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**Village of Westmont**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, August 25, 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 Szynski P

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

**STAFF:**

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

**ATTORNEY:** Zemenak P Carrara A

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

**PRESS:**

Bugle A

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

**THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**OPEN FORUM:**

None



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**VOTING KEY:**      **A=ABSENT**                      **AB=ABSTAIN**                      **N=NO**      **W=Withdrawn**  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

**REPORTS**

**Mayor Gunter**

- There is one more week to submit photos for the Community Photo Contest. Submit your best photos of Westmont to Westmont Special Events and they will be entered in the 2023 Rotary Calendar Photo Contest. Sign-up is on the Village website. Rotary has implemented the old calendar that we used to have years ago. All of the special events and different things that are happening in the Community for 2023 will be listed.
- Lions Club is planning an Oktoberfest on October the 8th, but it will be at Fremont Grill at 63rd and Fairview, in the parking lot. It is a one day event for their Oktoberfest and is a fundraiser for Lions Club.

**Clerk Szymski**

- Village Offices will be closed September 5th.

**Trustee Liddle**

- Recapped the Administration / Finance Committee meeting.
  - The Community Art Mural Program was discussed. The committee was given a history in community art and there was a discussion about murals. An ordinance is being formulated regarding ownership and preservation of these pieces of art. There was a suggestion that Westmont Special Events would be the organization responsible for vetting the art as a recommending body. The Village Attorney is currently reviewing all legal aspects.
  - Various committees were discussed.
  - There are currently 4 warning sirens out there and one of them is not working well so the suggestion is to remove the one that is not working. The three

that we have covers all of Westmont.

- Finance Director Cunningham gave a report. Current projections are still strong indicators of positive news, Finance Director Cunningham is somewhat reserved.
- The Village of Westmont is accepting applications for Street Maintenance Worker 1 Grounds position in Pubic Works. Please visit the employment opportunities section on the Village website to apply for that role.
- Residents will see an increase in their water rates beginning August 31st, which is right around the corner. Increased fees are primarily due to a result of the water rate increase by the DuPage Water Commission.
- Tonight is the next to last Cruise night. Hopefully everyone goes out to enjoy it because we have only one more left after tonight.
- Westmont Special Events has created a new event in which they will be coordinating classic car visits to area retirement and senior care facilities. Details are on the Village website. It will be called the Endless Summer Car Show Tour.
- Wicked West Fest will have fun events for all of October. See the Village website for a list of events and it's going to be a lot of fun.

#### **Trustee Nero**

- The next Public Works Committee meeting is September 22nd, Village Hall, at 4:30pm.
- The bid opening for the Quincy Streetscape project was August 23rd and the submissions are being evaluated.
- The big street resurfacing project has begun. Construction signs and warning lights are getting put out. Details are out on the website. If anyone has any questions about what roads are being repaved, the details can be found on the website.
- Gave an update on the 61st Street & Cumnor Stormwater Basin Improvements. We are waiting for the detention boxes to be cast, and anticipate construction to begin in October.
- Metra will be cleaning the sewers along the railroad right-of-way. This will hopefully alleviate some of the flooding along the tracks and the Village will benefit from some of the cleaning and will receive a copy of the televised storm sewer.
- The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fundraiser that will benefit Westmont Schools, specifically students that are in need of a jacket. The name of this fundraiser is called Coats for Kids Drive. Trustee Nero will be bartending at the Country House Restaurant as part of this fundraiser and their goal is to raise enough funds for 100 jackets. The fundraiser is scheduled on September 1st from 7:30pm - 9:30pm at the Country House in Clarendon Hills.
- Mayor Gunter mentioned that on September 10th the Knights of Columbus will be having a reverse raffle.

### **Trustee Simonovich**

- The Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be October 20th.
- The Police Department will have a fundraising event to benefit the Special Olympics on October 1st. This is a paper shredding event that is co-hosted with Docu-Shred. The recommended donation is \$10.00 per box of paper items that need to be shredded. That is from 9:00am - 1pm on October 1st at the Police and Fire facility at 500 North Cass Avenue.
- National Drug take back day on October 29th from 10am - 2pm at the Police / Fire facility, 500 N. Cass and Marianos, 150 W. 63rd Street.
- Invited Police Chief Gunther to the podium to give an update on Cop on a Rooftop event last week.
  - Police Chief Gunther announced that the fundraiser last week was an overwhelming success. \$7,071 was collected for Special Olympics.
  - Thanked Trustee Liddle for her donation.
  - Thanked everyone for participating in the event and it was very successful.

