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**Village of Westmont**

**MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, January 27, 2022.**

**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 A

**TRUSTEES:** Barker P Simonovich P  
Brady P Guzzo (zoom) P  
Liddle P Nero P

**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> (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>P</u>	<b>Dep Chief Thompson</b> <u>A</u> (Police Dept.)	<b>Dep Chief Gruen</b> <u>A</u> (Police Dept.)
<b>Chief Riley</b> (Fire Dept.) <u>P</u>	<b>Dep Chief O'Hare</b> <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	<b>Mulhearn</b> <u>P</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)
<b>Ramsey</b> (P.W. Director) <u>P</u>	<b>Mielcarski</b> (zoom) <u>P</u> (Administration Supervisor)	<b>Richards</b> <u>P</u> (Deputy Clerk)

**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.



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**VOTING KEY:**      **A=ABSENT**                      **AB=ABSTAIN**                      **N=NO**      **W=Withdrawn**  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**

	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>7</u></b>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<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>
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<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>
TRUSTEE NERO	<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>

**REPORTS**

**Mayor Gunter**

- Asked Fire Chief Riley to give an update on COVID-19.
  - DuPage County has had 192,397 cases along with 1,645 deaths.
  - Westmont has had 4,677 cases and 95 deaths.
  - The positivity rate is continuing to go down over the seven day average.
  - Right now the positivity rate is at 13.5%.
  - The deaths are up over 13% with the rolling average being 43 deaths.
  - The hospitalization rate is down almost 13%.
  - 75% of the total population of DuPage County is fully vaccinated. 83% has at least 1 dose. Only 52% of DuPage County residents are fully vaccinated and have received one booster shot.
  - We are continuing to trend in the right direction. Encouraged everyone to wash their hands, social distance, and wear masks.
  
- Westmont has once again been contacted by US Olympics Luge Team to work with them and provide a location for their midwest tryouts. The US Luge tryouts in Westmont are being requested for the month of June. They use Cass Avenue at the top of the hill, north of 55th Street for their run. More information will be forthcoming.
  
- This Saturday, January 29, CUSD 201 and the Westmont Pharmacy are hosting a free vaccination / booster clinic at the Westmont Junior High - 944 Oakwood Dr. Advance signup is recommended, however, walk-ins will be accepted. Visit the Village website to register. If you haven't been vaccinated or need a booster, please take advantage.

**Deputy Clerk Richards gave the report for Clerk Szymki**

- Yesterday, the Village had its first Public Information Committee meeting of 2022. More than a dozen public agencies, village departments and community organizations

participated to promote their upcoming events and activities. A press release consisting of a comprehensive 2022 calendar of events will be published soon.

- Nomination forms for the Westmont Citizen of the Year program are available in the lobby of Village Hall and at the Westmont Chamber office at Westmont Centre, online forms can be found at [westmontchamber.com](http://westmontchamber.com). The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, March 4, 2022 at noon.

#### **Trustee Simonovich**

- Recapped the Police and Public Safety Committee meeting that was held earlier today.
  - Chief Gunther gave us his 2021 annual report.
  - Congratulated the Police Departments Employee of the Year: Detective Tom Kozielski
  - Chiefs recognition was given to Officer Rooney, Officer Arndt and Detective Noonan. Congratulations on all who were recognized and their hard work.
  - Chief gave an update on call and crime statistics.
  - 2022 goals were discussed. One of which includes staffing
  - The Westmont Police Department is hiring. Applications are being accepted now through February 22, 2022 and the test will be held on March 19th. For more information, visit the Village website or [iosolutions.com](http://iosolutions.com).
  - We hope to implement body worn cameras by the end of the year and that is ahead of the mandate schedule.
  - The Safety Act Trailer Bill was discussed and some of the changes that were given this January to push back some deadlines.

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

- Gave a shout out and a thank you to the Public Works Street Department for the great job with snow removal.
- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be March 10, 2022, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The Village website has been updated with current information regarding warming centers in Westmont. You can find this information under Residents, then click on the Severe Weather Safety Link.
- We ask residents to shovel out the fire hydrants if you have one near your property, and you're able to help. Please shovel the snow away from the hydrant to help out our first responders.
- A second prescription dropoff location has been added at Johanik Headquarters, 6015 S. Cass for unwanted prescriptions. You can find information on the Village website.

