



**Clerk's Office**  
**Village of Westmont**

**MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, March 25, 2021**  
as amended.

**Mayor Gunter** called the meeting to order at **6:00 P.M.**

**WESTMONT VIRTUAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Mayor Gunter	<u>P</u>	Clerk Szymiski	<u>P</u>
<b>TRUSTEES:</b>	Barker	<u>P</u>	Barry	<u>P</u>
	Brady	<u>P</u>	Guzzo	<u>P</u>
	Liddle	<u>P</u>	Nero	<u>P</u>

**STAFF:**

<b>May</b> (Village Mgr)	<u>P</u>	<b>Parker</b> (Finance Director)	<u>P</u>	<b>Sylvester</b> (Community Dev. Director)	<u>P</u>
<b>Brainerd</b> (HR Director)	<u>A</u>	<b>McIntyre</b> (Communications Director)	<u>A</u>	<b>Liljeberg</b> (I.T. Manager)	<u>P</u>
<b>Chief Gunther</b> (Police Dept.)	<u>P</u>	<b>Dep Chief Thompson</b> (Police Dept.)	<u>A</u>	<b>Dep Chief Gruen</b> (Police Dept.)	<u>P</u>
<b>Chief Riley</b> (Fire Dept.)	<u>P</u>	<b>Mulhearn</b> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)	<u>A</u>	<b>Richards</b> (Deputy Clerk)	<u>A</u>
<b>Ramsey</b> (P.W. Director)	<u>P</u>	<b>Mielcarski</b> (Management Analyst)	<u>A</u>	<b>Babyar</b> (Communications)	<u>A</u>

**ATTORNEY:** Zemenak P Carrara A

**A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.**

**PRESS:**

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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR:** Forssberg - P

**THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**OPEN FORUM:**

- Karen Moffett, 1009 Fordham Way, Westmont
  - Introduced herself and briefly talked about her candidacy for the Westmont Park District Board.
- Bob Fleck, Lions Club - Westmont (6:26PM)



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- o Thanked the Village for the \$2,500 grant to the Westmont Lions Club.

**VOTING KEY:**      **A=ABSENT**              **AB=ABSTAIN**              **N=NO**      **W=Withdrawn**  
                                  **P=PRESENT**              **Y=YES**                      **R=RECUSE**

**Note:** *The items listed in these minutes are summaries only and are not meant to be a direct transcript of the Mayor's, Manager's, Clerk's and Trustees' comments. For actual quotes of the referenced items please refer to the Archival video copy of this meeting.*

**VOTING SUMMARY**

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE BARRY	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE BRADY	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>				
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>				
TRUSTEE BARRY	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>				
TRUSTEE BRADY	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>				
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>				
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>				
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>				

**REPORTS**

**Mayor Gunter**

- Our meetings continue to be hybrid meetings until it is appropriate to open up completely.
- Asked Fire Chief Riley to give an update on COVID-19.
  - o Currently there are 80,524 cases in DuPage County. 74,732 confirmed cases and another 5,792 probable cases. The death rate continues to rise, however it is at a much slower rate. The total deaths in DuPage County amount to 1,285. There have been a total of 2,029 cases in Westmont.
  - o We are in a "Bridge Phase" but we are also in an uptick with cases, which could be due to spring break or more people going out to eat. The State of IL is still trying to bridge to Phase 5, which would increase business operations.
  - o People need to continue to social distance, wear face masks, and be safe.
- All of our events are still on hold and will remain on hold until the State guidelines allow for events that encourage large community gatherings. Once this is approved, then the Village will move forward with processing community events that utilize Village property.

- The Public Safety Committee meeting has been split into the Police Public Safety Committee and the Fire Public Safety Committee meeting.
- Recapped the Police Public Safety Committee meeting.
  - Chief Gunther presented the Police Department Annual Report and updated everyone on new laws that may go into effect regarding policing and body cameras.
- Asked Deputy Chief Brian Gruen to come up to the podium to be presented with a 20 year of service plaque.
- The Westmont Best Pet and 100th Anniversary Contest is over. Over 35,000 visited this contest post on the Village's Facebook page. There were almost 5,000 total votes, and the winner was Garrett, who is owned by Mary and Bill Onorad. All of the pets in the contest will receive 100th Anniversary certificates for participating. Pictures have been posted on the village website. Garrett will be featured in the next issue of Neighbors Magazine.
- 100th Anniversary Flags have been received and will soon be hung at Public Agency buildings throughout the community.
- Public Works has made and hung a new 100th Anniversary banner for the front of Village Hall, and has also placed the 100th Anniversary logo in the boardroom - thank you!

