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**Village of Westmont**

**MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, December 16, 2021.**

**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>	Simonovich	<u>A</u>
	Brady	<u>P</u>	Guzzo	<u>P</u>
	Liddle	<u>P</u>	Nero	<u>P</u>

**STAFF:**

<b>May</b> (Village Manager)	<u>P</u>	<b>Parker</b> (Assistant Manager)	<u>P</u>	<b>Sylvester</b> (Community Dev. Director)	<u>P</u>
<b>Brainerd</b> (zoom) (H.R. Director)	<u>P</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>A</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> (zoom) (Fire Dept.)	<u>P</u>	<b>Dep Chief O'Hare</b> (Fire Dept.)	<u>A</u>	<b>Mulhearn</b> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)	<u>P</u>
<b>Ramsey</b> (P.W. Director)	<u>P</u>	<b>Mielcarski</b> (zoom) (Administration Supervisor)	<u>P</u>	<b>Hennerfeind</b> (Village Planner)	<u>A</u>

**ATTORNEY:** Zemenak A Carrara P

**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:**

No open forum.





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found on our website at [www.westmont.illinois.gov](http://www.westmont.illinois.gov)

- Schools will be off next week, be careful because kids will be out and about.
- Happy Holidays to all.

### Village Clerk Szymski

- All Village offices will be closed on December 24, 2021.
- Complemented the Mayor on the Holly Days parade. It was wonderful and well attended.

### Trustee Nero

- Recapped the Public Works Committee meeting.
  - The Quincy Streetscape project was discussed. Three potential concepts were presented.
  - The Public Works Director is working on a succession plan.
  - The western half of Addington Plaza is mostly completed and the rest will be completed in early spring.
  - The Liberty Park Water Main was discussed.
  - The new village fueling center is expected to be fully functional by 12/31.
  - Street lights on Pasquinnelli will be put into next year's budget.
  - The residential alley program is moving forward.
  - The north Lincoln parking lot is filled with gravel for the winter and we look forward to finishing that in the spring.
  - Welcome to the newest Public Works employee, Nick Vrdoljak who is a third generation employee.
  - The Village is looking for EV charging stations at village facilities.
  - There is a great Public Works recap press release on the website highlighting all the projects.
- Happy Holidays.

### Trustee Barker

- Thanked the Mayor, Board, and staff for holding a joint meeting with the Environmental Improvement Committee and Westmont First. It is good to continue this where the community works together on topics that are unique to Westmont. Having joint meetings builds bridges and he is thankful.
  - Westmont First will be meeting on an as needed basis.
- EIC will meet again on January 3rd at the Westmont Public Library at 5:30pm.
- EIC is currently promoting three different programs.
  - 1) Cooking oil recycling through Downers Grove Sanitary District. It can be dropped off at 2710 Curtis Street in Downers Grove, IL
  - 2) Holiday lights recycling containers are located in the Westmont Library parking lot and the Fire Department HeadQuarter. They will be collected through the end of January.

- 3) Christmas Tree recycling which will be January 3rd - 14th. All ornaments and tinsel must be removed, do not bag the tree and put it out on your regular garbage day.

#### **Trustee Liddle**

- Our next Administration/Finance Committee meeting will be January 13th, 2022.
- The Holly Day's home decorating contest is going on right now. Vote for your favorite decorated homes by going online, [www.westmontevents.com](http://www.westmontevents.com).
- The Finding Frosty Challenge is happening right now and will continue through the 19th. Each day Westmont Special Events posts a clue on their Stanley Jamburger Facebook page. Find Frosty, take a selfie, and post it on our Facebook page. Each post will earn participants a contest entry. More information can be found on Frosty and Friends at [www.westmontevents.com](http://www.westmontevents.com).
- Our first ever monthly art class was held at Neat on Monday the 13th. It was a huge success and they had 17 participants. This will be an ongoing event to grow our community arts program. More information can be found at [www.westmontevents.com](http://www.westmontevents.com).
- We have the downtown window painting program going on. There is a collaboration between the Westmont Special Events and the Creative Arts Network. Seven different businesses are participating in the downtown window painting program. Check out the great artwork completed by various local artists in town.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Gunter reminded everyone that these events are done by volunteers. Trustee Liddle serves on the board for Westmont Special events. They do a great job.

