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Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, July 1, 2021.

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

WESTMONT VIRTUAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Gunter P Clerk Szymski P

TRUSTEES: Barker P Simonovich P
Brady P Guzzo A
Liddle P Nero P

STAFF:

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

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Carrara A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:

Bugle A

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR: Forssberg - P

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

OPEN FORUM:

- No open forum requests.

Manager May stated that starting with this meeting, July 1, the online public comment form has been suspended.



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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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 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>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</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>
TRUSTEE SIMONOVICH	<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>						
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>						
TRUSTEE BRADY	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>						
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>						
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>						
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>						
TRUSTEE SIMONOVICH	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>						

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Invited Chief Gunther to the podium to give a recap of the Police Public Safety Committee meeting that was held on June 23, 2021.
 - Officer Jason Gritzenbach was recognized for 20 years of service.
 - Discussed the creation of a new sergeant position that will come before the Village Board for consideration later this evening.
 - Gave a staffing update for new officers and the application process.
- Chief Gunther announced that the National Night Out / Police Open House will be Tuesday, August 3rd from 5pm - 8pm at the Police Department. Tours will be conducted and food will be prepared by the Lions Club. The Police Department will not have a bounce house due to COVID considerations.
- Fireworks are back at Ty Warner. The Fireworks will be enhanced for the 100th Anniversary Celebration. The fireworks will begin at 9:30pm and activities will begin at 4:00pm. There will be food trucks and activities available for families. Entertainment begins at 7:00 or 7:30pm, where a band is scheduled to play.
- Thanked Cordia Senior Living Facility, and Katie Duda, for organizing a luncheon with several of our longtime Westmont residents including Joe and Donna Hrnccirik, Marcel and Theresa Levesque, Joyce Feltz, and Ruth Ketz. Ruth will be celebrating her 100th birthday in two weeks. Mayor will be going to Cordia to present her with a proclamation.



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- The 100th Anniversary License Plates are on sale to the public. The cost is \$25 per license plate. Sign up on the Village website. You can display them for a two month period in October and November of this year.

Village Clerk Szymski

- Village Offices will be closed on July 5th in observance of Independence Day. Garbage and recycling collection will be one day later.
- There will be no fee for Garage Sale permits again this year. Please visit the website for the usual village guidelines.
- The community wide garage sale will be the weekend of August 6, 7 & 8. To sign up and participate, visit the village website.
- Wished everyone a very happy and safe 4th of July.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be July 15, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- Thanks to our Public Works staff. Some of our Public Works Crews went out to Woodridge and Darien to help out with their tornado response efforts. It was great to see Westmont helping out.
- Public Works is planning an Open House on September 25th. More details will be announced.
- July 22nd will be Public Works Truck night at Cruisin' Nights.
- A County Stormwater meeting is coming up Tuesday and Trustee Nero is planning on attending. He will give an update on the St. Joseph's Creek plan.

Trustee Liddle

- Westmont Special Events Cruisin Nights are held every Thursday from 5 to 9pm in downtown Westmont through Sept. 2. Encouraged everyone to come on down because it's so much fun.
- The Taste of Westmont is coming up next week. It is Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of next week. If you want to **volunteer** or be a sponsor, contact WSEC at wsec@westmontevents.com or call 630-829-9378.
- There will be 6 art shows at Cruisin' Nights this year. Sign up now to participate. More info on the village website.
- Recapped the Administrative / Finance Committee meeting.
 - A recognition award was given to Public Works Foreman & Arborist, John Yeater, for 4 ½ years of staff support to the Environmental Improvement Commission.
 - Mary Ferguson came in and updated us on how well we are doing for Dementia Friendly Westmont.
 - Hotel / Motel grants were discussed for the Park District.
 - The appropriations ordinance was discussed and our Finance Director / Assistant Village Manager did a great job.

Trustee Barker

- Recapped the Westmont First Meeting
 - Discussed the Census and we are still waiting on the final totals.
 - The Chamber of Commerce is putting together a jobs page so that they can find employees for local businesses.
 - The PRC donations have been doing well. However, they are looking for volunteer delivery drivers.
- The Library has expanded their hours and expanded their programs now that we have turned the corner on this pandemic.
- It is great to see everyone in person again.

Mayor Gunter reported for Trustee Guzzo

- The fire truck night will be August 5th during Cruisin' Nights.
- Police squad car night will be September 2nd during Cruisin' Nights.

