

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 27, 2025

President Heidi Rudolph, Presiding

Call to Order, 7:00 pm

Jill Izzo, Deputy Village Clerk

Board Members Present:

Amy Avakian

Nicole Chen

Al Fink

Scott Lewis

Karen Martin

Phil Nawrocki

Board Members Absent:

None.

Village Attorney Present:

Anne Skrodzki, Village Attorney

Staff Present:

Ellen Baer, Village Manager

Casey Biernacki, Deputy Village Manager

Daisy Chavez, Asst. to the Village Manager

John Mastandona, Director of Finance

Matthew Supert, Director of Municipal Services

Jeff Koza, Director of Engineering

Sean Gilhooley, Director of Law Enforcement

Brian Scott, Director of Fire and EMS

Electronic Attendance:

None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rudolph led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call as noted above.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The October 13, 2025 President and Board of Trustees meeting minutes were approved as read.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Chen reported that the General Government Committee discussed and recommends approval of the 2025/2026 Strategic Plan that will be on the omnibus tonight. Manager Baer indicated that some comments were made since the last meeting on the strategic plan and will be discussed again when the strategic plan is reviewed in February 2026.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Martin reported that the Finance Committee previously discussed and recommends a budget amendment due to the 2025 engineering costs related to referendum projects from the revenue associated with the first referendum bond issuance expected in November 2025.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Fink gave an update on the planned development for the property at 5600 Wolf Road and the developers 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 of subdivision as the request of the County. The County is still finalizing the easement language and this item should be on for action at the November 10, 2025 Village Board meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS & WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Lewis reported that the succession agreement with Water Services, Inc. for water meter installation and the 2026 State of Illinois Salt Purchase were previously discussed and on tonight's omnibus for approval.

Trustee Lewis reported that due to the sale and demolition of the property at 4215 Lawn Avenue the property at 4322 Western Avenue will replace this property and be added to Phase 1 of the lead service line replacement program. Trustee Lewis recommended this item to the omnibus with no objection from the Board.

PROPERTIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the previously discussed surplus items from the Fire and Recreation Departments are on tonight's omnibus for approval.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Avakian reported that the previously discussed purchase of an ambulance from Foster Coach Sales through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative will be on tonight's omnibus.

Trustee Avakian also reported that the previously discussed intergovernmental agreement establishing the Major Crimes Assistance Team (MCAT) is on tonight's omnibus for approval.

CONSIDERATION OF AN OMNIBUS VOTE

Trustee Chen moved that the ordinances, resolutions and motions as contained on the meeting agenda for October 27, 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, Fink, Lewis, Chen, Martin, Nawrocki, and President Rudolph

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

Monthly Financial Report (Trustee Martin)

No report.

Village President Rudolph

President Rudolph congratulated Manager Baer for being the recipient of the Jack Williams and Alice Gallagher Intergovernmental Achievement Award from the West Central Municipal Conference (WCMC) at the October 24, 2025 WCMC Annual Dinner.

Village Manager Baer

Manager Baer reported that trick or treat hours will be from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. which aligns with surrounding communities.

Village Attorney Skrodzki

Attorney Skrodzki congratulated Manager Baer on her receipt of the Jack Williams and Alice Galagher Intergovernmental Achievement Award and noted that Manager Baer's speech paid a beautiful tribute to the former Western Springs Village President Alice Gallagher.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Chen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jill Izzo

Deputy Village Clerk