### **Trustee Guzzo**

- Our next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be September 8th, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- The Fire Department Open House will be Saturday, September 24th, from 11am - 2pm at Johanik Headquarters, 6015 S. Cass Avenue. There will be fun family friendly activities and lunch will be served. The list of events are on the Village website.
- Congratulations to the Fire Department on earning international accreditation. On August 17th the Westmont Fire Department earned Accredited Agency status with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. This is the 5th time the department has received this status. The Westmont Fire Department is the only part-time department to be an ISO Class 1 and accredited department in the Country.
- Invited Fire Chief Riley to the podium.
  - The last time we were accredited was in 2017 in Asheville, North Carolina. Deputy Chief Jim Fitzgerald did a majority of the work while he was deployed. Other staff members also did work on this, such as H.R., Finance, Police Department, and Public Works. This accreditation is a culmination of many hours of work for all staff.
- Trustee Guzzo was honored to attend the accreditation in Denver. Congratulations to the Fire Department on a job well done.

### **Trustee Brady**

- The Planning Division is reviewing proposed projects at Holy Trinity and Willowcrest Golf Course.
- Construction has begun on the Belle Tire at 6940 South Cass.
- Harold's Chicken and Shrimp at 9 West Quincy is expected to open in



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September.

- There were some issues with traffic at Westmont High School. The traffic has been monitored by the Westmont Police Department and they have it under control.

**Trustee Barker**

- The EIC will meet September 12th at Village Hall.
- The Village had a special recycling event on August 20th, which just happened. There will be one more recycling event this year.
- Westmont First has been talking about community murals. Invited Larry McInyre to give an update on this project.
  - The program is moving forward at this point. Attorney Zemenak has input all of the information into ordinance form. The current version is being shared with Westmont Special Events to make sure they are in tune with everything that is being proposed. We are hoping to have a final version soon.
- Attended the open house at Quincy Station and it will be a great addition to the community. Everyone had a nice time and it is a nice asset on that corner.

**ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mayor Gunter asked to remove the Proclamation for National Payroll Week.

**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 meetings held on July 28, 2022 and August 11, 2022.

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #9:** Dated **August 25, 2022** in the amount of **\$ 1,759,967.96.**

**(C) PURCHASE ORDERS**

23200818	MAURO SEWER CONSTRUCTION, INC.	\$ 1,658,781.00
23200819	SCHROEDER ASPHALT SERVICES, INC.	1,671,981,18
23200856	PRIMERA ENGINEERS, LTD.	88,410.00



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<b>TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS</b>	<b>\$ 3,419,172.18</b>
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**(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$ 5,179,140.14**

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #1**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There is no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(2) PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK**

**Village Manager May and representatives from the Chicago APA Chapter** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider a proclamation declaring the first week of September as National Payroll Week in Westmont Illinois celebrating the work of the payroll professionals in our community.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #2**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(3) B-1 PERMIT - SAXTON DANCE SHOPPE at 37B WEST QUINCY STREET**

**Community Development Director Sylvester** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a B-1 Development Permit for Saxton Dance Shoppe to operate a retail dancewear store at 37B West Quincy Street.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #3**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None



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### **(4) OFFICE / RESEARCH DISTRICT ACCESSORY USE TEXT AMENDMENT**

**Community Development Director Sylvester** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Appendix A, Section 8.13, "Special uses in the office/research district," of the Zoning Ordinance to allow new accessory uses through a Special Use Permit.

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #4**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **(5) LEASE AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL - MAERCKER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Village Manager May** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving a Third Amendment to Lease and Lease Renewal with Maercker School District No. 60 for space at Westmont Centre.

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #5**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **(6) MURAL PROGRAM**

**Village Manager May and Trustee Barker** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider indefinitely postponing an ordinance regarding a Mural Program to allow artistic murals on private buildings that comply with the guidelines of the Program.

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #6**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None



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**MISCELLANEOUS**

- Nothing.

**(7) ADJOURN**

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

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #7**

Ayes: Barker, Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:41 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Virginia Szynski, Village Clerk

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Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 8th day of September, 2022