

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, February 9, 2026

President Heidi Rudolph, Presiding

Call to Order, 7:00 pm

Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

Board Members Present:

Amy Avakian

Nicole Chen

Al Fink

Scott Lewis

Karen Martin

Phil Nawrocki

Board Members Absent:

Scott Lewis

Village Attorney Present:

Anne Skrodzki, Village Attorney

Staff Present:

Ellen Baer, Village Manager

Heather Valone, Director of Community Development

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

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**

None.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The February 9, 2026 President and Board of Trustees meeting minutes were approved as read.

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

No report.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Martin indicated that the previously discussed Finance Committee reviewed and recommends an update to the Village fee schedule that will be moved to a new section of the Village code. Director Valone highlighted some of the fee updates and indicated most fees haven't been updated in 5 to 10 years.

Trustee Martin reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the 2026 approved vendors list wherein Manager Baer can pre-approve the use of certain vendors. Manager Baer explained the monthly financial reports is where the Village Board would approve the expenses for these vendors. No action is required by the Board.

Trustee Martin indicated that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommends an ordinance implementing a non-home rule municipal retailers' occupation tax and a non-home rule municipal service occupation tax. Director Mastandona gave a summary on 2026 deferred expenses including critical equipment. Trustee Martin indicated that this has been an ongoing discussion that began in 2025. Members of the Board expressed support and acknowledge the need for this additional revenue source to meet critical needs.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Fink reported that the Planning and Zoning Committee reviewed and recommends updates to the Title 9 Building Code.

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

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed easement agreements for the Woodland Avenue Reconstruction Project which allow for lead service line replacement work to be performed at various properties.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends a professional services agreement with Robinson Engineering for water valve replacement design and engineering for an amount not to exceed \$46,500.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends waiver of the bidding process and vendor contract with sole-source provider Filtration Services, LLC for the procurement of parts and service for the Amiad iron removal system for an amount not to exceed \$95,700.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends waiver of the bidding process and vendor contract with sole-source provider Ferguson Waterworks for the purchase of water meters and accessories for an amount not to exceed \$22,822.08.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends waiver of the bidding process and vendor contract with Mohr Oil for fuel supply and delivery for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Village received notification from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) that the Village's water samples exceeded radium standards and that the information was shared publicly as required by the IEPA. Director Super indicated that new filters have been delivered and installation will begin on February 17, 2026 and ongoing testing will be implemented on a monthly basis with information posted to the Village website.

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

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends the following one year contract renewals for 2026:

Go Painters, Inc. for hydrant painting and streetlight painting; Lakeshore Recycling Systems, LLC for street sweeping and Desiderio Landscaping for tree removal.

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

Trustee Fink reported on behalf of Trustee Avakian that the Public Health and Safety Committee reviewed and recommends a joint purchase of a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) from sole-source provider Air One Equipment, Inc. The cost will be split with the Foreign Fire and Insurance Board.

## **REPORTS**

### Monthly Financial Report (Trustee Martin)

No report.

### Village President Rudolph

No report.

### Village Manager Baer

No report.

### Village Attorney Skrodzki

Village Attorney Skrodzki stated that she attended the West Central Municipal Conference (WCMC) Legislative Breakfast with Trustee Chen and Director Supert and highlighted a few of the legislative initiatives discussed at the event.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Chen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by:



Jill Izzo

Deputy Village Clerk