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**Village of Westmont**

**MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, September 23, 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 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> (HR 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> (Police Dept.)	<b>Dep Chief Gruen</b> <u>A</u> (Police Dept.)
<b>Chief Riley</b> <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	<b>Dep Chief O'Hare</b> <u>A</u> (Fire Dept.)	<b>Mulhearn</b> <u>P</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)
<b>Ramsey</b> <u>P</u> (P.W. Director)	<b>Mielcarski</b> <u>P</u> (Management Analyst)	<b>Hennerfeind</b> <u>A</u> (Village Planner)

**ATTORNEY:** Zemenak P Carrara A

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

**PRESS:**

Bugle A

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

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

**OPEN FORUM:**

- Stephen Fleck - Discussed crossing guards for Manning School. Asked if there was a way for Village employees to be assigned as crossing guards.



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**VOTING KEY:**      A=ABSENT                  AB=ABSTAIN                  N=NO      W=Withdrawn  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

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</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 BRADY	<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>
TRUSTEE SIMONOVICH	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>						
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>						
TRUSTEE BRADY	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>						
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>						
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>						
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>						
TRUSTEE SIMONOVICH	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>						

### REPORTS

#### **Mayor Gunter**

- A Police Public Safety Committee Meeting was held here yesterday and we had a lot of recognition.
  - Police Chief Gunther talked about the awards that were given out.
    - Angela Whitehead, Investigative Aid, received a Chief Recognition Accomodation for her work on this year's squad car night.
    - Officer Greg Hausner was recognized for a traffic stop that led to the arrest of the driver of the vehicle for possession of a handgun.
    - Officer John Longini was recognized for discovering an unattended 5 month old baby, in a parked vehicle with a window open in the month of July.
    - 6 officers (2 sergeants and 4 officers) received recognition for their Police

work. 5 out of the 6 received a Chiefs Accommodation and the 6th officer, Sam Salvado, received a life-saving award. These awards reference a situation that happened about a month ago where a person attempted suicide by train. It was a dynamic situation and the officers found the person on the railroad tracks and transported them to the hospital.

- The Prescription Drug Take back will be October 23rd.
- The Shred Event will be October 30th.
- Chief Riley was asked to report on COVID-19.
  - The numbers continue to go up. DuPage County reported 104,138 cases along with 1,436 deaths. The numbers in Westmont are also continuing to rise.
  - The Fire Department recently had three calls regarding positive cases on Monday. Westmont has had 2,609 cases and 91 deaths. Since the last report was given, two weeks ago, there have been 42 new cases and 2 deaths. We need to continue social distancing, wash hands, and wear face coverings.
- The 100th Anniversary will be November 10th. Make sure you set aside that date. There will be a new time capsule, dedication ceremonies, legacy awards, music, fireworks and more. Keep that date open and look for the itinerary to be published. The commemorative ceramic plates are on sale now. There is a limited supply for our plates. Visit our website to learn more and to place your order. All of the proceeds will go to the Greg House Historical Society.
- The 100th Anniversary License Plates will be coming in next week and we will schedule pickup for those who ordered the collector's license plates.
- The Greg House Museum had their anniversary celebration this past Sunday. Heirs of Mr. Greg came in from Florida. There was a ceremony at the museum celebrating their 40th Anniversary of when the state recognized them as a historical building. Congratulations to them.

### **Village Clerk Szymski**

- Congratulations to Westmont High School for being named one of 18 Illinois Schools being recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School. Being named a National Blue Ribbon School means that a special honor is received based on academic performance or programs closing achievement gaps. Well done Westmont High School.
- Condolences to the Valerio family for their loss.



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### Trustee Brady

- The next Planning and Zoning Committee meeting is scheduled for October 13th, 2021.
- 1 W Quincy is now under roof and work is being done on the west side.
- Recapped the Pet Promenade that occurred last Sunday. Over 40 animals attended the 9th Annual Pet Promenade. It was enjoyable.

### Trustee Nero

- Recapped the Public Works Committee meeting. John Bushman was recognized for this 20 years of service. We appreciate all of his hard work over the years.
- Mike Ramsey, our Public Works Director, was recognized for this 35th Anniversary. We thank him for his hard work and continued service to the community.
- There was an update to the Quincy Streetscape project. We hope to see some more designs in 2022.
- We hope to see most of the Addington Plaza completed by the 100th Anniversary celebration.
- Surveying will be happening this fall on the Liberty Park Water Main Project. Hopefully, we can do a town hall meeting in early 2022 with all of those residents.
- All of the underground work is done for the new village fueling center and we hope it will be operational by the end of October.
- Ogden Ave Median Beautification Project planted 22 trees and 1800 shrubs and perennials.
- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be December 16th at 4:30pm.
- Encouraged everyone to attend the Public Works Open House. It will be on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will be at 155 E Burlington Avenue.
- King Car Wash owned by the Trilla family will be raising money for the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois on October 16th. Every dollar of every sale that day will be donated to that foundation.
- Congratulations to our Police Chief because he has been elected as the President of the DuPage Police Chiefs Association.



