

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

President Heidi Rudolph, Presiding  
Call to Order, 7:00 pm  
Casey Biernacki, Deputy Village Manager

Board Members Present:

Amy Avakian  
Nicole Chen  
Alan Fink  
Scott Lewis  
Karen Martin  
Phil Nawrocki

Absent:

Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

Village Attorney Present:

Anne Skrodzki, Village Attorney

Staff Present:

Ellen Baer, Village Manager  
John Mastandona, Director of Finance  
Jeff Koza, Director of Engineering  
Heather Valone, Director of Community Development  
Matt Supert, Director of Municipal Services  
Brian Scott, Director of Fire and Emergency Services  
Sean Gilhooley, Director of Law Enforcement  
Daisy Chavez, Assistant to the Village Manager

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**

Lisa DenBeston commented on the landscaping changes being proposed in the change order regarding the use of grass seed instead of sod in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Street and Flagg Creek Watermain Project.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

The February 23, 2026 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 the approval of a three year renewal of the ESRI Cloud-Based Enterprise Agreement for an amount not to exceed \$20,600. Trustee Chen read the memo that was contained in the agenda packet.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Martin reported that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommends the South TIF Incentive rebate payment to Hawthorn 45, LLC for the 2024 levy year in the amount of \$146,777.06

## **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Trustee Fink reported that the Planning and Zoning Committee reviewed their strategic plan at their last meeting.

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

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends a resolution approving a grant application for the Invest in Cook 2026 Grant Program which is on tonight's Omnibus for approval.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends a contract with the lowest bidder, Water Services Company for the 2026 Water Meter Replacement Project.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends the 2026 State of Illinois Motor Fuel Tax authorization for funds to cover asphalt patching and resurfacing, sidewalk replacement and purchase of rock salt.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends the Village participate in the joint purchasing program for road salt for the 2026/2027 calendar year.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends a change order for additional funds for landscaping related to the 53<sup>rd</sup> St. and Flagg Creek Watermain Project. Additional work is needed as the placement of the watermain was adjusted due to field conditions.

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

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends the purchase of furniture for the Grand Avenue Community Center and Recreation Center from Omnia Partners, a cooperative purchasing organization. Trustee Nawrocki reported that the new furniture better utilizes the space and supports the new technology and ergonomic needs.

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

Trustee Avakian reported that the previously discussed joint purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) purchased from Air One Equipment is on tonight's Omnibus for approval.

Trustee Avakian reported that the Public Health and Safety Committee reviewed and recommends an updated billing agreement with EMS Management and Consultants.

Trustee Avakian reported that the Public Health and Safety Committee reviewed and recommends an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education of Lyons Township High School District 204 for reciprocal reporting, security camera access and school resource officer.

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

Trustee Chen moved that the ordinances, resolutions and motions as contained on the meeting agenda for March 9, 2026, be adopted and/or approved under an Omnibus vote. Trustee Chen read the Omnibus in its entirety.

Omnibus:

- A. A motion to approve the February 23, 2026 meeting minutes as read.
  
- B. Resolution No. 26-2984  
A Resolution approving the waiver of the competitive bidding process in lieu of purchase from a sole source provider and authorizing the purchase and delivery of SCBA breathing apparatuses and accessories from Air One Equipment, Inc. of South Elgin, Illinois in an amount not to exceed \$45,150.
  
- C. Resolution 26-2985  
A Resolution approving the filing of an application by the Village of Western Springs for a project to be funded under the Cook County 2026 Invest in Cook program and confirming the financial commitment of the Village (Project: Gilbert Avenue Roadway Resurfacing Project from 47th Street to Ogden Avenue, including installation of ADA ramps and a new pedestrian crossing at Cossitt Avenue)

Trustee Nawrocki seconded to the motion.

Motion passed on a roll call vote.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: None.

## **REPORTS**

### Monthly Financial Report (Trustee Martin)

No report.

### Village President Rudolph

No report.

### Village Manager Baer

Manager Baer reported that there is severe weather is expected and Public Works Department has been clearing curb areas and inlets. Manager Baer also reported that Metra has added additional train service for the St. Patrick's Day weekend. Manager Baer introduced Chief Gilhooley who reported that they held an event held at the Senior Center to inform on phone and internet scams.

Village Attorney Skrodzki

No report.

**ADJOURNMENT to CLOSED MEETING**

Trustee Chen made a motion to adjourn to a closed session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Seconded by Trustee Nawrocki. Motion passed on a roll call vote.

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

Voting Nay: None.

Absent: None.

The regular meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:22 p.m. After closed session the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. via unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by:



Jill Izzo

Deputy Village Clerk