



**Clerk's Office**  
**Village of Westmont**

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, June 4, 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 A Barker P  
Barry P Guzzo P  
Liddle P Nero P

**STAFF:**

<b>May</b> <u>P</u> (Village Mgr)	<b>Parker</b> <u>P</u> (Finance Director)	<b>Sylvester</b> <u>P</u> (Community Dev. Director)
<b>Brainerd</b> <u>P</u> (HR Director)	<b>McIntyre</b> <u>P</u> (Communications Director)	<b>Liljeberg</b> <u>P</u> (I.T. Manager)
<b>Chief Gunther</b> <u>P</u> (Police Dept.)	<b>Dep Chief Thompson</b> <u>A</u> (Police Dept.)	<b>Dep Chief Gruen</b> <u>A</u> (Police Dept.)
<b>DC O'Hare</b> <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	<b>Olsson</b> <u>A</u> (Assistant Finance Director))	<b>Richards</b> <u>P</u> (Deputy Clerk)
<b>Ramsey</b> <u>P</u> (P.W. Director)	<b>Mielcarski</b> <u>P</u> (Management Analyst)	<b>Mulhearn</b> <u>P</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)

**ATTORNEY:** Zemenak P Carrara A

**A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.**

**PRESS:**

Bugle A

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR:** Forssberg - P

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS WAIVED.**

**OPEN FORUM:**

Preston Bokos, Urban Tri-Gear - Online Public Comment was submitted. The comment is in regards to coming together to support our community and support our local businesses.

**VOTING KEY:**    **A=ABSENT**                **AB=ABSTAIN**                **N=NO**                **W=Withdrawn**  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>	<b><u>8</u></b>
TRUSTEE ADDINGTON	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<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 BARRY	<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 GUZZO	<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 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>
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

**REPORTS**

**Mayor Gunter**

- Mayor Gunter announced how people can make public comments by visiting the Village of Westmont website. Those who are interested can submit an online public comment form at [www.westmont.illinois.gov/meetinginfo](http://www.westmont.illinois.gov/meetinginfo) to submit their comments and feedback.
- Asked Police Chief Gunther to talk about the civil unrest and police practices, policies, and procedures.
  - Chief Gunther talked about the civil unrest that is happening regionally and nationally. One of the first things that we did was increase manpower. We have mutual aid agreements in place. Some of our officers were in Naperville, and we will be assisting in other communities.
  - Our police department prides itself on gathering information through social media platforms so we know where people will be heading. The demonstrations are very well advertised. Sometimes looters and rioters embed themselves with peaceful protesters. We are on top of all of those issues and are in constant communication with our community members.
  - Community members wanted to know what are our policies in the Village of Westmont. Choke holds are banned by IL State Statute. There is already a policy in place for the other concerns.
  - Talked about the 10 shared principles and the training that takes place in the Police Department. We have a summary of accomplishments that are issued on the Village webpage.
  - We are proud of the Citizen's Police Academy and this is a way to show the community how we interact with citizens.
  - We will be receiving accreditation through the IL Law Enforcement Accreditation Program which is sponsored by the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association.
- Mayor Gunter talked about going into Phase 3 for reopening Illinois.
- Asked Larry Forssberg to give a business community update.
  - The recovery phase has started and outdoor dining has begun for restaurants. Health and fitness centers are able to hold fitness classes outside, hair salons

can provide services, and other offices are back at work. We are starting to see more people back to work and we are looking forward to Phase 4.

- Village Manager May talked about the update from the Fire Department. There were 309 positive COVID tests in Westmont since the beginning. This is reported by zip code. Two thirds of the positive cases are in the congregate living facilities. We are trending downwards and are solidly in that Phase 3 Restore IL.
- Mayor Gunter recognized Westmont student, Owen Berbaum, who recently participated in the virtual Kids Climate Summit.
- There was a virtual tour of the FMC Natatorium at Ty Warner Park. Participated with over 200 prospective event hosts of our FMC Natatorium to showcase our new world-class swimming complex.

### **Village Clerk Szymski**

- Village offices are now open to the public. Some services are by appointment only. Patrons are expected to follow social distancing guidelines and wear facemasks when entering the building. Many services are offered online. For more information call the Village Hall at (630) 981-6200.

### **Trustee Barry**

- The Economic Development Committee is still on hold for the time being.
- 63rd & Cass has been moving along and construction has continued.
- The downtown group is happy that we are working with them to have outside seating during this time.
- Bishops Chilli is working on outdoor dining.
- DJ's is now open with outdoor dining.
- Please consider Westmont first when you are out and about.

