

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 15, 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
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
Matt Supert, Director of Municipal Services
Brian Scott, Director of Fire and EMS
Sean Gilhooley, Director of Law Enforcement
Daisy Chavez, Assistant to the Village Manager
Jill Izzo, Deput 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 May 11, 2026 and May 18, 2026 President and Board of Trustees meeting minutes were approved as read.

APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENTS

President Rudulph announced the following Village commission appointments to be on tonight's omnibus for approval: reappointment John Brooks to the Transportation and Safety Commission; reappointment of Thomas Kelly to the Transportation and Safety Commission; reappointment of Jose Venegas to the Transportation and Safety Commission; and appointment of Roger Smith to the Infrastructure Commission.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE CHEN)

Trustee Chen reported that the General Government Committee reviewed and recommended the application of The Clever Drinker, LLC for a Class "O" Liquor License. Alex briefly spoke regarding the concept for the The Clever Drinker describing it as a community wine shop and answered questions from the Board.

Trustee Chen reported that the General Government Committee reviewed and recommended the application of St. John of the Cross Parish for a raffle license and bond waiver application associated with their upcoming Family Fest.

Trustee Chen reported that the General Government Committee reviewed and recommended both the Pride Month proclamation and Juneteenth proclamation, each read aloud in their entirety.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE MARTIN)

No report.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE FINK)

Trustee Fink reported that the Planning and Zoning Committee previously discussed and recommends the approval of a request to install a pergola structure within the Petite Vie Outdoor Café adjacent to 909 Burlington Avenue.

PUBLIC WORKS & WATER COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE LEWIS)

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed the request for bids for Phase II of the lead service line replacement project. The bids were not open prior to the Public Works and Water Committee meeting. Trustee Lewis indicated that the bids have since been reviewed by staff and it is recommended that the lowest cost, qualified and responsive bidder, Anchor Mechanical, Inc. be awarded the contract.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee reviewed and recommends a Professional Service Agreement with HR Green, Inc for Risk and Resilience Assessment Assistance for the Village water system. Trustee Lewis reported that the assessment is federally mandated to be completed every five years.

Trustee Lewis reported that the Public Works and Water Committee discussed the staff's recommendation for an agreement with Baxter and Woodman for Phase 3 Engineering for the Gilbert Avenue Resurfacing project. At this time staff is waiting for Illinois Department of Transportation's review of the agreement and once they receive IDOT's comments the agreement will be finalized and presented at a future Board meeting for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Virant of Petite Vie spoke regarding his application for the pergola and his appreciation for bump-out allowing for the pergola and outdoor seating.

PROPERTIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE NAWROCKI)

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends a contract with NPN Flooring for the 2026 Flooring Replacement Project.

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends a contract with Futurity 19 for the 2026 Painting Project.

Trustee Nawrocki reported that the Properties and Recreation Committee reviewed and recommends the waiver of the competitive bidding process and approve a contract

through Equalis Competitive Purchasing with Johnson Controls Inc. for HVAC control upgrades.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT (TRUSTEE AVAKIAN)

Trustee Avakian introduced Chief Gilhooley who presented the 2025 Western Springs Police Department annual report.

CONSIDERATION OF AN OMNIBUS VOTE

Trustee Chen moved that the ordinances, resolutions and motions as contained on the meeting agenda for June 15, 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 May 11, 2026 and May 18, 2026 President and Board of Trustees meeting minutes as read.

B. A motion to approve the reappointment of John Brooks to the Transportation and Safety Commission for a three-year term to expire on July 1, 2029.

C. A motion to approve the reappointment of Thomas Kelly to the Transportation and Safety Commission for a three-year term to expire July 1, 2029.

D. A motion to approve the reappointment of Jose Venegas to the Transportation and Safety Commission for a three-year term to expire July 1, 2029.

E. A motion to approve the appointment of Roger Smith to the Infrastructure Commission for a three-year term to expire June 15, 2029.

