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MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, October 7, 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 A

STAFF:

May (Village Manager) <u>P</u>	Parker (Assistant Manager) <u>P</u>	Sylvester (Community Dev. Director) <u>P</u>
Brainerd (HR Director) <u>P</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 (Management Analyst) <u>P</u>	Hennerfeind (Village Planner) <u>P</u>

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:

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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE BRADY	<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>
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>
TRUSTEE SIMONOVICH	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Turned the report over to Trustee Barker. He announced that we have a special presentation from the DuPage Monarch Project. He invited Connie Schmidt & Lonnie Morris to the podium to start the presentation.
 - The DuPage Monarch Project is a collaboration between four groups: The Forest Preserve District of DuPage, The Conservation Foundation, The River Prairie Group of the Sierra Club and Wild Ones of Greater DuPage, which is a native seed collecting group.
 - Connie Schmidt presented Westmont with the Pat Miller Community Engagement Award. This is being given to Westmont because of the innovative approach to engaging residents in pollinator conservation.
 - The award is named after Westmont resident, Pat Miller. In 2005 she began the conservation efforts in our area.
 - We are asking volunteers to remove invasive species, we're reducing our use of pesticides, we're living sustainable lifestyles and trying to have less environmental impact. We are suggesting for homeowners to shrink their lawns, plant native species, trees, shrubs, and flowers that produce more nectar and pollen.
 - Westmont came up with *No Mow til Mothers Day* and that was very important to pollinators such as bumble bees.
 - Thanked the Environmental Improvement Committee for their research on the benefits of this program.
 - We hope that more communities are inspired to follow this example and we'll have more pollinators benefit across DuPage.
 - Thanked the Mayor, Village Board, the Environmental Improvement Committee

and John Yeater in particular, who is the Village Forester. We want to recognize, Pat Miller, the Westmont resident who inspires monarch conservation across DuPage County.

- Trustee Barker recognized Trustee Liddle who is a butterfly specialist. She raised 83 Monarch Butterflies and released them this year. Trustee Barker mentioned that she is also raising praying mantis. She is a great co-chair for the committee.
- Prescription Drug Take-back will be October 23rd. People can take in their unwanted prescription medications to the Police Department, Fire Department Headquarters, and Mariano's.
- We are sponsoring a paper shred event on October 30th. Bring your paper to be shredded to the Police Department from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The suggested donation is \$5.00 per box.
- We are getting closer to our 100th Anniversary Celebration on November 10th. We are finally getting to the celebration. The plans are almost finalized and the itinerary will be coming out soon. We know that the will have a dedication of the James Addington Plaza at 11:30 a.m. Most of the activities are going to start between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and will conclude 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- The commemorative ceramic plates will be on sale. Visit our website to place your order.
- The actual license plates are in and have been delivered. You can see people driving around with the new plates. If you are still interested please email communications@wesmtont.il.gov. That's for the months of October and November.

Village Clerk Szymski

- Gave an update on the Trick or Treating hours in Westmont. The suggested hours are 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

Trustee Liddle

- Recap the Administration Finance Committee meeting.
 - ARPA funds from federal monies were discussed. We are scheduled to receive about \$3.2M. We will be using \$1.6M to assist with water rates so we can prevent increases that were already set in 2019. We will also be adding money to the first responders due to the extra risk taken during COVID.
 - The 2022 calendar year schedule was presented for 2022 and the meeting dates all looked approved.
 - The Fire Department presented a need for a new command & communications vehicle. Our current vehicle was purchased in 1997 and is nearing the end of its life. A request for a new vehicle was submitted for about \$677,000. The Fire Department has been very effective at looking for outside funding and the village is only being asked for about \$100,000 towards that vehicle.
 - Assistant Village Manager Parker requested upgrading our software for about \$30,000.
- The WSEC Special Events Zombie Pub Tour is scheduled for Saturday, October 30th. Tickets can be purchased at westmontevetns.com



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- Wicked West Fest is a month-long celebration throughout all of October and details can be found at westmontevents.com. Mark your calendars for October 23rd, which will include the trick-or-treat trail, pumpkin smashing event, caskets on Cass, and the Wicked West Fest Costume Contest.
- There is also a new item going in this year for downtown businesses window painting. The creative arts network is asking downtown businesses to have their storefronts painted for fall and halloween. Businesses can sign up on the WSEC website, westmontevents.com.