Mayor Gunter mentioned the Small Business Mega Lottery that runs through June 17th. Raffle tickets are available at [westmontchamber.com](http://westmontchamber.com). There will be two grand prizes of \$4500 each in Westmont gift certificates. Winners will be announced June 18th. Please buy a few raffle tickets today to help our business community.

### **Trustee Johanik-Guzzo**

- Recapped a Special Public Safety Committee meeting May 26th. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the COVID-19 response and the restore IL Phase 3 reopening of restaurants.
- The Social Distancing Fire and Police parades have ended. We have had more than 150 parades and several thank you letters being sent to the Fire and Police Departments. Many residents enjoyed these parades.
- The next scheduled Public Safety Committee meeting is August 27th and hopefully we will be in Village Hall.

### **Trustee Barker**

- This is a perfect time to support local charities and shop locally.
- The Communications Department just publicized the first collage as part of the Community Hope Collage in which we invited the entire community to share their

messages of Hope on the village website and social media. The goal of the project is to bring awareness to the importance of positive mental health. Send in your message of Hope.

- More than 70% of Westmont has already responded to the Census, which is a good start. Please fill out your census form today.

**Trustee Liddle**

- Recapped the Administration / Finance Committee meeting held prior to the Village Board Meeting.
  - Garage Sales were discussed. Permits are not required in 2020 and a village wide garage sale will take place in the fall.
  - Delinquency forbearance was discussed for late fees through August 31st.
  - Small Business Grant loan program will be discussed in the near future.
- The next Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be July 2nd 2020.
- The Taste of Westmont will be going virtual. Look for more details soon.
- Sadly, tonight would have been the first night of Cruisin' Nights for 2020. Westmont Special Events is still discussing creative Cruisin' Nights options. Look for details to be announced soon.

**Trustee Nero**

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held June 18th at 4:30pm.
- We are doing a new program called "Adopt-a-Planter Program". There are a few planters left. Residents and businesses can sign up to adopt a downtown planter on the Village of Westmont.
- Glad to hear that Village Hall has opened back up.

Thank you to Greg Boltz and Mr. Hart who provided pizza to our first responders at the police station.

**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 Village Board meeting held May 7, 2020.

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #2:** Dated **June 4, 2020** in the amount of **\$ 3,656,237.39.**

**(C) PURCHASE ORDERS**

21200047	Amalgamated Bank of Chicago	2,435,762.50
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21200069	Sikich LLP	35,805.00
21200070	Donald E Morris Architect PC	153,720.00
21200071	Michael Chada	22,000.00
21200072	Core & Main LP	22,118.00
21200073	DuPage Senior Citizen Council	24,000.00
	<b><u>PURCHASE ORDER TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,693,405.50</u></b>
	<b><u>TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS &amp; FINANCE ORDINANCE #2</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,349,642.89</u></b>

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #1**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Addington

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(2) RENEWED DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance which renews until July 2, 2020 the Declaration of State of Local Emergency executed by the Mayor on May 29, 2020.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #2**

Ayes: Barry, Barker, Guzzo, Nero, Liddle

Nays: None

Absent: Addington

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

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

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider a motion approving Mayor Gunter's reappointment of Thomas Sharp to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #3**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Addington

**(4) DECLARATION OF VILLAGE PROPERTY AS SURPLUS**

**Public Works Director Ramsey** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance declaring certain Village owned vehicles and equipment as surplus property to be sold a Obenauf Auctions.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #4**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Addington

**(5) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - FDHQ REGIONAL STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Public Works Director Rasmey** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering agreement with ESI Consultants for the Maintenance and Monitoring Engineering Services for the completed FDHQ Regional Stormwater Improvement Project.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #5**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Addington

**(6) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - ASHFORD SUBDIVISION 61ST STREET & RICHMOND STORMWATER DETENTION PROJECT**

**Public Works Director Ramsey** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance accepting the bid proposal from ENCAP, Inc. for the Village's Ashford 61st Street and Richmond Stormwater Detention Project, and authorizing a contract consistent with the bid documents.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #6**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Addington

**(7) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - ASHFORD SUBDIVISION 61ST STREET & RICHMOND STORMWATER DETENTION PROJECT**

**Public Works Director Ramsey** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering agreement with WBK Engineering LLC for Ph3 Construction Services on the Ashford Subdivision 61st Street and Richmond Stormwater Detention Project.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #7**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Addington

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Trustee Barry thanked the Fire Department for their hard work. We had a fire in Westmont and condolences were passed along to the family.

**(8) ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #8**

Ayes: Barry, Barker, Liddle, Guzzo, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: Addington

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:52 P.M.**



**Village Clerk's Office**

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**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

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Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 18th day of June, 2020