Trustee Brady

- Talked about the ribbon cuttings in the Village
 - Clemens Enterprises, 41 N Cass Ave, offers health & life insurance. The business held a ribbon cutting and after hours on June 23. This successful business has expanded and relocated from a previous location at 8 1/2 N. Cass
 - The Deli at 700 Oakmont Lane had a grand opening & ribbon cutting on Monday, June 28th, they have expanded with a new location from the existing 601 Oakmont Lane location.
 - Taurasi Restaurant, 14 North Cass (formerly Vincitori), had a grand opening ribbon cutting today.
 - It is great to have these businesses here in Westmont, please stop-in and offer a warm Welcome!
- The Community Development Department is in the process of filling several vacancies, including Permit Coordinators and the recently created Deputy Director of Community Development & Planning.
- The next Community Development meeting will be Thursday, August 26, 4:30pm.
- The Police Department is conducting a National Night Out and Open House on Tuesday the 3rd of August from 5 - 8pm.

Trustee Simonovich

- The next Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be August 12th at 4:30pm.
- Enjoyed learning about Dementia Friendly Westmont and what we are doing as a community. If anyone wants more information they can go to dementiafriendlywestmont@westmont.il.gov
- The Village is hiring and is accepting applications for the following positions
 - Community Development Department - Deputy Director of Community Development & Planning (Full-Time)



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- Fire Department - Administrative Assistant III (Full-Time)
- IT - Help Desk Technician (Full-Time)
- Public Works Department - Mechanic (Full-Time)
- Public Works Department - Forester Intern
- Welcomed all new hires to the Village
- We have gotten a few questions about what the money from the American Rescue Plan Act means to the Village. We are waiting for the funds to come through the State, and hope to use these funds to offset upcoming water infrastructure projects. We will continue to delay the Village's water rate increases. The situation is actively being monitored with regards to the ARPA funding and we will update everyone when more information is available.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

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 June 17, 2021.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #5: Dated **July 1, 2021** in the amount of **\$ 1,450,526.37**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS

22200095	Commonwealth Edison Company	\$ 30,000.00
22200349	Sewer Equipment of Illinois	432,541.00
22200350	Core & Main LP	170,773.00
22200351	NCR Payment Solutions Corporation	72,000.00
22200384	Truck Country of Illinois	163,512.00
22200385	Currie Motors	86,888.00
22200386	Sikich LLP	38,407.00
TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS		\$ 994,121.00

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$ 2,444,647.37



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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

(2) WESTMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 201 SIGN REQUESTS

Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance granting the following requests from Westmont Community School District 201 for an electronic message board sign at the Westmont Middle School located at 944 Oakwood Drive:

1. Zoning Ordinance special use permit to replace an existing monument sign with an electronic message board sign in the R-3 Single-Family Detached Residence District.
2. Zoning Ordinance variance to allow the electronic message board component of the sign to include moving video images/animation.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

(3) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE CLASS 2 LIQUOR LICENSES

Deputy Liquor Commissioner, Jorge Cruz, Osman Raja, addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class 2 liquor licenses by one (1) for TQLA Westmont LLC d/b/a TQLA Kitchen and Cantina at 19 W. Ogden Avenue Westmont, IL.

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



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VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo

(4) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - 2021 LINCOLN MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT PROJECT

Public Works Director Ramsey addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance accepting the bid proposal from Chicagoland Paving for the Village's 2021 Lincoln Municipal Parking Lot Project, and authorizing a contract consistent with the bid documents.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo

(5) TRAVEL EXPENSE APPROVAL

Public Works Director Ramsey addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider a motion to waive FY 2021-22 expense reimbursement limit of \$3,000 to authorize an overage not to exceed \$1,000.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo

(6) AMEND SEC. 54-32 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Police Chief Gunther addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Brady** to consider an ordinance to amend Sec.54-32. of the Westmont Code of Ordinances to increase the number of sergeants by one to total nine.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo



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(7) ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AT 2-44 PLAZA DRIVE

Community Development Director Sylvester and Fire Chief Riley addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a Zoning Ordinance map amendment to rezone one-half of split-zoned property located at 2-44 Plaza Drive, Westmont from the Office/Research District to the Manufacturing District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo

MISCELLANEOUS:

- None

(8) REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board to consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Semi-annual review of executive session minutes under section 2(c)(21) of the open meetings act.

Motion by **Trustee Brady** to go into executive session at 6:48pm. adjourn the meeting.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo

(9) EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Motion by **Trustee Brady** to move out of executive session and to reconvene the regular Board meeting at 7:10pm

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo



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(10) MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:11 P.M.

Board to consider a motion to adjourn.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to adjourn the meeting.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #10

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Guzzo

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:11 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 15th day of July, 2021