

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 13, 2025

President Heidi Rudolph, Presiding

Call to Order, 7:00 pm

Jill Izzo, Deputy Village Clerk

Board Members Present:

Amy Avakian

Nicole Chen

Scott Lewis

Karen Martin

Phil Nawrocki

Board Members Absent:

Al Fink

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

Heather Valone, Director of Community Development

Sean Gilhooley, Director of Law Enforcement

Brian Scott, Director of Fire and EMS

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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The September 8, 2025 and September 22, 2025 President and Board of Trustees meeting minutes were approved as read.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Chen reported that the General Government Committee reviewed and recommends approval of the Western Springs Park District applications for a Special Events Liquor License and Temporary Use Permit for their Halloween Bash Chili Cook-Off to take place in Spring Rock Park on October 25, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Liquor Control Commission reviewed the application at the September 30, 2025 meeting and also recommended approval. Trustee Chen stated that this is the first time this event will have alcohol, however it is similar to previous events the Park District has hosted.

Trustee Chen reported that the General Government Committee discussed and recommends approval of the 2025/2026 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan defines the short and long-term goals of the Village of Western Springs. This plan was the result of several workshop meetings held over the summer, where each of the established pillars were reviewed and updated. The strategic plan will be brought to the Village Board for approval at its next meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Martin introduced Director Mastandona who gave a summary of the 2025 Levy and 2026 Budget.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Avakian reported that in February the Village Board approved a planned development for the property at 5600 Wolf Road the agreement required that the developer begin the site improvement work within 180 days of approval. The developer is in the process of obtaining outside agency permits which is taking longer than anticipated. As a result, the developer is seeking an extension on the site work and updates to the plat.

PUBLIC WORKS & WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Lewis reported that the previously discussed independent contractor agreements for water and sewer on-call repair services were on tonight's omnibus for approval.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends the approval of a succession contract with Water Services, Inc. for the remaining 2025 water meter installations, associated parts and labor costs. Water Services is no longer part of Ferguson Enterprises, with whom we originally contracted. As a result, a new vendor contract is needed and will remain valid until the end of 2025.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends the approval of participating in a joint purchasing program with the State of Illinois for road salt for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Trustee Lewis read the Proclamation declaring October 28, 2025 First Responders Day.

PROPERTIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends the approval of a no-cost Change Order No. 1 to extend the contract completion date from September 28, 2025 to November 7, 2025.

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends declaring several Fire and Recreation Departments' items as surplus.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Avakian reported that the Public Health and Safety Committee reviewed and recommends an intergovernmental agreement among municipalities establishing the Major Crime Assistant Team (MCAT) which is geared toward assisting detectives with major investigations where more personnel are needed. MCAT consists of 12 surrounding police agencies and MCAT detectives receive annual training on various topics.

CONSIDERATION OF AND ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS

EXPLANATION OF OMNIBUS VOTING PROCEDURE

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. Is there any such request?

CONSIDERATION OF AN OMNIBUS VOTE

Trustee Chen moved that the ordinances, resolutions and motions as contained on the meeting agenda for October 13, 2025, be adopted and/or approved under an omnibus vote.

Trustee Chen 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, Lewis, Chen, Martin, Nawrocki, and President Rudolph

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Fink.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Monthly Financial Report (Trustee Martin)

No report.

Village President Rudolph

No report.

Village Manager Baer

Manager Baer reported that Village Staff worked with Senator Glowiak's office and hosted a successful shred event and mobile DMV event. Both events experienced a great turn-out.

Manager Baer reported that there will be an informational meeting for those looking to learn more about becoming a paid-on-call firefighter on October 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Manager Baer stated that registration is now open for Halloween Hoopla taking place on October 24, 2025 4:30 pm to 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Manager Baer indicated that the autumn leaf pick-up program will begin on Monday, October 20.

Village Attorney Skrodzki

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Chen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by:

Jill Izzo

Deputy Village Clerk