

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, January 12, 2026

President Heidi Rudolph, Presiding  
Call to Order, 7:00 pm  
Edward Tymick, 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  
Kelsey Fawell, Senior Planner  
Heather Valone, Director of Community Development  
Matt Supert, Director of Municipal Services  
Daisy Chavez, Assistant to the Village Manager  
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 COMMENT**

A resident spoke regarding the storm that occurred on Thursday, January 8, 2026 and the flooding that it caused.

A resident spoke regarding the flooding near his home.

A resident spoke regarding unsafe sidewalks due to snow and ice and lack of shoveling by homeowners.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The December 15, 2025 President and Board of Trustees meeting minutes were approved as read.

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Avakian reported on behalf of Trustee Fink that the Plan Commission and Planning and Zoning Committee reviewed and recommends the proposed text amendments to the Development Control Ordinance, Title 10 of the Village Code. Senior Planner Kelsey Fawell gave a brief presentation regarding the proposed amendments. Discussion was held regarding the proposed amendments related to medical cannabis and an overly district at 55<sup>th</sup> and Wolf Road allowing a conditional use permit to operate a medical dispensary.

Trustee Avakian reported on behalf of Trustee Fink that the Planning and Zoning Committee reviewed and recommends a Professional Services Agreement with Teska Associates, Inc. for the update of the Village Comprehensive Plan.

## **PUBLIC WORKS & WATER COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends a vendor contract with Wigen Water Technologies for the supply and installation of the replacement of reverse osmosis membranes at the water treatment plant. The performance of the existing membranes have declined and need to be replaced.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends a vendor contract with Hawkins, Inc. for the 2026 water treatment chemical supply and delivery.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends a vendor contract with National Power Rodding Corporation for the 2026 catch basin & inlet cleaning for an amount not exceed \$200,000.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends a bid waiver and vendor contract with Custom Filtration Solutions, LLC to purchase filtration cartridges in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends Resolution to allow the Village forgo a surety bond for permit work performed by Village employees on State maintained right of ways. Trustee Lewis reported that this item will be on tonight's omnibus, if no objection.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends the following 2026 Contract Renewals: Murphy Construction for sidewalk curb and gutter repair as well as a contract with Murphy Construction for sidewalk shaving; and a contract renewal with National Power Rodding Corporation for sewer televising and cleaning.

#### **PROPERTIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends an amendment to the annual contribution calculation for the Southeast Association for Special Parks and Recreation Joint Agreement due to delays in receiving Cook County's Equalized Assessed Valuation reports and as a result the levy amounts are not always communicated to communities with fiscal year budgets in a timely manner. To address this, it is proposed that SEASPAR use the preceding year's EAV report instead.

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends the surplus of two file cabinets.

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends a vendor contract with Advanced Tree Care, Inc. for the 2026 tree inventory updates

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends the following 2026 Contract Renewals with Beary Landscaping for landscape maintenance and The YMI Group, Inc. for HVAC maintenance and Winkler Tree and Lawn Care for tree maintenance services.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Avakian reported that the Public Health and Safety Committee reviewed and recommends Epstein's Safe Routes to School Village-Wide Travel Plan. A representative from Epstein will be at the next Village Board meeting on January 26, 2026 to present.

Trustee Avakian reported that the Public Health and Safety Committee reviewed and recommends the Greenest Region Compact Resolution which sets forth goals to assist municipalities to improve sustainability plans.

### **CONSIDERATION OF AN OMNIBUS VOTE**

Trustee Chen moved that the ordinances, resolutions and motions as contained on the meeting agenda for January 12, 2026, be adopted and/or approved under an Omnibus vote. Trustee Chen read the Omnibus in its entirety and motioned it be approved.

Omnibus:

A motion to approve the December 15, 2025 meeting minutes as read.

Resolution No. 26-2971

A Resolution allowing the Village of Western Springs to forgo a surety bond for permit work to be performed by employees of the Village on State maintained rights of way including emergency work on broken watermains or sewers for a two-year period.

A motion to approve one-year contract renewals with the following vendors Murphy Construction, Inc. for sidewalk shaving, and sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement; National Power Rodding for sewer televising and cleaning; Beary Landscaping Management, LLC for landscape maintenance services; The YMI Group, Inc. for HVAC maintenance services; and Winkler Tree and Lawn Care for tree trimming services.

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

Voting Aye: Avakian, Chen, Lewis, Martin, Nawrocki and President Rudolph

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: Trustee Fink

## REPORTS

### Monthly Financial Report (Trustee Martin)

No report.

### Village President Rudolph

President Rudolph reported on the many flooded areas in Western Springs as a result of Thursday's storm. President Rudolph indicated the Village Manager Baer mobilized Police, Fire and staff who were out clearing the storm drains to alleviate flooding.

### Village Manager Baer

Manager Baer acknowledged the 45-50 Village staff who were out helping to clear leaves and debris out of the storm drains during Thursday's rain event. Manager Baer indicated LRS has been out cleaning the streets and asked residents not to put additional leaves or debris in the street at this time.

Manager Baer reported that Senator Glowiak Hilton and the Village worked together to provide another mobile emissions testing site in Western Springs on January 26, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Village Attorney Skrodzki

No report.

## ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Chen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Submitted by:



Jill Izzo

Deputy Village Clerk