

Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, April 7, 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:

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

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:

No open forum.

VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>	<u>9</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>	<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>	<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>	<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>	<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>	<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>Y</u>

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Manager May presented Police Chief Gunther with a plaque recognizing his 25 years of service to the community.
- Attorney Zemenak announced that at the request of the applicant, item 9d. Willow Crest Golf Course Redevelopment will be postponed to a future Village Board meeting. We anticipate that it will be in 2 weeks, but may be in 4 weeks.
- Police Chief Gunther announced that the following officers will be sworn in this evening: Officer Hunter Vincent, Officer Bryan Wolfer, Officer Ashley Vinson, and Officer Eric Vinyard. Mayor Gunter conducted the swearing in ceremony and the new officers took the oath.
 - Officer Eric Vinyard thanked the Fire and Police Commission, Police Chief Gunther, and the Village of Westmont the opportunity to pursue becoming a police officer which was always his dream. He thanked his family and friends for their support.
 - Officer Ashley Vinson thanked the Westmont Village Board, members of the Police and Fire Commission, the Westmont Police Department Administration, and the Field Training Officers, and all her fellow co-workers who have worked so hard helping them along the way and making them feel so welcome. Thanked friends, family, and boyfriend for the early morning and late nights of preparation for the academy and the field training process. Started in Oak Brook Terrace in the records division, then became a community service officer for the Village of Oak Brook in 2014 and served in that capacity until selected to become a member of the Westmont Police Department. She looks forward to serving the public to the best of her abilities.

- Officer Bryan Wolfer thanked the Village Board, the Police and Fire Commission, Police Chief Gunther, and the Police Administration. He thanked his friends, family, and girlfriend for the support while in the academy.
- Officer Hunter Vincent thanked the Village Board, the Police and Fire Commissioners, and the Chief for allowing her to be here. Thanked them for allowing her the opportunity to be part of a department that deeply cares for their officers. Westmont and the Fire Police Commission has made her feel like she was part of a team and she dreamed of finding a department where her co-workers viewed her as a person just as much as a police officer. Thanked Sergeant Gomorzak for putting in so much thought and effort into the four of them before going to the academy. Lastly, thanked her family and her boyfriend for allowing her to always follow through with her dreams and supporting her no matter what they are. She is honored and eager to continue growing with this department and community.
- Police Chief Gunther invited everyone over to the Police Department for cake and coffee after the Village Board Meeting.
- The Backyard BBQ and Spring Fling by the Lions Club will be Memorial Day Weekend at Ty Warner Park, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- There will be a Memorial Day Parade and dedication at Veterans Memorial Park.
- The Westmont Community Awards dinner has been scheduled for Thursday, April 28th at the Hilton. Please RSVP by April 20th at westmontchamber.com

Clerk Szymski

- Village offices will be closed April 15 for Good Friday. The recycling and garbage pickup schedule will not be affected.

Trustee Liddle

- Recapped the Administration / Finance Committee meeting that took place today at 4:30pm. The following items were discussed:
 - Class 22 & 23 Liquor Licenses
 - Any ideas regarding precedent for video gaming cafes are to be forwarded to the Mayor or Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn.
 - Thanks to Glen Gabriel for his presentation from the Environmental Improvement Commission for the 2021 Annual Report discussing recycling material minimization, curbside composting, dark skies, and solar power.
 - Parking meters were discussed.
- Westmont has resumed collections on past due water bill accounts. Citizens are encouraged to pay their bills on time and in full to avoid shut offs and fees.
- Trustee Liddle asked Assistant Village Manager Parker to address the new utility billing system and Westmont 311.
 - The Village has gone live with a couple of new system implementations. One of those is for Utility Billing. Water and Garbage bills went out in March for one half

of the town and the other half will be getting their bills at the end of April.

Residents will use the information on those bills (account number and customer ID) to set up a new account. To register the new account you would click on the icon that says "Make a Payment".

- Next to the "Make a Payment" icon there is another icon that says "Westmont 311", which is the way you will be able to report a concern. Citizens would follow the prompts to put in a request or a problem that needs to be addressed.
- The Race to the Flag is back. It is a 5K run, and you can sign up for the Race to the Flag 5K, which will be held at Ty Warner Park on Sunday the 29th of May before Memorial Day. Visit racetotheflag.org to sign up.
- Cruisin' Nights will start June 2nd and they will run every Thursday night from 5pm - 9pm through Sept 1st on Cass Avenue.
- Taste of Westmont will be the weekend after 4th of July, which will be July 7 through 10. Details can be found on the Westmont Special Events website at westmontevents.com.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be June 16, 4:30 pm at Village Hall.
- There will be a free leaf pickup from April 11-15, this program is for leaves only and is not for regular yard waste. Leaves must be in kraft paper bags for this program. Bags of leaves will not require a yard waste sticker during this week. Put out leaves with your garbage on your usual pickup day to take advantage of it.
- Construction has started up again for the parking lot. It is expected to be completed in May.
- Our Public Works Director is planning a big open house. It will be on May 21st from 10:00am - 1:00pm and will be located at the Public Works Building at 155 East Burlington. This event coincides with National Public Works Week.

