

Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, March 12, 2020.**

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

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Gunter P Clerk Szymiski P

TRUSTEES: Addington P Barker P
Barry P Guzzo P
Liddle P Nero P

STAFF:

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

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Carrara A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:

Bugle A

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR: Forssberg - P

VISITORS:

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

- Jeff Swaler, Westmont Automotive
 - Talked about the storage container on their property and the way it's being handled. There have been no complaints from neighbors.
 - Bruce Sylvester addressed the Village Board and this has been discussed with the staff to see if it can be allowed as an accessory structure in the business district, which is not allowed.
 - Mr. Swaler talked about other guidelines, the use of these components, and

studies.

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>	<u>9</u>
TRUSTEE ADDINGTON	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</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>N</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>N</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>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
TRUSTEE ADDINGTON	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE BARRY	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</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>N</u>	<u>Y</u>
MAYOR GUNTER			<u>Y</u>	

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Requested staff members from the Fire Department to address COVID-19.
- Deputy Chief Connelly addressed the Village Board.
 - It is not as deadly as Ebola but it has a contagion rate of 2 - 4.
 - The mortality rate in people less than 40 years of age is low.
 - This is a global pandemic as of March 11, 2020 and has spread rapidly to more than 100 countries.
 - Once there is significant community spread, the case rates can increase 74% in 24 hours and 200x in three weeks.
 - Overall mortality is approximately 3%, but is 15% in patients over 80 years old.
 - COVID-19 is estimated to be 10-30% more deadly than the seasonal flu.
 - We can only do what is in our control. EMS Director has been in frequent contact with Good Samaritan EMS Project Medical Director and staff.
- Director Lynn Dralle addressed the Village Board.
 - She talked about the importance of washing your hands and the effectiveness of hand sanitizer.
 - Older adults & people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.
 - If you are sick, stay home. If you are not sick, you do not need to wear a face

mask.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Called Superintendent Kevin Carey to the podium to talk about the DuFour Award.
 - Superintendent Carey asked Principal Balderman to explain the DuFour Award.
 - It is a prestigious award and the school received \$25,000 dollars. The graduation rate is over 99% at Westmont High School. There is more information on the school's website. We are proud to be named the best in the United States.
- Invited Susan Frick and Mary Fergusson to talk about the Dementia Friendly Community. Those who have dementia and their caregivers need a lot of community support.

Village Clerk Szymski

- Early voting ends on Saturday. If you want to vote early the closest place is Downers Grove Village Hall.
- Brush & Yard Waste Pick up begins April 6, 2020.
- Unlimited bags of leaves for pick up will be April 13 - 17th and they must be in kraft paper bags.
- Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone.

Trustee Barker

- Westmont First will meet Monday, 6pm, at the Westmont Public Library.
 - You can fill out your Census Information online or over the phone.
 - Nancy Bartos will come and talk to us about the Hope Mural Project.
 - The EIC members are working on a composting program.
 - The EIC is working on a second program for people to dispose of metal and scrap wood on Saturday, April 25th.

Trustee Liddle

- The Administration / Finance Committee meeting was held earlier today and we discussed curbside compost pick up, authorized hours for solicitors, emergency medical services RFP, changing the collection agency for the Police Department, and a water rates increase.
- Talked about the 2020 Census. It is important to be counted because this goes to shape the future for your family and community for the next 10 years. Make sure to get counted.
- Westmont Special Events is holding the Jig & Swig Pub Crawl, March 14th, from 2 - 6pm.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works meeting is March 26, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail. It is important to respond.
- Wash your hands.

Trustee Barry

- Recapped the Economic Development Committee meeting last week.
 - Received a proposal for Nature's Best to expand their parking lot. That will be

- going to the Planning and Zoning Committee in the future.
- There was a proposal for a mixed use cafe at 22 N Cass Avenue. The idea was for a cafe /espresso / smoothie bar.
- There was a business after hours at Urban Veterinary.
- There will be a ribbon cutting at Dotty's at their new location, 6601 S. Cass Avenue. The event is scheduled for Friday, March 20th at 11:30am.
- Talked about the Rotary Club Scholarship program. 6 students received scholarships and two of those students were from Westmont High School. This was held at Zazzo's and Dominic was a wonderful host.
- Great job to District 201.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be May 21, 4:30pm at Westmont Village Hall.
- The Knights of Columbus, 25 N. Cass Avenue, will be holding their Lenten Fish Fry. It is every friday from 5 - 8pm till Good Friday.

Mayor Gunter asked Chief Riley about the Citizens Police Academy.

- Chief Riley said that staff has yet to make a determination on the program. The current thought is that the first class will be canceled.

Trustee Addington

- Reminded everyone that the primary election is on Tuesday. Please vote, your vote does count.
- The next Community Development Committee meeting will be April 23, 4:30pm at Village Hall.

