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**Village of Westmont**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD Thursday, October 20, 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 Szymiski P

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

**STAFF:**

<b>May</b> <u>P</u> (Village Manager)	<b>Parker</b> <u>P</u> (Assistant Manager)	<b>Sylvester</b> <u>P</u> (Community Dev. Director)
<b>Brainerd</b> <u>P</u> (H.R. Director)	<b>McIntyre</b> <u>A</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>P</u> (Police Dept.)	<b>Dep Chief Gruen</b> <u>P</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>A</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)
<b>Mielcarski</b> <u>P</u> (Administration Supervisor)	<b>Wucki-Rossbach</b> <u>P</u> (Interim Public Works Director)	<b>Cunningham</b> <u>P</u> (Finance Director)

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**VOTING KEY:**      **A=ABSENT**                      **AB=ABSTAIN**                      **N=NO**      **W=Withdrawn**  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

	<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**

- Mayor asked for Chief Gunther to come to the podium.
  - Chief Gunther stated that we will be swearing in two of our newest officers and there is one promotion to the rank of sergeant.
  - Chief Gunther thanked the Fire and Police Commission for their hard work.
  - Chief Gunther called up Officer Lorrainea Riley and Officer Alex Erdmann to the podium for their swearing in.

Swearing in ceremony was performed by Mayor Gunter and both officers took their oath to be police officers in Westmont, IL.

- Officer Riley addressed the Village Board. She gave special thanks to the Village Board, Police Chief Gunther, and the Fire and Police Commission for this opportunity. She thanked her family for their support.
- Officer Erdmann addressed the Village Board. He thanked the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, all the members of the Police Department, the Police Chief, and his family.

Swearing in ceremony for Officer Kristina Dominguez was performed by Mayor Gunter. Officer Kristina Dominguez took her oath to be a sergeant in Westmont, IL.

- Sergeant Dominguez thanked Chief Gunther, Mayor Gunter, Village Manager May, the Board of Trustees and the Fire and Police Commission. She thanked her past and present co-workers and the citizens of Westmont. She thanked her family and friends for their continued support.

- There is Dementia-Friendly Westmont programming at the Library. It is titled “Mental Health for Older Adults with Dementia”. It will be held on Wednesday, November 2 at 1:00pm.
- Recently, more than 20 village staff members received dementia-awareness training. This helps our staff better recognize and serve persons with dementia.
- Announced the Park District’s Annual Haunted Forest, which is at Diane Maine Park and Smith Woods on Saturday, October 22. Little Monsters are from 3 - 6:30pm and Sheer Terror is from 7 - 9:30pm. There is more info on the Park District website.
- There was a 20th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Cordia Senior Living Residence. Congrats to Cordia on this milestone event.
- Talked about the award that was received by the Natatorium, The Village of Westmont and the Park District. This award was given by the Illinois Association of Park Districts last Friday night. The award was received for intergovernmental cooperation between the Park District and the Village to get the Natatorium into Westmont. Congratulations to the Natatorium. They are doing more and more national events.

#### **Clerk Szymski**

- Village offices will be closed on November 11th. Recycle and garbage pick up will not be affected.
- Early Voting in DuPage County has begun. Early voting locations have been posted on the Village website. Additional voting information can be found on the County website.
- The Westmont Library is an early voting location. Registered voters can vote at the Library on October 24 - November 7 during voting hours. The Library is located at 428 N. Cass.
- The Trick-or-Treat hours will be similar to past years. The Police Department recommends that trick-or-treating occurs on Halloween, October 31, between 2pm - 7pm. Also, a list of Halloween Safety tips have been posted on the Village website.
  - The Mayor made mention that homes that are giving out candy leave their lights on so that people know their home is participating.