Trustee Barker

- The Environmental Improvement Committee gave their annual report at a committee meeting before this meeting.
- The *No Mow' Til Mother's Day Program* has over 200 people signed up. More information can be found on the village website.
- A special recycling event will be held at the new Public Works Department on April 16th at 8:00 am - noon. There is more information on the Village website as to what can be collected.
- The Westmont First Committee will meet on April 18th.
- Westmont First is looking into the community mural program and the committee is hoping to have an initial draft of some guidelines that would allow for community murals in Westmont.

Trustee Brady

- The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is April 13 at 7:00pm. There are 3 items scheduled for that meeting:
 1. Review proposed duplex at 413 North Cass
 2. Review proposed automobile uses, including auto body repair, at 725 Pasquinelli Drive
 3. Review proposed zoning for firearm sales in the Village.
- Drew Mitchell of Holladay Properties will give us an update on the Quincy Station project at 1 West Quincy Street. He is not here right now, but Trustee Brady will give the introduction if he (Drew Mitchell) is in attendance later in the evening.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be June 2, 2022, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- Congratulated Deputy Chief Kevin O'Hare who was recently appointed to the State EMS Committee.

Trustee Simovich

- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting has been rescheduled to May 5th instead of April 21st.
- The prescription drug take back program is scheduled on April 30th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. There will be two drop off locations:
 - Police Station, 500 N. Cass
 - Mariano's 150 W. 63rd Street

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

No items to be removed from the consent agenda.

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 March 24, 2022.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #24: Dated **April 7, 2022** in the amount of
\$ 1,208,432.36

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS

There are no purchase orders for this meeting.



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(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE: \$ 1,208,432.36

(E) PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Board to approve a proclamation declaring April 18-24, 2022 as National Volunteer Week.

(F) PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

Board to approve a proclamation declaring April 10 - 16, 2022 as National Telecommunicators Week.

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

Mayor Gunter announced that agenda item d. has been moved to be addressed first. The applicant's attorney has asked for this item to be postponed.

(2) WILLOW CREST GOLF COURSE REDEVELOPMENT - 3500 MIDWEST ROAD

Mayor Gunter and the applicant's attorney addressed the Board on this item.

The applicant's attorney has heard requests for a conservation easement and recently published a conservation easement and they are looking to work with some affected parties regarding the terms of that conservation easement. The attorney asked that the case be continued to the next meeting.

Attorney Zemenak stated that negotiations may take longer than 1 week and requests that it is a motion to postpone generally.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider postponing ordinances approving requests from WCW Landowner, LLC, regarding the property at 3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook, Illinois, 60523, for the following:

1. Comprehensive Plan Amendment to redesignate approximately 52.8 acres from Parks/Open Space to Single Family Attached Residential.
2. B-3 Special Development District Amendment to remove approximately 52.8 acres from an approved Preliminary and Final Concept Plan.

3. Conceptual Preliminary Plat of Subdivision.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT LICENSES

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn and the applicants addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available massage establishment licenses by one (1) for Erdene L.L.C. d/b/a Pacific Clinical Massage Therapy at 333 W. 63rd Street Westmont.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) B-1 PERMIT - TAPATIO MEXICAN GRILL

Community Development Director Sylvester and the applicants addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance approving a B-1 Development Permit for Tapatio Mexican Grill to operate a restaurant at 11 West Quincy Street.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) B-1 PERMIT - PARTY BLOSSOM BOUTIQUE

Community Development Director Sylvester and Angelica Villegas addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving a B-1 Development Permit for Party Blossom Boutique to operate a flower, balloon and party supply retailer at 21 W. Quincy



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Street.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(6) HOTEL / MOTEL GRANT REQUEST - LIONS CLUB - SPRING FLING BBQ

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider a motion awarding a Hotel/Motel Grant request in the amount of \$2,500 to the Westmont Lions for a Spring Fling Red, White, and BBQ event.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(7) LEASE AGREEMENT - FIRE TRUCK

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider a resolution approving a lease-purchase agreement with PNC Equipment Finance for the lease of Fire Truck.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(8) PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Simonovich** to consider an ordinance approving a real estate agreement for the purchase of 423 N. Grant Street for use by the Village.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

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

Nays: None



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Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Drew Mitchell is here to give us an update on Quincy Station.
 - The supply chain issues that you read about are very real. Drew is very pleased that they have had materials delivered and the project has been moving forward. The first residents are expected to move in July 15th and this is all predicated on getting the certificate of occupancy. They hope to have Cass & Quincy fully returned by June 1st, which means they will be out of the public right of way.
 - Discussed the alley work, which will be done in two sections so it is less disruptive to residents and businesses.
 - Expects Whiskey Hill to be coming in for permit very soon because they will be taking our restaurant space.
- The Mayor stated that Drew has been great to work with and he looks forward to the completion of the project.
- Trustee Barker stated that the information on social media has been really nice. He likes the videos.
- Drew Mitchell thanked everyone for being great to work with and being supporters of this investment.

(9) MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by **Trustee Simonovich** to adjourn the meeting at **6:53pm.**

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:53 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 21st day of April, 2022