



**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Date: October 28, 2025
Time: 5:15 PM
Location: Village Hall, Board Room
740 Hillgrove Avenue, Western Springs, IL 60558**

Present:

Chair Avakian, Member Fink, Manager Baer, Director Scott, Director Mastendona, Director Gilhooley and Attorney Skrodzki.

1. Call to Order

Chair Avakian called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM. A motion to open the meeting was made by Chair Avakian and seconded by Member Fink. The motion passed via roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Avakian, Member Fink

Nays: None

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Avakian moved to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Fink and passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Chair Avakian, Member Fink

Nays: None

3. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

4. New Business

a. Purchase of Stryker MTS Power Load System

Director Scott presented a recommendation to approve the purchase of a Stryker MTS Power Load System and associated equipment to enhance EMS safety and operational efficiency.

Director Scott stated the system is a powered cot loading and unloading system designed to reduce the risk of injury to EMS personnel and improve patient handling. This system can lift 700 lbs. It integrates with the Fire Department's existing ambulance fleet and stretcher configurations and Stryker has a proven track record in emergency medical equipment along with a robust service and support system.

The equipment will be installed in the Fire Department's new ambulance, which is expected to be delivered within the next thirty-six months. The cost of the equipment is \$68,038.61 with an additional \$967.53 for shipping and handling. The vendor has offered \$7,000 trade-in credit for the Fire Department's existing equipment.

Village Attorney Skrodzki is currently engaged in contract finalization with Stryker. Director Scott provided information with the quote and stated Stryker is a sole source provider.

A motion to approve the purchase of the Stryker MTS Power Load System was made by Chair Avakian and seconded by Member Fink. The motion passed via roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Avakian, Member Fink

Nays: None

b. Intergovernmental Agreement with LaGrange Park for Fire Academy Training Participation

Chief Scott presented a recommendation to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Village of Western Springs and the Village of LaGrange Park for Fire Academy participation. The IGA will formalize LaGrange Park's participation in the Western Springs Fire Academy beginning in January of 2026. It will outline responsibilities, fee structures, liability provisions and mutual expectations for trainee conduct and compliance.

A motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the LaGrange Park Fire Department for the Academy Training participation was made by Chair Avakian and seconded by Member Fink. The motion passed via roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Avakian, Member Fink

Nays: None

c. Police and Fire Department Budget Overview

Director Mastendona provided an update on the Village of Western Springs 2026 budget. He stated the budget is currently not in the final stages due to insurance rates rising 32% in 2026. He advised this is over a \$500,00 increase from this year. He also advised that the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) is projected to have a 10% increase in 2026.

Manager Baer advised the village is working on making up the cost differential in the budget. She stated that a 32% increase in insurance was unexpected as the market is 15% to 20% increase. Manager Baer stated the increase in insurance rates is due to some big claims Western Springs employees have been made recently.

5. Other Business

- None

6. Adjournment

Chair Avakian moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 PM. The motion was seconded by Member Fink and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ayes: Chair Avakian, Member Fink

Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Gilhooley

Director of Law Enforcement Services

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