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MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, July 15, 2021.

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 A Simonovich P
Brady P Guzzo P
Liddle P Nero P

STAFF:

May (Village Mgr) P	Parker (Finance Director) P	Sylvester (Community Dev. Director) P
Brainerd (HR Director) A	McIntyre (Communications Director) A	Liljeberg (I.T. Manager) P
Chief Gunther (Police Dept.) P	Dep Chief Thompson A	Dep Chief Gruen A
Chief Riley (Fire Dept.) P	Mulhearn A	Richards A
Ramsey (P.W. Director) P	Mielcarski P	Babyar P
	(Management Analyst)	(Communications)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak A Carrara P

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:

- Dia Rizmaini on behalf of Rahim Rizmani, 515 N. Cass Ave
 - Requested support for the condo that burned down 3 years ago.
- Tamara Bohringer, 855 Pasquinelli Drive
 - We would like an update on 515 N. Cass Ave



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- Karina, resident of the condominium, stated the association is still charging assessment fees and charging late fees.
- Tammy's Aunt addressed the Village Board and stated that it is difficult to hire an attorney when all of the owners are stretched financially. If the building can be deemed uninhabitable then perhaps that designation could help.

Mayor Gunter asked that the Community Development Director, Bruce Sylvester, come to the podium to give a recap for the Village Board.

- Community Development Director Sylvester said that the Village can make sure that the property is kept in a safe and relatively attractive manner. All we can do is continue to be patient until the insurance and legal matters are resolved.
- Mayor Gunter said that if there is something that is within our authority, that we expedite it as quickly as possible.
- The Community Development Director stated that all we can do is keep the building safe. We are not issuing penalties at this time.
- Chief Riley stated that the fire report indicates that the building was deemed uninhabitable since the incident occurred.

VOTING KEY: A=ABSENT AB=ABSTAIN N=NO W=Withdrawn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>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</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>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Talked about the 100th Birthday of one of our residents, Ruth Fatz, who resides at Cordia.
 - The proclamation was presented to Ruth and the video is available on Youtube. The Mayor asked the IT Director to show the video.
- The Police Public Safety Committee will be 9:00am, September 22nd at Village Hall.
- National Night Out / Police Open House will be from 5 - 8pm on Tuesday, August 3rd at the Police Station. There will be facility and vehicle tours, kids events, and food prepared by the Lions Club. McGruff and Radar the remote-controlled squad car, will also be there.
- Recapped the 100th Anniversary Committee meeting.
 - Gearing up for the Anniversary on Wednesday, November 10th.
 - James Addington Plaza will be dedicated on the day of the 100th Anniversary.
 - The time capsule burial will be in the plaza as well.
 - The 4th of July Fireworks were very enjoyable and many people came.
 - Commemorative 100th Anniversary License Plates are now on sale to the public. The cost is \$25 per license plate. Sign up on the Village website.
- Congratulations to the WSEC volunteers who have been working hard on Cruisin' Nights and the Taste of Westmont.

Village Clerk Szymski

- The Community Wide Garage Sale will be the weekend of August 6, 7, & 8.
- The fireworks at Ty Warner Park were fabulous.
- The Taste of Westmont went well. Everyone really came out and is proud of all of the workers.

Trustee Nero

- Recapped the Public Works Committee meeting.
 - A resident discussed the Heritage Tree Ordinance as it relates to their project with installing a sidewalk and driveway.
 - Discussed a water ambassador program.
 - Congratulations to Josh Krogull on his 20 year anniversary at the Village of Westmont.
 - Gave an update on bringing drinking water to Liberty Park.
 - We are waiting on permits for the Village fueling center and we hope to start that soon.
 - Discussed the status of the alley projects.
- Public Works is planning an open house on September 25th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. The details will be announced soon.
- Public Works Truck Night at Cruisin' Nights is scheduled for July 22, 2021.
- The fireworks were very nice.
- Special thanks to the Westmont Special Events. Thanks to all of the volunteers. There is a lot of effort that goes into coordinating the Taste of Westmont.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration / Finance Committee meeting will be August 12, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- Recapped the Taste of Westmont.
 - Special thank you to the Westmont Special Events Board. The WSEC board is made up of volunteers who work throughout the year to make events like Cruisin' Nights and Taste of Westmont happen. A huge thank you to the many volunteers who came out to serve drinks, help out at the info tent, and put wristbands on kids. Everyone had a great time and we really appreciate their donated time. Though there was some rain on Saturday and Sunday, overall, the event was a big success.
 - Special thank you to the Public Works Department and the Park District for the many hours of set up and tear down.
 - Special thank you to our corporate and platinum sponsors, which included the Village of Westmont, Kim Heller with Baird & Warner, Napleton Porsche in Westmont, Curaleaf, and Neat Kitchen & Bar.
 - Westmont Special Events still need volunteers for our events. If you are interested, please go to www.westmontevents.com or call 630-829-9378.
 - There will be 4 more art shows at Cruisin' Nights this year. Sign up now to participate. More info on the village website.

Trustee Guzzo

- Kudos to everyone involved at the Taste of Westmont.
- Special thank you to the Westmont Special Events Corporation for their hard work at the Taste. It was nice seeing so many people we have not seen for a year and a half.
- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be 4:30pm, October 21st at Village Hall.
- Fire Truck night at Cruisin' Nights will be August 5th.

