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**MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, March 10, 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 Szynski P

**TRUSTEES:** Barker P Simonovich A  
Brady P Guzzo 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>A</u>
<b>Brainerd</b> (H.R. Director) <u>P</u>	<b>McIntyre</b> (Communications Director) <u>P</u>	<b>Liljeberg</b> (I.T. Manager) <u>A</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>A</u> (Fire Dept.)	<b>Mulhearn</b> <u>A</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)
<b>Ramsey</b> (P.W. Director) <u>P</u>	<b>Mielcarski</b> <u>P</u> (Administration Supervisor)	<b>Hennerfiend</b> <u>A</u> (Deputy Director of Com. Dev)

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**VOTING KEY:**      **A=ABSENT**                  **AB=ABSTAIN**                  **N=NO**      **W=Withdrawn**  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

**REPORTS**

**Mayor Gunter**

- Announced the passing of 13 year old Alex Bukowski, who was battling brain cancer. His services will be held tomorrow and Saturday at Modell. Expressed condolences to the family from the Village Board. The Fire Department will be present for the services tomorrow.
- Recapped the swimming event at the FMC Natatorium. Hundreds of people from across the country came to Westmont for this event. Thanks to the Dupage Conference Visitors Bureau and staff who worked quickly to make this happen. This is the first of many incredible swimming events in Westmont.

**Clerk Szymski**

- The first printed issue of the new Westmont Community News Magazine has been sent to Westmont residents and businesses. It was very well done. The magazine has over 20 Westmont news stories. This will be published every other month and will be posted on the website.

**Trustee Johanik-Guzzo**

- Recapped the Fire Public Safety Committee Meeting.
  - Congratulated the following people for their service
    - Lieutenant Chris Stoltman - 20 years of service
    - Captain Rich Zazda - 20 years of service
    - Deputy Chief Kevin O'Hare - 20 years of service
    - EMA Brian Eater - 40 years of service
  - The Firefighter of the Year Award was given to Captain Joe Newton
  - Congratulations to Zach Crawford and Ted Casios who were promoted from Firefighter Paramedic to Lieutenant.

- The year end report for the Fire Department was discussed. It was very well done and is currently on our website.
- There have been 4,685 calls in 2021, which is the most in Fire Department history.
- Pay Increases were discussed for the Metro Contract, Part-Time Program.
- Rates increase for GEMT to medicaid patients was also discussed.
- Edits were made to the Illinois Building Codes.
- Other updates were given regarding staffing, ACDC, Norcomm, and new equipment.
- Signup is open for the Virtual Citizens Fire Academy. This is a virtual 5 week class that begins April 5 to May 3.
- The Fire Dept. is working on a marketing campaign to recruit and hire fire department personnel. Details will be announced once the plan is in place.
- Reminded everyone that Saturday is spring forward. Be sure to change the batteries on smoke detectors and CO detectors.

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

- The next Police Public Safety meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2022 at Village Hall.
- The Westmont Police Department is working on the annual Prescription Drug Take Back Program for this Spring. The event date and details will come soon.

#### **Trustee Brady**

- The Planning and Zoning Commission met last night and the owners of the Fifth/Third Bank at 910 Pasquinelli requested a zoning approval for a planned site improvements.
- The Hilton Hotel presented their request to changes to the land use on a portion of their property.
- The future planning and zoning meeting is scheduled for April 13 and there will be a proposal reviewed for the following:
  - Duplex at 413 N Cass Avenue
  - Proposed automobile uses including repair at 725 Pasquinelli Drive
  - Zoning for firearm sales and firearm uses in the Village
- The Westmont Chamber announced ribbon cuttings for the following businesses:
  - Westmont Music Academy, 659 N Cass on March 11th at 12:00pm
- The Westmont Chamber is having an open house on Wednesday, March 16th from 4:30pm - 6:30pm at Westmont Centre. Food will be provided from various restaurants.
- Vote for your favorite dining choices on [westmontchamber.com](http://westmontchamber.com)

#### **Trustee Barker**

- Recapped the EIC meeting from Monday evening.
  - No Mow til' Mother's Day Program will be starting up and over 100 people will be participating.
  - There is a special recycling event for electronics and other items on April 16th from 8:00 am - Noon. This will be held at the Public Works building. There is more information on the Village website.

- The next EIC committee meeting will be April 7th at Village Hall prior to the Village Board meeting. That committee will be giving the annual report.
- Westmont First will meet on Monday, March 21, 6pm at the Village Hall. The main topic will be conversation regarding a community mural program.

#### **Trustee Liddle**

- There will be a Saint Paddy's Jig & Swig event on Saturday. There will be two different routes and each route hits four pubs. There are still a few tickets left and you can sign up at [westmontevents.com](http://westmontevents.com).
- The Village is accepting applications for a Finance Director and Part-time Payroll Accountant.
- Please visit the Employment Opportunities section of the Village website ([www.westmont.il.gov](http://www.westmont.il.gov)) for more details on the positions and how to apply.
- Westmont will resume collections on past due water bill accounts. Citizens are encouraged to pay their bills in full to avoid shut offs and fees.
- There is a County water bill assistance program. Please see our website for info regarding a DuPage County program to financially assist qualifying residents with their water bills.
- Asked Assistant Village Manager Parker to address the Board on the new utility billing system.
  - Staff is working on getting moved over to that new system. It is going live this month. So the next set of bills that residents get will be built on the new system.
  - The customer account numbers will be slightly different and residents will also be getting a new number called a customer ID.
  - The new system will allow residents the ability to see their usage history.
  - More information is listed on our website: [www.westmont.illinois.gov](http://www.westmont.illinois.gov)

#### **Trustee Nero**

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be on March 24, 2022, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Residents can sign up online for the Adopt a Planter Program. Sign up online now. The program begins in May.
- Tree seedling giveaway is happening again. You can sign up online for free tree seedlings to be picked up on Arbor Day.
- Composting, yard waste & brush pick up programs resume April 4. Residents can sign up for composting through the Waste management website at [wm.com](http://wm.com).
- There will be a free leaf pickup from April 11-15, this program is for LEAVES ONLY and is not for regular yard waste. Leaves must be in kraft paper bags for this program. Bags of leaves will not require a yard waste sticker during this week. Put on leaves with your garbage on your usual pickup day.



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**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 February 24, 2022.

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #22:** Dated **March 10, 2022** in the amount of **\$ 1,307,226.76**

**(C) PURCHASE ORDERS**

22202194	Westmont Park District	\$ 133,036.00
22202228	Thomas Engineering Group LLC	59,700.00
22202229	Bell Fuels	40,000.00
<b>Total of Purchase Orders</b>		<b>\$ 232,736.00</b>

**(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$ 1,539,962.76**

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #1**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There is no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(2) PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENT**

**Mayor Gunter** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider a motion to approve the Mayor's Mayor's reappointment of Christopher Lavoie to the Planning & Zoning Commission.



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

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

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

### **(3) COMED AGREEMENT - UTILITY RELOCATION**

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving an agreement to relocate ComEd's electric lines at E. Burlington Ave.

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

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

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

### **(4) FIRE DEPARTMENT LEASE AGREEMENT - 2023 PIERCE TOWER LADDER TRUCK**

**Fire Chief Riley** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance authorizing a "turn-in tax exempt lease purchase" agreement for one Pierce Velocity 100' Mid Mount Tower Ladder Truck.

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

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

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

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Spring ahead and change your batteries.

### **(5) MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:21 P.M.**

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to adjourn the meeting at **6:21pm**.

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

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

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



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**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:21 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 March, 2022