noted above.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

SWEARING IN OF FIRE LIEUTENANT MATTHEW SWARTZ

Chief Scott introduced Fire Lieutenant Matthew Swartz, who was then sworn in by Clerk Tymick.

PRESENTATION ON SEASPAR BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MATT CORSO

Director Corso gave a presentation on the services and programs offered by Seaspar in the Village of Western Springs.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF WAY SALE OF 5150 WOODLAND AVE. AND 5200 WOODLAND AVE.

A public hearing was conducted concerning the right of way sale of 5150 Woodland Ave. and 5200 Woodland Ave. Applicants John Griffin and Jason Van Beveren each spoke regarding their mutual agreement on the right of way sale. Attorney Skorozdi read a public comment submitted via email.

Trustee Avakian made a motion to authorize the right of way sale as presented, seconded by Trustee Chen.

Motion passed on a roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Trustees Avakian, Chen, Fink, Lewis, Martin

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Nawrocki

Motion to close public hearing by Trustee Chen, seconded by Trustee Avakian. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS

President Rudolph stated that John Dixon will be appointed to the Liquor Control Commission for a three-year term and Pete Kosanovich will be reappointed as Chair to the Transportation and Safety Commission.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

President Rudolph asked the Board if there were any changes or additions of the meeting minutes from June 16, 2025 Board of Trustees regular and special meetings and the

November 6, 2024 Special Joint Workshop of the Economic Development Commission and 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

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Martin introduced Director Mastandona who reported that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommends an Ordinance implementing a non-home rule municipal grocery retailers' occupation tax and a non-home rule municipal grocery service occupation tax in the Village of Western Springs. Director Mastandona indicated that there is already a sales tax imposed by the State of Illinois and this tax would be transferred to the municipality. The state will still handle the tax administratively. Trustee Martin indicated that other communities have already imposed this tax and it's important for the budget to maintain the status quo.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Fink reported that the Planning Zoning Committee reviewed and recommends R&M General Contractors, LLC application for the dissolution of the conditional use permits, the partial vacation of Johnson Avenue and the resubdivision with conditions of 5129 Wolf Road. Director Valone gave a presentation regarding R&M General Contractors application.

PUBLIC WORKS & WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Lewis reported the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends project scoping reports from CBBEL Consulting Engineers, HR Green, and Baxter and Woodman for several of the 2025 referendum projects.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends a bid waiver and proposal from Concentric Integration for water system security improvements.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends the Springdale Drainage Improvements Project Change Order. Trustee Lewis indicated the change order was needed as the amount of topsoil removal and earth excavation was underrepresented in the bid documents and as a result the cost of the project has increased.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee discussed the small leak that was detected in one of the bulk chemical storage tanks at the Water Treatment Plant. Staff is currently looking into options for repair and/or replacement of the tank and will provide an update once the options have been reviewed.

PROPERTIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Chen reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends a one-year renewal of five existing Independent Contractor Agreements for Kensington School, Grand Avenue Preschool and Daycare, Jo's Footwork Studio, Montessori School of Western Springs, and the Western Springs Historical Society.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Avakian reported that the Public Health and Safety Committee reviewed and recommends the purchase of two new ZOLL X Series advanced monitor defibrillators.

Trustee Avakian reported that the cardiac monitor are aging and need to be replaced. Only the ZOLL X Series advanced monitors meet all of the Department's criteria.

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 Chen moved that the ordinances, resolutions and motions as contained on the meeting agenda for July 21, 2025, be adopted and/or approved under an omnibus vote.

Trustee Chen read the omnibus in its entirety and motioned it be approved.

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

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Nawrocki

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

REPORTS

Monthly Financial Report (Trustee Martin)

Trustee Martin introduced Director Mastandona to give a brief summary of the June 2025 monthly financial report. Trustee Martin motioned the financial reports be approved as presented, seconded by Trustee Chen.

Motion passed on a roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Trustees Avakian, Chen, Fink, Lewis, Martin.

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Trustee Nawrocki

Village President Rudolph

President Rudolph expressed her appreciation to the Public Works department for their work and dedication in dealing with the recent watermain breaks.

Village Manager Baer

Manager Baer reported that starting August 1, 2025 Western Springs residents 50 and older will be able to register for the events and trips available in the Willowbrook Active Adult Recreation Guide. More information will be coming soon.

Manager Baer reported that Cook County Highway Department of Transportation is proposing improvements to Wolf Road and will hold an open house on August 4 between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. at the Highlands Middle School and information is available on the Village website.

Village Attorney Skrodzki

No report.

Trustee Chen made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Martin.

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Izzo

Deputy Village Clerk