

Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, April 23, 2020.

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

STAFF:

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

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Carrara A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR: Forssberg - P

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

OPEN FORUM:

Manager May read public comments that were submitted online by the following individuals and businesses. The comments and questions submitted were regarding a stimulus package for restaurants and businesses during this difficult time.

- Matt Verdi, Neat Kitchen and Bar, 246 N Cass Avenue
- Dolce Restaurant
- John Flemming, Absolutely Delicious, 18 N. Cass Ave
- John Dosaqi, Johnny's Blitz Restaurant, 20 N. Cass Ave
- Mark Link, Uncle Bub's, 132 S. Cass Ave

- Papa Passero's has a do it yourself pizza kit that is an activity for kids.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for May 21st at 4:30pm.
- Citizens can celebrate their special occasions by requesting a visit from Fire & Police Departments to do a special drive by.
- The Fire Department will hold a Virtual Citizens's Fire Academy
- Residents can drop off unwanted / expired prescriptions at Walgreens, 1000 Ogden Ave in Downers Grove.
- Extended sympathies to the Long family and to the Forssberg Family.
- Thank you to the residents and staff for maintaining social distancing.

Trustee Addington

- In lieu of the Community Development Committee meeting, Director Sylvester put together a detailed report.
- Between Lions President Stella and Trustee Liddle, masks have been made and delivered to the People's Resource Center and to other people in need.
- Lions will be donating gift cards to various organizations.

Trustee Barker

- Think Westmont first especially during this time.
- The Westmont First Committee will meet virtually on Monday, so that the Census can be discussed.
- A Census Challenge was created to try and get more people to complete the US Census. The idea is to post a video of you and your family on social media and then tag 3 of your Westmont resident friends to do the same. More information is on the Village website.
- The next EIC meeting will be early May. We are waiting for more information on storm drain stenciling and the river sweep.
- On behalf of the EIC, do not put wipes of any kind down the sewer system. They must be disposed of in the regular trash.

Trustee Liddle

- Gave an update on the Administration / Finance Committee meeting.
 - There were continuing discussions regarding the budget.
 - Trustee Nero spearheaded an economic incentive program, which is still in discussion.
 - Please check the Village website for information on volunteering or donating to People's Resource Center.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be June 18th at Village Hall at 4:30 pm.
- Do not flush any kind of wipe down the toilet. It causes a problem with our sanitary districts. We do not want to contaminate our water system.
- Personally, I will donate public use masks to PRC. If other organizations are interested, please contact me.



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Mayor Gunter wanted to mention 2 couples who celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary at Aspired Living. Our Fire Department personally went out to the facility to congratulate them. It was broadcast on ABC 7 news.

Thanked our Fire Department and the City of Darien for providing a celebration for my (Mayor Gunter's) granddaughter.

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 following Village Board Minutes:

- Village Board Meeting held April 9, 2020
- Special Meeting: Budget Meeting held April 16, 2020

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #23: Dated **April 23, 2020** in the amount of **\$ 1,082,472.45.**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS

20202776	Emergency Telephone System Board	\$ 70,050.00
	<u>TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE #23</u>	<u>\$1,161,522.45</u>

(D) ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Board to consider a proclamation to declare April 24, 2020 as Arbor Day in the Village of Westmont.

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

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

(2) EXTENSION - DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

Village Manager May and Attorney Zemenak addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider a motion which extends until May 22, 2020 the Declaration of State of Local Emergency executed by the Mayor on March 20, 2020.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) MAYOR PRO TEM AND LINE OF SUCCESSION

Village Manager May and Attorney Zemenak addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Addington** to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 1-126 of the Westmont Code of Ordinances to provide for presiding officer, mayor pro tem, acting mayor and line of succession.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET

Finance Director Parker addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget.

Trustee Barry received an email from a resident. The resident expressed that cuts should be made now and to not take a wait and see approach.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) 1 WEST QUINCY - FINAL PLAT

Community Director Sylvester addressed the Board on this item.

Community Development Director Sylvester read a statement from the developer.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving the final plat for 1 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) POLICE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT WITH TRANSUNION

Attorney Zemenak addressed the Board on this item.

Removed from the agenda.

(7) DEBT COLLECTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Police Chief Gunther addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 1, Article I, Section 1-8 of the Westmont Code of Ordinances to authorize the use of private collection agencies and to add collection costs to unpaid fines or penalties.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(8) COLLECTION AGENCY AGREEMENT

Police Chief Gunther addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving an agreement with Municipal Collections of America to perform private collection agency services for the Village for unpaid fines & penalties.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

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

Nays: None

Absent: None



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MISCELLANEOUS:

- Mayor Gunter talked about the extension of the stay at home order and that face covers will be required in public.
- Trustee Barker thanked Daniel from Sweet & Savory for putting together a lunch for 25 nurses and staff that was delivered to Loyola.
- Mayor Gunter encouraged residents to support our restaurants.

(9) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:04 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 7th day of May, 2020