Bob Fleck was present at 6:26pm for the open forum request. He wanted to thank the Village Board for the grant that the Lions Club received and talked about the impact COVID-19 had on the organization and their fundraising efforts.

- Members of the 100th Anniversary Committee are also working on a community history walk, a new written history for CUSD201, and a 100th Anniversary Commemorative License Plate. Details and updates will be announced once they are confirmed.

#### **Village Clerk Szymski**

- Local voting will take place on April 6 for open positions at the Village, Park District, Township and Library. Voting by mail and early voting is available. Please check the Village Website for more specific information.
- The brush, yard waste, and compost program begins April 5, 2021.
- Free leaf pick will begin the week of April 12-16. This is for leaves only and they need to be in Kraft paper bags. Regular yard waste will require stickers.
- Wished everyone a Happy Easter.

#### **Trustee Nero**

- Recapped the Public Works Committee meeting from earlier in the evening.
  - Congratulations to the Public Works of the Year employee, Chadd Devries
  - Public Works Director Mike Ramsey talked about the annual report, which will be posted on the Village website.

- Had an update on the Liberty Park water main project.
- Talked about “No Mow til Mother’s Day” and the publication that is coming out on that.
- Encouraged everyone to vote in this election.

#### **Trustee Liddle**

- The next Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be April 8, 2021 at 4:30pm.
- The next Budget Workshop is scheduled for April 15 and the public is invited to participate.
- Encouraged everyone to sign up for the Village E-Newsletter. We have over 3000 people signed up so far.
- WSEC together with the Village put together a Shamrock Challenge Contest. Over 60 teams and 200 people participated. Participants looked throughout the community to find 100 hidden shamrocks and more. The Baldwin family won the contest and were only 2 points away from a perfect score. They have been declared the luckiest people in Westmont. We want to thank everyone who participated including our top sponsors.
- We invite everyone to check out the new WSEC website. As soon as any event is approved and confirmed, you can go to [WestmontEvents.com](http://WestmontEvents.com) and get the updates. Thank you to our WSEC intern, Calvin Herion, and Westmont High School Junior, Pranav Viswanath, who helped out with the creation of the new website.
- Sign up now for the new Hoppin’ Around Westmont Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt, which will be April 3 & 4 - sign up online at [westmontevents.com](http://westmontevents.com).

#### **Trustee Johanik-Guzzo**

- The Fire Department Public Safety Committee will hold their next meeting April 22, 4:30pm at Village Hall and it will be a hybrid meeting.
- Wished everyone a nice Easter holiday season. Enjoy the great weather.

#### **Trustee Barker**

- Westmont First met on March 15th.
  - Recapped the meeting and talked about overcoming the obstacles from COVID-19.
  - We are still awaiting our census results.
- The next EIC meeting will be April 5, at 6pm.
- Due to budget constraints, there will be no rain barrel subsidy this year. However, people can still order a rain barrel on their own. Info has been published on the Village website.
- The Compost Program is new and will begin on April 5th. It is an optional program opportunity for residents. To participate, please sign up through the Waste Management website, [WM.COM](http://WM.COM). We want to thank the volunteers on the Environmental Improvement Commission for leading the charge in creating this new composting opportunity for our residents.



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**Trustee Barry**

- Condolences to the Pasquinelli Family for the loss of Larry Pasquinelli.
- Condolences to the Picha Family on the loss of Frank Picha
- Recapped the EDC meeting.
  - The Quincy Street Station is moving along.
  - Moskva Caffe is making changes to their patio.
  - The Ogden Avenue medical center is finishing up
  - The cannabis dispensary is close to opening as well.
- Some Westmont restaurants have indicated they would like to have temporary outdoor seating again this year while State restrictions on indoor dining remain in place. Community Development is working with other departments to review these temporary arrangement requests.

**Trustee Brady**

- Spring is here. Now is the time to get your American flag ready for display for both Memorial Day and our Village's 100th Anniversary.
- A special military memorial is being planned and developed by Bob Fleck at the Veterans Memorial Park for a Medal of Honor recipient. Dedication is being planned for Memorial Day, May 31, if permitted per State guidelines.

**ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:**

There are no items to be removed from the consent agenda.

**(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:**

**Village Manager May** addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to approve the consent agenda.

**(A) BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Board to consider approving the minutes of the Village Board meeting held **February 25, 2021**.

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #20:** Dated **February 25, 2021** in the amount of **\$ 2,550,527.16**.