Mayor Gunter also stated that the Environmental Commissions and Westmont First are all volunteers as well. He thanked the volunteer organizations/commissions for all of their hard work.

#### **Mayor Gunter gave the report for Trustee Simonovich**

- The Police Public Safety Committee meeting that was supposed to be on December 22nd has been cancelled. The next meeting is January 27th, 2022.

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

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting is March 10th, 2022, 4:30pm at Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Keep the Wreath Red Program - remember to stay safe this holiday season. Remember to not overburden electric outlets and keep your cut trees watered. More safety tips can be found on the website.
- Wished everyone a happy, healthy, safe Christmas and Holiday Season.

**Trustee Brady**

- Recapped the Planning and Zoning meeting held on December 8th. The following items were discussed and/or reviewed:
  - Requirements for Mrs. T's Pizza and Pub, which is planning to move to the current Golden Basket location.
  - A text amendment to update the zoning definition for 'Craft Alcoholic Beverage Dispensers'.
  - Requirements for Whiskey Hill Brewing Co, Inc., which is planning to locate on the ground floor at the Quincy Station project at 1 West Quincy.
  - All of the previous items were recommended for approval by Planning & Zoning and are expected to appear on an upcoming agenda of the Village Board for final decisions.
  - At the next Planning & Zoning Meeting in January, the agenda is expected to include a proposal for a new tire retailer and service business on the vacant lot at 6490 S Cass.
  - Continued discussions about new zoning regulations for cell towers, cell antennas and other types of antennas.

Mayor Gunter added that Golden Basket is not leaving town. They are moving next to the immediate care and will stay in our downtown area.

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

No items to be removed from the consent agenda.

**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 **December 2, 2021**.

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #17: Dated December 16, 2021** in the amount of **\$ 2,444,821.54**

**(C) PURCHASE ORDERS = \$0.00**

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #1**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich



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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### (2) REDUCTION IN AVAILABLE CLASS 4 LIQUOR LICENSES

**Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance to reduce the number of available Class 4 liquor licenses by one (1) due to the recent sale of Cafe Ruta that previously was awarded a Class 4 liquor license.

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

#### **VOTE ON MOTION #2**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

#### (3) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE CLASS 3 LIQUOR LICENSES

**Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn and restaurant owner Neringa Koller** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class 3 licenses by one (1) for Neruta LLC d/b/a Cafe Ruta at 6551 S. Cass Avenue, Westmont, Illinois.

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

#### **VOTE ON MOTION #3**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

#### (4) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING-FOP LODGE 63/IL FOP LABOR COUNCIL

**Deputy Police Chief Gruen** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Westmont and FOP Lodge 63 and the IL Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council for a non-precedent setting settlement to adjust the current collective bargaining agreement.

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



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### **VOTE ON MOTION #4**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

### **(5) SURPLUS PROPERTY - WESTMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Deputy Police Chief Gruen** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance to declare certain equipment at the Village of Westmont Police Department as surplus Village property.

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #5**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Manager May stated that the meeting will be cancelled for December 30th due to the lack of items on that agenda.
- Mayor Gunter stated that it has been a great anniversary year.
- The Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be held on January 13th. The Deputy Liquor Commissioner will give an update on video gaming. We will be updated on the current policy and to see what the Board thinks as we move forward.
- There is a hearing next week on December 21st at 3 or 3:30pm regarding the restaurant status for Anna's Place. This is a public meeting.

### **(6) MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:31 P.M.**

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to adjourn the meeting at **6:31pm**.

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

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

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich



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**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:31 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

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Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 13th day of January, 2022