Trustee Simonovich

- Reminded everyone that starting Monday commuter A parking lot will be resurfaced. Commuter A is located on the south side of the tracks. Alternative parking arrangements can be made, including parking on Adams & Grant streets. The 4 hour restriction on those residential streets will be lifted during that time.
- The Village is still hiring and applications can be found on the Village website. We are continuing to hire for part-time Firefighter EMT Basic and Firefighter EMT Paramedic as well as the Firefighter Candidate Program.
- Congratulations to the new hire that started as the administrative assistant at the Fire Department.
- Congratulations to the retiring Battalion Chief Little.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- Congratulations to the Public Works Department on a wonderful open house, which was held September 25, 2021.
- Congratulations to the Fire Department on a wonderful open house, which was held October 2nd.
- The next meeting for the Fire Public Safety will be 4:30pm, October 21st at Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- The Fire Truck Contest was a big success. We received over 50 pictures of the fire truck from 12 teams and there was a three way tie for 1st place. Each winner received a 100th Anniversary Beanie Baby.

Trustee Nero (report was given by Mayor Gunter)

- Complimented the Public Works Department on their fabulous open house.
- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be at Village Hall, December 16th at 4:30pm.
- Addington Plaza construction is underway as well as the new village fueling center at the Fire Department Headquarters. It is about 50% complete.

Trustee Barker

- Westmont First will meet Monday, October 18th at 6:00pm.



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- The EIC met on Monday and we now have a community solar page on the village website. It was nice to get some preliminary information out there about solar power for residential and/or commercial properties.
- Pumpkin composting is scheduled for November 6th from 9:00am - 12:00pm at the Westmont Library. Last year we had a record number of pumpkin composting and we are expecting a large crowd this year as well.
- We received an award for *No Mow Til Mother's Day* and we are hoping to do this again next year. Residents would like to know about this program sooner so that they can adjust their lawn contract.

Trustee Brady

- The Planning and Zoning Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13th.
 - Items for proposal will include a small medical clinic at 6230 S Cass Ave. to replace the vacant bank building.
 - A subdivision to create three residential lots at the southeast corner of Ridge and 63rd.
 - An amendment to the Village zoning rules to clarify regulations.
 - Dynamic Perception Dance Company will be having ribbon cutting to celebrate their 10th Anniversary on Friday, October 8th at 11:30am. The location is 766 Burr Oak Drive, which is just west of Ty Warner Park.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Gunter requested that the Proclamation for Friends of the Library be removed.

(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 23, 2021**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #12: Dated October 7, 2021 in the amount of
\$ 1,174,050.48

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS

22201016	Dell Marketing LP	\$ 21,509.50
22201092	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	25,984.86
22201093	Meade, Inc	42,600.00
22201094	Thomas Engineering Group, LLC	65,550.00



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22201095	LDV, Inc.	677,861.00
	PURCHASE ORDER TOTAL	\$ 833,505.36

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$ 2,007,555.84

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

(2) PROCLAMATION - FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK

Village Manager May and Friends of the Library members addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a proclamation declaring the week of October 17-23, 2021 as Friends of the Library Week in Westmont.

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

(3) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE CLASS 23 LIQUOR LICENSES

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn, Mike Hussain & Jesus Serano addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class 23 Liquor Licenses by one (1) for Westmont Management LLC d/b/a El Delfin Seafood Bar & Grill at 6010 S. Cass Avenue, Westmont, IL.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Simonovich



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Nays: Barker
Absent: Nero

(4) WATER DEPOSIT TEXT AMENDMENT

Assistant Village Manager Parker and Public Works Director Ramsey addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving the following text amendments to the Westmont Code of Ordinances:

1. Amendment to Section 82-55 adjusting the amount of deposits for Fire Hydrant meter deposits.
2. Amendment to Section 82-152 adjusting the amount of water deposits and the process for refunding deposits.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

- There is a fundraiser this Sunday at Veteran's memorial park. One of our residents found out that he had cancer and now he has medical bills that need to be paid. His mom had to leave her job and they would not give her time off. The Lions club will be cooking food. All of the proceeds that the Lions Club collects will go straight to the family.
- Larry Forssberg came up to the podium to say that they will also be collecting donations during the Trick-or-Treat Trail in case you can not make it to the fundraiser on Sunday.
- Friday is the silent parade and our fire department will be participating. It drives from Hinsdale all the way to Lisle and starts at 7 o'clock.

(5) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to adjourn the meeting at **6:40pm**
Seconded by **Trustee Guzzo** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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



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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 21st day of October, 2021