Trustee Brady

- The next ribbon cutting ceremony will be at Good Juju Yoga on August 12th from 3:00 - 3:30pm. They are located at 245 North Cass Avenue.
- The Center for Dance will have a new owner and it will be renamed Artistic Pursuit. Ashley Payne is the new owner and the ribbon cutting is scheduled for August 19th from 11:30am - 12:00pm. They are located at 226 N Cass.
- The Fourth of July event was well organized and very safe. The Police and Fire Department were prepared for anything that happened and it was well managed by the Westmont Park District and all of the volunteers. It was very festive and had a good turn out.

Trustee Simonovich

- Agrees with Trustee Brady's comments on the Fourth of July festivities. This was the first time attending the fireworks at Ty Warner park and the kids really enjoyed the fireworks. She worked as a volunteer serving beer and that was a fun experience. It was a wonderful event.
- The kids really enjoyed the Taste of Westmont rides.
- Reminded everyone that the Village is hiring. You can find the applications on the Westmont website and we are still hiring for the Deputy Director of Community Development and Planning, and the Forester Intern.
- We are at various stages in the hiring process for the other positions we mentioned at the last meeting. The other positions are: Permit Coordinator, Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief, Help Desk Technician, and Mechanic in the Public Works Department.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY 2021-22 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

Board to conduct a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Appropriations Ordinance.

Assistant Village Manager Parker gave information about the appropriations ordinance and the process.

This is the authorization by the Village Board to allow the Village to spend money for the fiscal year. It is based on the budget and adjustments are made accordingly. The appropriations ordinance must be approved this month and then gets submitted to the county. The first step in all of this is the public hearing. This is where the public can make comments. This is legally required and then the next step is the Village Board to actually approve it. The grand total of the appropriations is \$112,176,460. Of that about \$3,000,000 is from the Library. The Library has a separate Board, which approves their own appropriation. Based on case law, the Village just passes on and can only approve our appropriation based on what the library board has already appropriated. Library Director, Julia Coen, is in the audience in case anyone has any questions regarding that portion.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:40pm.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:41pm.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

No items to be removed from the consent agenda.



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(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) EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Board to consider a motion to accept, approve, release the following Executive Session minutes with the exceptions as noted and to authorize the destruction of all accompanying verbatim records of said minutes which are 18 months or more old:

Meeting Date

Exception: Paragraph #

- October 26, 2017
- December 7, 2017
- February 1, 2018
- March 15, 2018
- April 12, 2018
- May 24, 2018
- January 3, 2019
- February 28, 2019
- August 15, 2019
- February 13, 2020
- January 14, 2021
- March 25, 2021
- April 22, 2021

Except Para # 4

(B) BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board to consider approving the minutes of the Village Board Meeting held **July 1, 2021**.

(C) FINANCE ORDINANCE #6: Dated **July 15, 2021** in the amount of **\$ 1,934,956.97**

(D) PURCHASE ORDERS

22200495	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	\$	36,865.50
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(E) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: **\$ 1,971,822.47**

(F) HOTEL/MOTEL GRANT REQUEST - PARK DISTRICT - CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Board to consider a motion awarding a Hotel/Motel Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the Westmont Park District for the Concerts in the Park events.

(G) HOTEL/MOTEL GRANT REQUEST - PARK DISTRICT - HAUNTED FOREST

Board to consider a motion awarding a Hotel/Motel Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the Westmont Park District for the Haunted Forest event..

(H) HOTEL/MOTEL GRANT REQUEST - PARK DISTRICT - HOLLY DAYS



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Board to consider a motion awarding a Hotel/Motel Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the Westmont Park District for the Haunted Forest event..

(1) PROCLAMATION - 100TH BIRTHDAY RUTH FATZ

Board to consider a proclamation to honor Cordia resident Ruth Fatz as she celebrates her 100th birthday.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

(2) FY 2021-22 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

Assistant Village Manager / Finance Director Parker addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Appropriations Ordinance.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

(3) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT - 2021 PHASE 1 & 2 DESIGN FOR THE BURLINGTON AVENUE REALIGNMENT PROJECT

Public Works Director Ramsey addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance authorizing an engineering agreement with Thomas Engineering Group, LLC for Design (Phase 1 & 2) engineering services for the Burlington Avenue Realignment Project.

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



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VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

(4) NETWORK SECURITY AGREEMENT - THINKGARD

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a network security agreement with Thinkgard.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

(5) DARIEN-WOODRIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Fire Chief Riley addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance approving an automatic aid agreement between the Village of Westmont through its Fire Department and the Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Barker

(6) TRI-STATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Fire Chief Riley addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance approving an Automatic Aid Agreement between the Village of Westmont through its Fire Department and the Tri-State Fire Protection District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6



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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Mayor Gunter asked about block party permissions.
 - Manager May answered that garage sales do not need a permit.
 - Block parties are still not permitted in so far as closing the road or promoting the gathering. We are continuing the same protocols for Covid for the remainder of the year.

(7) MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:51 P.M.

Board to consider a motion to adjourn.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded by **Trustee Brady** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:51 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szynski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 29th day of July, 2021