#### **Trustee Simonovich**

- Recapped the Police Public Safety Committee meeting.
  - Congratulations to Deputy Chief Thompson and Deputy Sergeant Ryan for 20 years of service.
  - Deputy Chief Thompson gave an update on \$370,000 in grants that will be coming in over the next couple of years.
  - Gave an update on data for side street patrol. Mostly tickets for speeding and stop signs being the second offense.
  - Gave an update on an uptick for post-pandemic DUI’s.
  - Talked about our hiring status for the Police Department. We just swore in

two officers tonight, there is one in the academy until December and one restarting the academy in January and one in for the next academy.

- Chief Gunther gave a presentation on the Safety Act.
- Congratulations to the Police Department on all of the work that they are doing for the Special Olympics. They have raised over \$22,000 so far this year.
  - Police Chief Gunther came to the podium to talk about the annual volleyball tournament fundraising event. Four teams participated, one was from Police, one was from Fire and two were from School District 201. Over \$1,000 was raised at this event, which can be added to the total Trustee Simonovich just mentioned. He thanked everyone for participating.
- Drug take back day will be October 29th from 10am - 2pm at the Police facility, 500 N. Cass and also at Mariano's, 150 W 63rd Street. Just a reminder that only pills, powders, and patches are accepted.

#### **Trustee Brady**

- The commercial spaces in the first block of West Quincy street are now occupied by 2 restaurants that are open for business, Harold's Chicken & Shrimp and Tapatio Mexican. Stop by and check them out, they just recently opened up.
- The Cass Avenue Dream Homes development in the 400 block of North Cass moves towards completion. Construction of the last townhouse building was recently started.
- The development of a medical office building at 6320 South Cass, which was previously the site of a banking institution is expected to commence this winter. The current building is scheduled to be razed in the next few months with construction to begin in the Spring.

#### **Trustee Johanik-Guzzo**

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting is December 1, 2022, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Last Friday night, October 14, was the 27th Annual Silent Parade. Reminded everyone that the silent parade honors those firefighters and those people who have lost their lives in a fire. Thanked everyone who came out because the weather was chilly and rainy.

#### **Trustee Barker**

- Condolences to the Wasilewski Family. Father Rafal's sister passed away.
- The Environmental Improvement Committee will meet again on November 7th at 5:30pm.
- The pumpkin composting event will be held November 5th. This event is hosted by EIC and will be in the library parking lot on the west side of the lot as usual. Pumpkins must have all of the inorganic materials removed, such as the candles and decorations.
- Holiday lights recycling will start soon. The Village is planning to work with the Library and the Fire Department again to offer holiday lights recycling. Details will be posted on

the Village website.

- Westmont First met on Monday and there was discussion about the Community Mural Program. Some suggestions were made and that will be discussed with staff.

#### **Trustee Liddle**

- The next Administration Finance Committee meeting will be November 17th, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- Wicked West Fest will be Saturday, October 22nd. There will be different events downtown Westmont, including a costume contest at 10:15am.
  - Pumpkin smashing is at 11:00am, the Trick or Treat Trail from 11:00am - 1:00pm, and the Casket Races at 12:30pm. Visit [westmontevents.com](http://westmontevents.com) for information for all Wicked West Fest events.
  - There is a costume contest and a photo booth. New this year is the Wicked West Fest Costume Contest. Special Events is setting up a Halloween backdrop to create a photo booth so that everyone can come and get their pictures taken for free. The photo booth is sponsored by Amazon Fresh.
- You can sign up for the Halloween Home & Business Decorating Contest by going to [westmontevents.com](http://westmontevents.com). Online voting starts next week.
- The Zombie Pub Crawl will be held on Saturday October 29th from 2 - 6pm. Please go to [westmontevents.com](http://westmontevents.com) to buy your tickets. Each group that starts at a pub or a restaurant will have at least one or two chaperones to keep the groups under control.

Mayor Gunter mentioned that Wicked West Fest was started years ago by the Chamber and has expanded to bring in the Westmont Special Events, EIC, and various other groups in town.

