

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 11, 2026

President Heidi Rudolph, Presiding
Call to Order, 7:00 pm
Edward Tymick, Village Clerk

Board Members Present:

Amy Avakian
Nicole Chen
Alan Fink
Scott Lewis
Karen Martin

Absent:

Phil Nawrocki

Village Attorney Present:

Anne Skrodzki, Village Attorney

Staff Present:

Ellen Baer, Village Manager
Casey Biernacki, Deputy Village Manager
Heather Valone, Director of Community Development
Jeff Koza, Director of Engineering
Matt Supert, Director of Municipal Services
Sean Gilhooley, Director of Law Enforcement
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

None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The April 27, 2026 President and Board of Trustees meeting minutes were approved as read.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE CHEN)

Trustee Chen reported that the General Government Committee received a labor negotiation update from Village staff that there is a draft collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Western Springs and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police (MAP 456) that may be available for consideration at the next Village Board meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE MARTIN)

No report.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE FINK)

Trustee Fink reported that the Planning and Zoning committee reviewed and recommended the request from Amanda Sutter owner of Jolie, A Dress Boutique for a temporary use permit to hold a fashion show. Owner Amanda Sutter explained that high school students will get ready in the store and then walk around the Tower Green modeling homecoming dresses.

PUBLIC WORKS & WATER COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE LEWIS)

Trustee Lewis read the National Drinking Water Week Proclamation in its entirety to proclaim May 3-9, 2026 National Drinking Water Week and reported it will be on tonight's omnibus for adoption.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommended the proclamation for National Public Works Week and Trustee Lewis read the proclamation in its entirety and indicated that it would be on tonight's Omnibus for adoption.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommended the purchase of a 4-ton Falcon asphalt hot box and recycler from Midwest Paving Equipment using a Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract for an amount not to exceed \$50,883. Trustee Lewis indicated that buying through Sourcewell ensures full compliance with the competitive bidding requirements while leveraging nationally bid pricing.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommended a multi-year contract with Wachs Water Services for a valve exercising and condition assessment program for an amount not to exceed \$30,000 per year.

Trustee Lewis reported that there are 625 water valves in the Village, and we hope to exercise and evaluate the performance of 200 or more annually over the next three years.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommended a professional services agreement with Robinson Engineering to review previously collected closed-circuit television footage of some of the sanitary sewer system to identify deterioration and provide prioritized repair recommendations.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommended that the Village allow five properties on Wolf Road to participate in the overhead sewer system cost share program and that if any of the five properties choose to participate, the funds will be drawn from the General Fund not the Sewer Fund as these properties are served by the La Grange Highland Sanitary District.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommended the approval of a contract with Carollo Engineers to complete a pilot study of the water plant to compare two alternate iron filtration systems. Trustee Lewis reported that this item will be on tonight's Omnibus for approval.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommended an amendment to an agreement with Baxter and Woodman for the amount of \$24,000 for the Spring Rock Park Sewer Lining and Rehabilitation Project as a recent

inspection showed more sections of the sewer main need to be replaced rather than lined. Trustee Lewis stated this item will be on tonight's Omnibus for approval.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommended an agreement with Baxter and Woodman Engineering to assist Western Springs in complying with new IEPA permit requirements for the storm sewer system. Trustee Lewis stated this item will be on tonight's Omnibus for approval.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the purchase of a Case 721 End Loader from McCann Industries and that the end loader will support year round operations. Trustee Lewis stated this item will be on tonight's Omnibus for approval.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommended a contract with Schroeder Asphalt for an amount of \$1,689,835.62 to include, among other things, roadway resurfacing and rehabilitation.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommended a professional services agreement with V3 Companies for construction engineering to oversee the 2026 Street Resurfacing and Utility Program.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommended an amendment to the Phase II Design Engineering Agreement with Baxter and Woodman for the Gilbert Avenue project. The amendment is needed due to IDOT adding additional tasks not included in the original scope with the cost being split with the Village of La Grange.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommended an authorization to utilize MFT funds for the additional work required for the Gilbert Avenue Phase II Design Engineering.

PROPERTIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE NAWROCKI)

Trustee Chen reported on behalf of Trustee Nawrocki that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommended the approval of declaring various pieces of office furniture surplus property.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE AVAKIAN)

Trustee Avakian reported that the Public Health and Safety Commission reviewed and recommends the renewal of a revised agreement with Brycer Advisory Group.

CONSIDERATION OF AN OMNIBUS VOTE

Trustee Chen moved that the ordinances, resolutions and motions as contained on the meeting agenda for May 11, 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 April 27, 2026 President and Village Board of Trustees meeting minutes as read.
- B. A motion to proclaim May 17-23, 2026 as National Public Works Week and to urge all citizens to join in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to Public Works professionals.
- C. A motion to approve the inclusion of additional properties in the Overhead Sewer Cost Share Program.
- D. Resolution No. 26-3002
A Resolution approving the waiver of the competitive bid process and authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement between the Village of Western Springs and Carollo Engineers of Madison, Wisconsin to perform an alternative filtration pilot study for an amount not to exceed \$214,464.
- E. Ordinance No. 26-3321
An Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 to the contract entered into with Baxter & Woodman, of Mokena, Illinois for an amendment to the Spring Rock Park combined sewer lining phase I and II engineering proposal increasing the price from \$66,100 to \$90,100.
- F. Resolution No. 26-3303
A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement between the Village of Western Springs and Baxter & Woodman, Inc. of Mokena, Illinois for MS4/NPDES permit program assistance for an amount not to exceed \$14,000.

G. Resolution No. 26-3304

A Resolution approving the waiver of the competitive bid process and authorizing the approval and execution of a contract with McCann Industries of Addison, Illinois for the purchase of one Case 721G End Loader and authorizing the expenditure of Village funds in the amount of \$225,261 to pay for the purchase of the end loader.

Trustee Lewis seconded to the motion.

Motion passed on a roll call vote.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Trustee Nawrocki

REPORTS

Monthly Financial Report (Trustee Martin)

No report.

Village President Rudolph

No formal report.

Village Manager Baer

Manager Baer reported that Cop on a Rooftop will take place on May 15, 2026 from 5:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and the event benefits Special Olympics. Manager Baer added that Tower Trot will take place May 23, 2026 and the Memorial Day parade will be held Monday, May 25, 2026.

Village Attorney Skrodzki

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Chen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jill Izzo

Deputy Village Clerk