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MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, May 5, 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 Szymiski P

TRUSTEES: Barker P Simonovich A
Brady P Guzzo P
Liddle P Nero P

STAFF:

May (Village Manager) <u>P</u>	Parker (Assistant Manager) <u>A</u>	Sylvester (Community Dev. Director) <u>P</u>
Brainerd (H.R. Director) <u>A</u>	McIntyre (Communications Director) <u>P</u>	Liljeberg (I.T. Manager) <u>P</u>
Chief Gunther (Police Dept.) <u>P</u>	Dep Chief Thompson <u>A</u>	Dep Chief Gruen <u>A</u>
Chief Riley (Fire Dept.) <u>P</u>	Dep Chief O'Hare <u>A</u>	Mulhearn (Deputy Liquor Commissioner) <u>P</u>
Ramsey (P.W. Director) <u>P</u>	Mielcarski (Administration Supervisor) <u>P</u>	Hennerfiend <u>A</u> (Deputy Director of Com. Dev)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Carrara A

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:

Frank Trout, 328 N Wilmette Ave - Invited everyone to the Memorial Day Parade on May 30th. It will begin at 10:30am at Naperville and Cass Avenue. We will proceed to Veterans Memorial Park.



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Christine Bedalow, 947 Indian Boundary Drive - Addressed the Village Board about the Oak Brook Hills proposed development and her concerns. The last meeting was canceled and there was no rescheduled meeting where the public could voice their concerns with the developer. The comprehensive plan discusses open space and this development will have an impact. This could have an impact on our school system by adding an additional 500 students to our districts. Concerned that the Zoning Committee has already reviewed this and has recommended no more multi-family condensed housing. She wants to see more discussion about this with community involvement in an open forum setting.

Lynne Evans, 3525 S Cass #201, Royal Hills - Concerned about the influx of children into the school district if the proposed Oak Brook Hills Development goes through. Concerns regarding class size, impact on education, and greenspace.

John Kirkwood, 3525 Cass Court, Royal Hills - Addressed the Village Board about the Willow Crest golf course development. Would like the Village Board to carefully review the issue of rental vs owner occupied housing.

Mayor Closed Open Forum at 6:12pm.

Mayor made a comment regarding the developer. Developers can ask to be pulled off an agenda. We thought he would be here tonight, but they are not ready. We are currently not sure if they will be back up in two weeks, but it will be posted and expect that more citizens will give their comments at open forum at that meeting.

First Responder Recognition Awards

Mayor Gunter invited Police Chief Gunther to the podium to honor the hard work of our first responders.

Sandra Strobel is in the audience tonight and we hope that Mr. Logan Sheppard is watching the meeting online.

Chief Gunther talked about an incident that happened on January 4th around midnight. An aggravated carjacking occurred near 63rd & Cass in which a victim was shot in the leg. The victim suffered a gunshot wound to the left leg, which fractured the victim's femur and struck the femoral artery. The juvenile suspect was quickly apprehended and charged as an adult for aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm and aggravated battery involving the discharge of a firearm. Both charges are class x felonies punishable by 6 - 30 years in prison for each charge. Chief Gunther wanted to recognize the specific actions of the officers on the scene that day.

Officer Dan Rooney is being recognized today for his role. He arrived on the scene and saw the victim being tended to by good samaritan, Mr. Sheppard. Officer Rooney observed the situation and cut away the victim's pant leg to better access the gunshot wounds. He observed the entry wound which was no longer bleeding and applied direct pressure to the exit wound until Westmont Paramedics arrived. While he was treating



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the victim, he gathered a description of the offender and broadcasted that description to responding units. Officer Rooney was able to multitask and was thrust into a medical situation. Fortunately, he had a former background as an EMT with Bollingbrook.

Mr. Logan Sheppard had just arrived home and observed the victim lying on the ground and screaming for help. He removed his sweatshirt and t-shirt, applied pressure to the victim's gunshot wound and called 911 to relay information to the dispatcher. Between Officer Rooney and Mr. Sheppard, they saved Sandra's life and we are here to recognize them for that action.

