

Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, October 8, 2020.**

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 Barry P
Guzzo P Liddle P
Nero P

STAFF:

May <u>P</u> (Village Mgr)	Parker <u>P</u> (Finance Director)	Sylvester <u>P</u> (Community Dev. Director)
Brainerd <u>A</u> (HR Director)	McIntyre <u>P</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.)	Olsson <u>A</u> (Assistant Finance Director))	Richards <u>A</u> (Deputy Clerk)
Ramsey <u>P</u> (P.W. Director)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Management Analyst)	Mulhearn <u>P</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)

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 requests.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Village Clerk Virginia Szynski administered the oath of office to appointed Village Trustee Frank Brady.

- Trustee Brady addressed the Village Board and talked about his experience and looks forward to working together as a team.
- Mayor Gunter congratulated Trustee Brady.

ROLL CALL OF THE NEW VILLAGE BOARD:

Mayor Gunter asked Clerk Szynski for a roll call of the new Village Board.

PRESENT:	Mayor Gunter	<u>P</u>	Clerk Szynski	<u>P</u>
TRUSTEES:	Barker	<u>P</u>	Barry	<u>P</u>
	Brady	<u>P</u>	Guzzo	<u>P</u>
	Liddle	<u>P</u>	Nero	<u>P</u>

VOTING KEY: A=ABSENT AB=ABSTAIN N=NO W=Withdrawn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

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Mayor Gunter asked for an update from Fire Chief Riley regarding COVID-19.
 - Fire Chief Riley reported that there are 18,729 cases in DuPage County.
 - 579 cases have been confirmed in the Westmont zip code. We are trending upwards. We have 43 new cases in the last 14 days and that is from the 15 - 19 age group.
 - Continue to wear facemasks and social distance.
 - When we are done with facemasks please put them in the trash. They are not recyclable.

- Various PPE items have been donated to us from Hsinchu County. We will be passing this along to our senior housing and staff. Thanked Angela Yang, our ambassador, who has put this together.
- We will be having a cyber meeting, next Thursday the 15th. We will be having this meeting at about 7:30pm
- Happy National Day to our Taiwanese friends. Double 10 is October 10th. We have participated in the past but due to COVID they are not having a parade.
- September 26th we will begin a redesign for a property adjacent to the train station on West Quincy and it will be renamed to honor former Trustee Jim Addington.

Village Clerk Szyski

- The candidate packets are available for pick up from the Clerk's Office.
- The positions that are up for election in April 2021 are: Mayor, Clerk, 3 Village Trustees, and 3 Library Trustees.
- Candidates can go out and obtain petitions for the April election.
- Scarecrows are on display in downtown Westmont until November 1st. All are encouraged to vote for your favorite scarecrows online at westmontchamber.com
- The Dine Westmont Raffle is underway offering two \$600 gift card prizes. They are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and are available online on westmontchamber.com through October 20th.
- Business license renewals have gone out for the new year. We will not be issuing stickers. Businesses can print off their license online through the portal. If there are any issues, please contact the Clerk's Office at 630-981-6220.
- Rotary conducted their reverse raffle and there was one big winner and 10 consolation prizes.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for December 19th at 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The public works building is moving toward completion. There will be a limited attendance ribbon cutting on Tuesday, November 10th, which is also the Village's 99th Anniversary. This will begin the countdown to our 100th anniversary celebration.
- Read an article about the origin of the name "Westmont".

Trustee Liddle

- Recapped information from the Administration / Finance Committee.
 - The CARES Grant and other grants were discussed.
 - The late water fees were discussed.
 - Talked about the capital improvements which were on hold.
- If you are decorating your home go to westmontevents.com and sign up for the decorating contest.
- A costume contest is taking place for kids. We will be coming to your home and taking pictures. We are also handing out goodie bags.
- Halloween is not being cancelled in Westmont, just make sure that you follow

instructions.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be November 5th at 4:30pm. This will be a hybrid meeting.
- The Police Department will be hosting a paper shredding event with Westmont business Docu-Shred. This will be a fundraiser for Special Olympics Illionios. The Shred event is scheduled for October 17th. The event will run from 9am to 1:00pm at 500 North Cass Avenue.
- The prescription drug take back is also back. It is scheduled for October 24th at 10am - 2pm at 500 N. Cass Ave.
- There will not be a Fire Prevention Open House or silent parade this year.
- Since it is Fire Department Safety week, the Fire Department has started posting safety videos on social media.
- The Fire Department has launched a community survey to gauge feedback from the public regarding their service.

Trustee Barker

- Westmont First meeting will be meeting on Monday night via Zoom at 6:00pm.
- Gave an update on the Census. We have just over 75.1% participation.
- The Environmental Improvement Committee has a report for the public. Thanked John Yeater for all of his hard work. Asked the EIC members to the podium to talk about what has been happening and the future of the committee.
 - Committee members talked about the tree clean up and invasive species. Other things that were discussed were the seminars such as climate change.
 - Solid Waste is a variable that we can control. Talked about Westmont's ranking in the community.
 - Discussed recycling data in Westmont.
 - Educational resources can be handed out virtually while we are in this pandemic.
 - More people turned to gardening during the pandemic and we are hoping to keep on that trend.
 - One of the members gave a brief presentation about light pollution. Discussed Dark Sky Ordinances.
 - Asked about the curbside composting and if that is something that we can do for next year.
 - Talked about the impact of styrofoam on our environment.
 - Trustee Baker talked about "no mow". It is a concept that allows you to plant and maintain prairie plants to promote pollination.

Trustee Barry

- Welcomed Frank Brady to the Board.
- The Economic Development Committee is not meeting currently. However, staff members are still meeting to monitor economic development and potential projects coming in.

- Windy City Cannabis has pulled their permits and is moving along.
- Starbucks is now open and the mystery grocery store is getting close to opening.
- The Mariano's Fuel Station is now open.
- The medical facility on Ogden is moving along and the office complex on Pasquinelli is also nearing completion.
- Nature's Best is still working on their parking lot issues.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

There are no items to be removed from the consent agenda.

(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 24, 2020**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #11: Dated **September 24, 2020** in the amount of **\$2,147,546.44**.

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS

21200790	Compass Minerals America, Inc	\$ 51,923.20
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(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE : \$ 2,199,469.64

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(2) INCREASE IN AVAILABLE CLASS 23 LIQUOR LICENSES - ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS

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

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available Class 23 Liquor Licenses by one (1) for Absolutely Delicious, 18 North Cass Avenue.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barry, Guzzo, Nero, Liddle

Nays: Barker

Absent: None

Abstain: Brady

NEW BUSINESS

(3) REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Gunter addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a motion to accept the Mayor's reappointment of Stella Qualizza to a second term to the Board of Fire and Police Commission.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) MODIFICATION OF A CLASS 24 LIQUOR LICENSE

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance amending the Class 24 liquor license classification to allow on-site tasting of wine and hard ciders.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Village Manager May followed up on the report given by Trustee Nero. The water utility was installed in 1909 prior to the incorporation of the town. The reason the name "Westmont" was chosen is because Gregg's Station was the highest point on the railroad from the city of Chicago all the way to the Mississippi river.

(5) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szynski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 22th day of October, 2020