### Trustee Brady

- Regarding Community Development, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the following at the January meeting:
  - Several entitlements required for a new tire business at 6490 South Cass;
  - Reviewed a zoning text amendment to improve regulations for cell towers and antennas;
  - Discussed possible improvements to the Village's zoning ordinance regarding solar energy
  - Two of these items were recommended for approval and on tonight's agenda.
- At the February meeting, the PZC is expected to:
  - Review entitlements for a performing arts studio to move into 212 and 212A E. Chicago Ave.
  - Review entitlements for a proposed Park Dist. building at 125 E. Richmond (Veterans Park).
- Thanked Jason Vitell and Joe Hennerfeind for their hard work to make changes to our permitting and zoning procedures for solar energy systems. These changes now satisfy the requirements for Westmont to become a certified SolSmart community, which may happen in March.

### Trustee Barker

- The Environmental Improvement Committee will meet here on February 7th in Village Hall.
- Holiday Light recycling will end on Monday, January 31. Drop off locations are in the Library parking lot and the Johanik Fire Station parking lot.
- The *No Mow 'Til Mother's Day Program* went out in a press release and the program was opened up after Board support. We already have dozens of people signed up and we are extremely happy that it will be a popular program this spring.

### Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be February 24, 2022, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- We are accepting applications through the Village website for Summer Seasonal Maintenance Workers in the Public Works Department.
- The Westmont Neighbors magazine has gone out of business. We are working on putting out an electronic newsletter for February and then we will return to a printed newsletter in March.
- The Peace, Hope, and Love Community Mural Project will be starting. Westmont Special Events and the Community Creative Arts Network have created the Peace, Hope, and Love project. There are three components and businesses can sign up to have a mural with the Peace, Hope, and Love theme on their windows. The community



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is invited to visit these murals and take selfies. People can take part in the Peace, Hope, and Love essay contest. Sign up at westmontevents.com.

**Trustee Nero**

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be on March 24th, 2022 at 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Thanks to our Public Works team for the snow removal. They always do a great job and we appreciate it.
- Reminded everyone that if we have an accumulation of 2 or more inches, there is no parking on village streets for a period of 8 hours after the snow has stopped falling.
- Gave an update to the upgrades to the Metra Train Station. Metra has announced that they will be remodeling the train depot in Westmont starting in Fall of 2022 / Spring of 2023. These improvements will include new ADA bathrooms, new lighting, and a new heated platform. Construction is expected to be completed in 2023.

**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 Meeting Minutes

Board to consider approving the minutes of the Village Board meeting held January 13, 2022.

Executive Session Minutes

Board to consider a motion to accept, approve and release the following Executive Session minutes with the exceptions as noted:

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Exception: Paragraph #</u>
April 26, 2018	
June 21, 2018	
September 9, 2021	
September 23, 2021	Except 5, 6, 7

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #19:** Dated **January 27, 2022** in the amount of **\$ 1,434,794.92**

**(C) PURCHASE ORDERS**

22201928	Axon Enterprises	\$ 119,075.86
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**D TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$ 1,553,870.78**

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #1**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There is no unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **(2) BELLE TIRE - 6490 SOUTH CASS**

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

#### **Trustee Comments:**

There was concern over the size of the flag (20x30) and if it will be distracting to traffic. Attorney Zemenak stated that because this is non-commercial speech, we can not regulate the content or the size of the flag. We can only control the size of the structure, in this case the flagpole.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving requests from Barnes Development Company, LLC, regarding the property located at 6490 South Cass Avenue, for the following:

- Special Use Permit to operate a battery and tires sales and service establishment in the B-2 General Business District.
- Variance to allow a parking lot to encroach into the side yard adjoining 65th Street.
- Variance to allow a 60 foot flagpole to exceed the maximum height of buildings and structures in the B-2 District.
- Preliminary and Final Plat of Dedication.
- Site and Landscaping Plan.
- Commercial masonry waiver.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None



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### **(3) VIDEO GAMING TERMINAL FEE INCREASING**

**Deputy Clerk Richards** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider approving an increase to the video gaming terminal fee to \$250 / machine.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **(4) WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWER AND ANTENNA TEXT AMENDMENTS**

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

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving Zoning Ordinance text amendments to create and clarify regulations for Cellular Towers and Antennas.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **(5) SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH FRONTLINE**

**Police Chief Gunther** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Simonovich** to consider an ordinance approving a Software Agreement between the Village of Westmont and Frontline Public Safety Solutions, LLC.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **(6) EMPOWER HEALTH - BIOMETRIC SCREENING AGREEMENT**

**Human Resources Director Brainerd** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a Biometric Screening Agreement



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between the Village of Westmont and Empower Health Services, LLC.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #6**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Mayor Gunter asked Chamber Director Forssburg to give the dates on restaurant week.
  - The dates of restaurant week will be February 17 - 27th. Currently, there will be 15 - 20 restaurants participating. This will be our 6th annual Westmont Restaurant week.

**(7) MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.**

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to adjourn the meeting at **6:45pm.**

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #7**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

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Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 10th day of February, 2022