**(C) PURCHASE ORDERS**

21201681	Baxter & Woodman	\$ 49,600.00
21201682	Baxter & Woodman	49,600.00
21201683	Baxter & Woodman	49,600.00



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21201738	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	25,984.86
21201827	ClientFirst Consulting Group, LLC	28,000.00
<b>TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS</b>		<b>\$ 202,784.86</b>

**(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$ 2,753,312.02**

**(E) PROCLAMATION- NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

Board to consider a proclamation to declare April 4 - 10, 2021 as National Library Week.

Seconded by **Trustee Barker** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #1**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Barry, Liddle, Nero, Guzzo

Nays: None

Absent: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There is no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(2) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - 2021 CBD ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT D**

**Public Works Director Ramsey** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** Board to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering agreement with Thomas Engineering Group for Phase 3 Construction Inspection and Material Testing services for the 2021 CBD Alley Reconstruction Project D.

Seconded by **Trustee Barker** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #2**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Barry, Liddle, Nero, Guzzo

Nays: None

Absent: None



**(3) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - 2021 LINCOLN MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT PROJECT**

**Public Works Director Ramsey** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering agreement with Thomas Engineering Group for Phase 3 Construction Inspection and Material Testing services for the 2021 Lincoln Municipal Parking Lot Project.

Seconded by **Trustee Barker** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #3**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Barry, Liddle, Nero, Guzzo

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(4) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - 2021 CBD ALLEY G RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**Public Works Director Ramsey** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering agreement with Thomas Engineering Group for Phase III Material Testing and Inspection Services on the 2021 Alley G reconstruction project.

Seconded by **Trustee Barker** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #4**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Barry, Liddle, Nero, Guzzo

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(5) ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT - 63RD STREET AND RICHMOND AVE.  
STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS**

**Public Works Director Ramsey** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering agreement with WBK Engineering for Phase 1, 2, and 3 design and construction engineering services for the 63rd St and Richmond Ave. Stormwater Improvement.

Seconded by **Trustee Barker** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #5**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Barry, Liddle, Nero, Guzzo

Nays: None

Absent: None



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### **(6) ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT - NORTH WASHINGTON STREET & OAKMONT LANE WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS**

**Public Works Director Ramsey** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering agreement with Baxter & Woodman for Construction (Phase 3) engineering services for the North Washington and Oakmont Lane water main improvement project.

Seconded by **Trustee Barker** and the motion passed.

#### **VOTE ON MOTION #6**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Barry, Liddle, Nero, Guzzo

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **(7) LOT COVERAGE DEFINITION TEXT AMENDMENT**

**Community Development Director Sylvester** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to the Village of Westmont Code of Ordinances, Appendix A Zoning, Article 14 Definitions, to amend the definition for lot coverage.

Seconded by **Trustee Barker** and the motion passed.

#### **VOTE ON MOTION #7**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Barry, Liddle, Nero, Guzzo

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **(8) WINDOW WELLS TEXT AMENDMENT**

**Community Development Director Sylvester** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to the Village of Westmont Code of Ordinances, Appendix A Zoning, Article 4, Section 4.05(E)(39), to allow Window Wells as permitted encroachments, under certain circumstances, in all required yards in the residential zoning districts.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

#### **VOTE ON MOTION #8**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Barry, Liddle, Nero, Guzzo

Nays: None

Absent: None





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### **(9) ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO UPDATE USE TABLES**

**Community Development Director Sylvester** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving Zoning Ordinance text amendments to update the use table regulations for 'massage therapy establishments', 'medical or dental clinics', and 'health club and fitness centers'.

Seconded by **Trustee Barker** and the motion passed.

#### **VOTE ON MOTION #9**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Barry, Liddle, Nero, Guzzo

Nays: None

Absent: None

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

None

### **(10) REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:08PM**

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Setting the price of sale of real estate owned by the Village, pursuant to section 2(c)(6) of the Open Meetings Act.
- Employment and Compensation of specific employees of the Village, pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.
- Pending litigation to discuss the cases, 1) Westmont vs Lesner; 2) Ramirez Juca vs Westmont pursuant to section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

#### **VOTE ON MOTION #10**

Ayes: Brady, Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero, Guzzo

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **(11) EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNED TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by **Trustee Linda Liddle** to move out of executive session and to reconvene the regular Board meeting at **8:28 P.M.**

Seconded by **Trustee Bruce Barker** and the motion passed.

#### **VOTE ON MOTION #11**

Ayes: Brady, Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero, Guzzo

Nays: None

Absent: None



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**(12) ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by **Trustee Bruce Barker** to adjourn the meeting.  
Seconded by **Trustee Linda Liddle** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #12**

Ayes: Brady, Barker, Barry, Liddle, Nero, Guzzo  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:29 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

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Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 8th day of April, 2021