#### **Trustee Nero**

- The next Public Works Committee meeting is December 15th, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The 2022 Motor Fuel Tax resurfacing projects are taking a little bit longer due to supply chain issues with concrete. The MFT project will now be completed by November 14th, 2022.
- Gave an update on the Quincy Street Alley. The catch basins, inlets, drain tiles and the stone base needed for the previous surface street have been installed.
- Gave an update on the Quincy Streetscape. The contractor plans to be working on the Lincoln storm sewers next week. The area will be ready for Holly Days.
- Gave an update on the 61st and Cumnor Stormwater Basin Improvements. This week the contractor plans to install the last box culvert and complete pavement patching.
- There will be a public hearing to review the North Water Tower Project and the Preliminary Environmental Impacts Determination as required by the IEPA. The public hearing is scheduled for November 10, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Village Board Room. Comments on the project will be taken until Wednesday, November 23, 2022.
- Gave an update on the East Des Moines and Richmond Water Main. The tree



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protection fencing has been installed and hydro excavation of the water main path has begun.

- The bid opening for the Pasquinelli Streetlight project is scheduled for October 25, 2022. We anticipate a bid award at the November 4, 2022 Village Board meeting.
- Looking forward to the Pumpkin Smashing Contest on Saturday at 10:30am. He looks forward to the event and reclaiming his title.

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

Nothing to be removed from the consent agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:**

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

Made mention that the consent agenda that is being voted on is what is written on the agenda. During the last meeting, two items were not read off but were on the agenda under the consent.

- Purchase Order - Onix Networking Corp. - \$48,061.50
- Proclamation - October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month in the Village of Westmont

When the minutes were prepared, they were prepared as read not as written so the minutes needed to be corrected to be reflected appropriately.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to approve the consent agenda as written.

**(A) BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Board to consider approving the corrected minutes of the Village Board meeting held October 6, 2022.

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #13:** Dated **October 20, 2022** in the amount of **\$ 2,269,767.57**

**(C) PURCHASE ORDERS**

23201249	Sikich LLP	\$ 40,611.00
23201250	Baxter & Woodman, Inc.	95,700.00
<b>TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS</b>		<b>\$ 136,311.00</b>

**(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$ 2,506,078.57**

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) B-1 PERMIT - CAPITAL SHIELD SERVICES AND ELECTRICAL AT 21 NORTH CASS AVENUE**

**Community Development Director Sylvester, business owner, and manager** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving a B-1 Development Permit for both Capital Shield Electric Company and Capital Shield Services, LLC, to operate offices at 21 North Cass Avenue.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #2**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(3) AGREEMENT WITH BRYCER, LLC**

**Fire Chief Riley** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance approving an agreement with Brycer, LLC for the use of its web-based services to monitor and track inspection, testing, and maintenance of private fire protection services.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION #3**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(4) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - GATEWAY SIGNS**

**Interim Public Works Director Wucki-Rossbach** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance awarding the bid proposal from Vixen Construction Inc. for the installation of the Cass Avenue and 67th and the Ogden Avenue and Cumnor Road gateway signs and authorizing a contract consistent with the bid documents.



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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **(5) AWARD OF BID PROPOSAL - CYCLIC PARKWAY TREE PRUNING**

**Interim Public Works Director Wucki-Rossbach** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance awarding the bid proposal from Winkler Services LLC for the Cyclic Parkway Tree Pruning Project for north areas in the Village and authorizing a contract consistent with the bid documents.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **(6) QUINCY STATION - 3RD AMENDMENT TO EDA**

**Assistant Village Manager Parker** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving a Third Amendment to the Economic Development Agreement between the Village of Westmont and HP Quincy Partners, LLC for the Quincy Station project at 1 W. Quincy Street.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Clerk Szymiski reminded everyone that the Public Information Committee meeting will be held next Wednesday, October 26th, 10am, at Village Hall.





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**(7) ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm.  
Seconded by **Trustee Brady** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #7**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:51 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

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Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 3rd day of November, 2022