Former Oak Brook Police Officer, Ryan White, was the one that heard the dispatch and he ultimately found the vehicle. He chased it down I-290 until it crashed and then apprehended the suspect who was brought back to the station and charged. We would like to recognize former Police Officer Ryan White.

Detective Jeremy Durst was also recognized for his work. During that week we had 3 extremely high risk, low frequency, investigations that Detective Durst handled and he was recognized for his work. He was the lead investigator for those three cases.

Officer Rooney and Detective Durst were called to the podium and received their awards.

Sandra thanked the officers who responded to her call, without them she would not be alive. She also thanked the Westmont and Oak Brook Police.

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>
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>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- The Memorial Day Parade will be Monday, May 30th at 10:30am. It will conclude with the ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park.
- Gave an update on the Westmont Community Awards Dinner. Congratulations to all our event winners and nominees. A press release along with photos and the event video has been posted to the Village Website. This is one of the first times we have had about

130-150 people gather in the last few years.

Clerk Szymski

- Village offices will be closed on Memorial Day. Also, recycling and garbage will NOT be picked up on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, which will delay pickups by one day for the entire week.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- Had the honor of hosting the Police Public Safety Committee meeting today. Gave a brief recap of that meeting:
 - Staffing updates
 - Drug Takeback with the DEA last Saturday. 210 lbs of unwanted prescriptions were collected.
 - Police Squad Car night will be June 9th from 5 - 9pm downtown.
 - The Citizens Police Academy and the Jr. Citizens Police Academy will be held this year. More information can be found on the Village website.
 - On the Police Department website there is a section for compliments and complaints.
 - Discussed the MERIT task force update.
 - The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be July 28th, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- The next Fire Public Safety Committee Meeting will be June 2, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- There will be a Car Fit Clinic for Seniors. This will be May 21 from 8:00am - 10:30am at the Johanik Fire Station, 6015 S Cass Ave. Seniors can come and have a free vehicle safety inspection and also have their cars adjusted so that they fit them properly.
- Reminded everyone that when you see sirens and lights, pull to the right.

Trustee Brady

- The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for May 11th. There will be a review of a proposed restaurant with drive-through facilities at 80 West 63rd in the Market Centre development.
- 3rd ANNUAL WESTMONT SENIOR SPRING EXPO - Friday, May 6th at 8:30am to 12:30pm at the Westmont Park District Community Center, 75 E. Richmond. Refreshments will be served and the Secretary of State Mobile Driver Services will be available.
- Sunday, May 15th is Peace Officer Memorial Day. All U.S. Flags are requested to be at half staff. This is a proclamation by the President of the United States.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be June 16, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The Public Works Open House event will be May 21 from 10am to 1pm located at the Public Works Building at 155 E. Burlington. There will be many activities such as, facility



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tours, forestry demonstration, identifying tree species contest, fire hydrant demonstration, bee observation station, touch-a-truck display, hands-on crafts for children, raffles, games, refreshments and more. This event coincides with National Public Works Week.

- Gave an update on the Lincoln Street Parking Lot. Landscaping was planted yesterday, the project continues to move forward and will be available for public use by summer. The lot is located on Lincoln Street, north of Burlington Avenue and south of Irving Street.
- There was a microburst or tornado that touched down at Oak Brook Hills. Our Fire Department was out there assisting with clean up.
 - Mayor Gunter complimented the Fire Department. They worked extremely hard with one of our businesses in order to open it up for a high school prom that was there with 700 people. Fortunately, no one was hurt, but there was a lot of wind damage.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be May 19th, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- The water and garbage rates have changed as of May 1st. Garbage rates, yard waste and garbage stickers have increased. Please see the village website for specific information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Race to the Flag 5K is happening the Sunday before Memorial Day on May 29th. It will be held at Ty Warner Park and more information can be found at racetotheflag.org to participate, volunteer, or enjoy the events of the day.
- Reminded everyone about our upcoming community summer events.
 - Cruisin' Nights will be Thursday nights during June, July, August
 - 4th of July
 - Taste of Westmont
- More information can be found online at westmontevents.com.
- Our next community business window murals theme will be summer fun, and businesses can sign up via the Westmont Special Events website at westmontevents.com