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 February 27, 2020 Village Board Meeting.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #20: Dated **March 12, 2020** in the amount of **\$2,479,311.17.**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS

20202444	Sayers Technology Services, LLC	\$ 128,889.07
20202445	Baxter & Woodman, Inc	69,500.00

	TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS	\$ 198,389.07
	TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE #20	\$ 2,677,700.24

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE CLASS 23 LIQUOR LICENSES

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn and John Fleming addressed the Board on this item.

- There is a separate room that can be used for video gaming. It is already a closed area.
- The business owner is looking to get between 4 - 5 machines, and minimal signage. Not looking to be a video gaming cafe, and is looking to be on a level playing field with other like businesses.
- Trustee Barker is not in favor of increasing video gaming in Westmont.
- Trustee Barry also expressed that he feels there are enough video gaming cafes. There are other underlying issues regarding code enforcement and unpaid utilities.
- Mr. Fleming said that Cruisin' Nights was his idea.
- Trustee Nero talked about the importance of being in good standing and revisit it in the future.
- Mayor Gunter talked about the process and the Deputy Liquor Commissioner provides a history of compliance and presents that to the Village Board.

Motion by **Trustee Barry** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class 23 Liquor Licenses by one (1) for Absolutely Delicious, 18 North Cass Avenue.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Liddle

Nays: Addington, Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Nero

Absent: None

(3) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE CLASS 6 LIQUOR LICENSES

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class 6 liquor licenses by one (1) for Nature's Best Grocery LLC d/b/a/ Nature's Best, 237 North Cass Avenue.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

(4) 1 WEST QUINCY STREET - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Finance Director Parker addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Addington** to consider an ordinance approving a proposed amendment to the previously approved economic development agreement for 1 West Quincy to provide additional TIF support to the developer.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

(5) 9-11 WEST QUINCY - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Community Development Director Sylvester & Finance Director Parker addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Barry** to consider an ordinance approving an Economic Development Agreement between the Village of Westmont and Luxica LLC 11 Series, developer, to provide an economic incentive for the renovation and rehabilitation of the long-vacant building at 9-11 West Quincy Street.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

(6) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Fire Chief Riley addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Addington** to consider an ordinance accepting a proposal for Emergency Medical Services and authorizing a contract consistent with the RFP documents.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(7) CBD ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER 1 REQUEST

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance approving Change Order #1 with R. W. Dunteman for the CBD Alley Reconstruction Section C Project.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(8) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - GATEWAY OGDEN AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Addington** to consider an ordinance accepting the bid proposal from A-Lamp Concrete Contractors for the Village's Gateway Ogden Avenue Beautification Project, and authorizing a contract consistent with bid documents.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(9) CURBSIDE COMPOSTING PROGRAM

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance to approve an addendum to the Waste Management contract to provide curbside composting to Westmont residents.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

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

(10) WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT

Finance Director Parker addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance amending water rates.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #10

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

(11) HOURS FOR SOLICITORS

Attorney Zemenak addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Barry** to consider postponing an amendment to Chapter 22, Article IV, Division 3 of the Municipal Code to set hours of solicitation in the Village.

Seconded by **Trustee Nero** and the motion to postpone to the next meeting passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #11

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

(12) RECONSIDERATION - ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS VIDEO GAMING

Attorney Zemenak, John Fleming, and Elizabeth Mooney addressed the Board on this item.

- Ms. Mooney asked the Village Board to reconsider their decision if some of the outstanding issues were resolved.
- Attorney Zemenak explained reconsidering tonight or in two weeks.
- Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn mentioned that there are other outstanding issues with code enforcement.
- Trustee Addington wished for the business to maintain a good status, not just short term, but long term.
- Attorney Zemenak talked about the process of reconsideration.
- Trustee Nero talked about making it right and keeping it right.
- Trustee Barry talked about having a good status for a year, rather than 90 days.
- Trustee Guzzo felt comfortable with revisiting it in 6 months rather than 90 days.
- Trustee Liddle also felt that 6 months is fair and that is similar to what we did for other businesses.



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- Trustee Barker said that even if we get to 6 months from now, it is not a given that a license will be granted.
- Mr. Fleming said his business tends to be seasonal and it's a tough time between summer and winter.
- Village Manager May asked if the business could apply in advance to the State for a gaming license.
- Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn explained that the wait for a State gaming license is about 2 months. They can apply in advance, but if the local authorities deny the license, the applicant loses that money.

Motion made by **Trustee Guzzo** to reconsider the previous denial for increasing the number of available Class 23 Liquor Licenses by one (1) for Absolutely Delicious 18 North Cass Avenue.

Seconded by **Trustee Addington** and the motion to reconsider passed. This item will appear on the agenda in two weeks.

VOTE ON MOTION #12

Ayes: Addington, Guzzo, Liddle, Gunter

Nays: Barker, Nero, Barry

Absent: None

(13) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #13

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 26th day of May, 2020