F. Ordinance No. 26-3323

An Ordinance amending Title 4 (Liquor Control) of the Western Springs Municipal Code relative to the number of Class "O" (Craft Beer, Wine and Spirits Establishment License; On-Site Consumption and Packaged Sales) liquor licenses which can be issued in the Village of Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois for the retail sale of alcoholic liquor in a specialty retail store for onsite consumption and packaged sales within the licensed

premises located at 4354 Johnson Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois (Applicant: The Clever Drinker LLC).

G. Resolution No. 26-3014

A Resolution approving the issuance of a raffle license under Title 3 (Business Regulations), Chapter 12 (Charitable Games, Raffles, Bingo and Other Games of Chance Regulations) Section 3-12-3 (Raffles) of the Western Springs Municipal Code of 1997, as amended, for applicant St. John of the Cross Parish for Raffle Event (Raffle Start Date: June 16, 2026; Raffle End Date: August 16, 2026 with a license fee waiver and bond waiver).

H. A motion to proclaim the month of June 2026 Pride Month in the Village of Western Springs.

I. A motion to proclaim June 19, 2026 as Juneteenth in the Village of Western Springs.

J. A motion to approve the License Agreement between the Village of Western Springs and Virant Restaurants, Inc., d/b/a Petite Vie for the operation of a pergola within a licensed outdoor liquor café.

K. Resolution No. 26-3015

A Resolution accepting the lowest cost, qualified, responsive bid and authorizing the execution of the Local Public Agency Agreement for Lead Service Line Replacement – Phase II CY25-26 L17-7896 contract to be entered into between the Village of Western Springs and Anchor Mechanical, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois, and authorizing the expenditure of Village funds to pay for the project in an amount not to exceed \$1,054,830.00.

L. Resolution No. 26-3016

A Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement between the Village of Western Springs and HR Green, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois for the Risk and Resilience Assessment for an amount not to exceed \$15,945.00.

M. Resolution No. 26-3017

A Resolution accepting the lowest cost, qualified, responsive bid and alternate bid 1 and authorizing the execution of an agreement to be entered into between the Village of Western Springs and NPN Carpet Installation d/b/a NPN Flooring of Brookfield, Illinois for the 2026 flooring replacement project and authorizing the expenditure of Village funds to pay for the project in an amount not to exceed \$16,159.99.

N. Resolution No. 26-3018

A Resolution accepting the lowest cost, qualified, responsive bid and alternate bids and authorizing the execution of an agreement to be entered into between the Village of Western Springs and Futurity 19, Inc. of Hinsdale, Illinois for the 2026 Painting Project and authorizing the expenditure of Village funds to pay for the project in an amount not to exceed \$16,270.00.

O. Resolution No. 26-3019

A Resolution approving the waiver of the competitive bid process and authorizing the approval and execution of a contract with Johnson Controls, Inc., of Chicago, Illinois for services related to the HVAC Controls Upgrade Project and authorizing the expenditure of Village funds in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 to pay for the services.

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

REPORTS

Monthly Financial Report (Trustee Martin)

Trustee Martin and Village Manager Baer gave a summary of the May 2026 Financial Report. Trustee Martin motioned to approve the May 2026 Financial Report as presented, seconded by Trustee Lewis. Motion passed on a roll call vote.

Voting Aye: Trustees Avakian, Chen, Fink, Lewis, Martin, Nawrocki

Voting Nay: None.

Village President Rudolph

No formal report.

Village Manager Baer

Manager Baer reported they would be doing a single pass through the Village to pick-up storm debris and branches from the parkway. Manager Baer also discussed downed power lines and the Village's work with ComEd during the storms.

Village Attorney Skrodzki

Attorney Skrodzki reported that the Spring 2026 legislative session concluded and there were several laws passed that may affect Village operations and she will work with Village staff to implement them accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Chen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Nawrocki. Motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jill Izzo".

Jill Izzo

Deputy Village Clerk