Trustee Barker

- Recapped the Environmental Improvement Commission meeting from May 2nd.
 - A speaker from the International Dark Skies Association was present. The representative helps educate that committee on dark skies and light pollution.
 - Nathan Chamberlin came in from the school to talk about what the kids are doing as far as their environment. He stated that he wants to partner with the Village and bring those young people with him.
 - The EIC will be at three different street fairs this summer. The first topic we will educate the attendees about is invasive plant species. There will be examples of

those plants and information on how to get rid of them without spraying them with chemicals.

- We are looking for volunteers for the River Sweep and Storm Drain stenciling. The River Sweep is May 21st and the Storm Drain Stenciling is June 4th. You can sign up on the Village website.
- Westmont First will meet on May 16th, 6pm at Village Hall.
- Westmont First continues to work on the community mural project. We continue to discuss the details of the mural and the arts initiative. A full update will be on the agenda for the next Admin-Finance Committee meeting.
- Mayor Gunter mentioned that we had 236 people sign up for No Mow Til' Mothers Day.

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 **April 21, 2022.**

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #1: Dated **May 5, 2022** in the amount of **\$ 1,039,358.02**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS

23200004	CLARKE ENVIRONMENTAL MOSQUITO	\$ 80,600.00
23200006	IMPERIAL SERVICE SYSTEMS, INC	49,000.00
23200005	MEADE, INC	75,000.00
23200007	BELL FUELS, INC	250,000.00
TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS		\$ 454,600.00

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: **\$ 1,493,958.02**

(E) PROCLAMATION - POLICE WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation to declare May 11-16, 2022 as Police Week in the Village of Westmont.

(F) PROCLAMATION - PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation to declare May 15-21, 2022 as Public Works Week in



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the Village of Westmont.

(G) PROCLAMATION - DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation to declare May 16-22, 2022 as Dementia Action Week in the Village of Westmont.

(H) PROCLAMATION - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation to declare May 15-21, 2022 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the Village of Westmont.

(I) COMMUNITY EVENTS

I. 2022 Race To The Flag 5K

Board to consider an ordinance approving the following requests for the 2022 Race to the Flag 5K to be held on May 29, 2022:

1. Community Events permit including street closures
2. Live Amplified Sound Permit

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) FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mayor Gunter and Tom Mulhearn addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a motion approving Mayor Gunter's appointment to the Board of Fire and Police Commission.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich



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(3) SITE AND LANDSCAPE APPROVAL - 413 NORTH CASS AVENUE

Community Development Director Sylvester and Walter Veselinovic addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving a request from Walter Veselinovic and Rose Development Corporation for a Site and Landscaping Plan at 413 North Cass Avenue, to construct a 2-unit single-family semi-detached dwelling in the R-4 General Residence District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(4) MCGRATH AUTO BODY - 725 PASQUINELLI DRIVE

Community Development Director Sylvester, Fire Chief Riley addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a request from McGrath Auto Body Shop and 720 Kingery, LLC, for a Special Use Permit amendment to perform painting, body and fender work in addition to other authorized dealership activities in the B-2 General Business District at 725 Pasquinelli Drive.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(5) RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

Public Works Director Ramsey addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution for the Village's 2022 MFT Resurfacing project #BLR 14220_2022.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero



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Nays: None
Absent: Simonovich

(6) SURPLUS PROPERTY - WESTMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Riley addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance declaring the following outdated and expired AEDs as surplus property:

- Philips FR2, SN0203085178, 2003 from Village Hall
- Philips FR2, SN1102077367, 2003 from Westmont Centre
- Philips FR2, SN1202077902, 2003 from Street Department

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

(7) ADJOURN

Mayor Gunter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to adjourn the meeting at **7:13pm**.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Simonovich

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:13 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 19th day of May, 2022