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### Trustee Simonovich

- We are continuing with the hiring processes for various positions. We are hiring for a part-time Firefighter EMT Basic and Firefighter EMT Paramedic. We also have the firefighter candidate program going on which is the year-long volunteer program to give you the education and training to work in the fire service. More information on those positions can be found on our website.

### Trustee Barker

- The Environmental Improvement Committee will be held on October 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the Westmont Public Library. The Committee will be at the Public Works Open House this weekend hosting a table and they are going to talk about the food scraps composting program as well as other things.

### Trustee Liddle

- An Administration Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for October 7th at Village Hall.
- The WSEC is coordinating a Zombie Pub Crawl event for October 30th. It's a great way for adults to enjoy Halloween and support local businesses. Sign up online at [westmontevents.com](http://westmontevents.com) and pick your starting location.
- Wicked West Fest is a month-long celebration throughout October. More information can be found at [westmontevents.com](http://westmontevents.com). October 23rd will be the Trick or Treat Trail, pumpkin smashing extravaganza, Caskets on Cass Race and the Wicked West Fest costume contest. We hope to see everybody there.

### Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be October 21st, 4:30 p.m. at Village Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.
- The Fire Department Open House will be on October 2nd at the Frank J. Johanik Fire Headquarters Station on South Cass Avenue. There will be family fun, activities, displays, lunches and more.
- There is a Find the Truck contest. Go online to learn more about this contest and to sign up. From September 25 - October 2, the Fire Department will hide their antique fire truck every day in a new location. Participants are to find the truck, take a selfie, and send it in. Good luck to everyone who participates.

The Mayor read a thank you note from Jill Rahn.

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

The Mayor requested to have the Arts DuPage Proclamation 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) BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Board to consider approving the minutes of the Village Board Meeting held **September 9, 2021**.

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #11: Dated September 23, 2021** in the amount of **\$ 1,936,894.87**

**(C) PURCHASE ORDERS**

22200984	K L F Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 36,000.00
22200985	Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc.	947,394.07
	<b>PURCHASE ORDER TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 983,394.07</b>

**(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$ 2,920,288.94**

**(E) PROCLAMATION - FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2021**

Board to consider a proclamation declaring October 3 - 9, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week in the Village of Westmont.

**(F) RESOLUTION - CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR THE CHICAGO REGION**

Board to consider a resolution supporting the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus 2021 Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region.

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 - ARTS DUPAGE MONTH**

**Village Manager May and Debbie Vanessio** addressed the Board on this item. Manager May



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read the proclamation to the audience.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider a proclamation declaring October 2021 as Arts DuPage Month in the Village of Westmont.

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #2**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **(3) PLIMA COMPANY - THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE - 15 N CASS AVE**

**Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn** addressed the Board on this item

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving the following request from Plima Company d/b/a Plima Massage Boutique to conduct a therapeutic massage business at 15 N Cass Avenue:

- A. Increase the number of available massage establishment licenses by one (1), and issue said license to Plima Company.

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #3**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **(4) PLIMA COMPANY - THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE - 15 N CASS AVE**

**Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn** addressed the Board on this item

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance approving the following request from Plima Company d/b/a Plima Massage Boutique to conduct a therapeutic massage business at 15 N Cass Avenue:

- A. Approving a B-1 Development Permit to Plima Company to operate a therapeutic massage business.

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

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

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

Nays: None



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Absent: None

### **(5) B-1 PERMIT - MEDICAL CLINIC AT 16 WEST BURLINGTON AVENUE**

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

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving a B-1 Development Permit for Burlington Health Systems LLC, to operate a medical clinic at 16 West Burlington Avenue.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **(6) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - 2021 ADDINGTON PLAZA PROJECT**

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

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance awarding the bid proposal from Vixen Construction for the Village's 2021 Addington Plaza Project, and authorizing a contract consistent with the bid documents.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- None

### **(7) REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:43pm**

Motion by **Trustee Simonovich** to consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Purchase of property for the use of the Village pursuant to section 2(c)(5).

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

#### **VOTE ON MOTION #7**

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





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Nays: None  
Absent: None

### **(8) REQUEST FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION - 6:43pm**

Motion by **Trustee Simonovich** to consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Collective negotiating matters between the Village and it's employees pursuant to section 2(c)(5).

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #8**

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

### **(9) EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNED TO RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

Board to consider a motion to adjourn at **7:20pm**.

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

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #9**

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

### **10) ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by **Trustee Brady** to adjourn the meeting at **7:21pm**

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

### **VOTE ON MOTION #10**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:21 P.M.**



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**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

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Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 7th day of October, 2021