

Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, December 2, 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 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>A</u> (Police Dept.)	Dep Chief Thompson <u>P</u> (Police Dept.)	Dep Chief Gruen <u>A</u> (Police Dept.)
Chief Riley <u>A</u> (Fire Dept.)	Dep Chief O'Hare <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	Mulhearn <u>A</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)
Ramsey <u>A</u> (P.W. Director)	Mielcarski <u>A</u> (Management Analyst)	Hennerfeind <u>A</u> (Village Planner)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Carrara A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

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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VOTING KEY: **A=ABSENT** **AB=ABSTAIN** **N=NO** **W=Withdrawn**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>
	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>				
TRUSTEE BARKER	<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>				
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>				
TRUSTEE SIMONOVICH	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>				

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- Invited Deputy Fire Chief O'Hare to the podium to give an update on COVID-19.
 - DC O'Hare stated that the numbers had been trending down prior to Thanksgiving, but unfortunately cases are back up.
 - In the U.S. cases are up 26%, hospitalizations have held pretty still with a decrease of 1% and deaths decreased 13% in the U.S.
 - In Illinois the new positivity rate is 3.7, cases are up 60%, hospitalizations are up 30% and deaths have stood still with a 0% change.
 - The transmission rate in DuPage County remains high and the testing positivity rate is 3.4 and continues to increase. Hospitalizations remain low at approximately 5 per day, deaths remain low at approximately 1 per day.
 - In DuPage County we are currently at 118,217 cases along with 1,488 deaths. In Westmont we are at 2,896 cases and there have been no new deaths in the last two weeks.
- The Anniversary Parade, which is the Frosty and Friends Parade, will be held this Saturday starting at 5:00pm. The parade starts and marches south on Cass Avenue from Chicago/ Naperville Road. It will go south over the tracks and head west on Quincy

Street. The Tree lighting will be by the Westmont Centre and then everyone will walk over toward west Quincy Street to watch the fireworks and take outdoor pictures with Santa.

- There was some confusion with November leaf pick up. The ending date of the free leaf pick up was November 26, 2021, which was publicized. However, during board meetings we stated "during the month of November" there was free leaf pick up. Many people continued to put leaves out after the 26th thinking that leaves were still going to be picked up. Waste Management did come back out to pick those up on Wednesday. Next year we will make sure that we don't have that confusion again.

Village Clerk Szyski

- Village offices will be closed December 23th and 24th for the Christmas Holiday.
- The Westmont High School Band Booster Craft Show will be December 4th from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Trustee Liddle

- The Administration/Finance Committee was cancelled this evening.
- There are many community events that are going on.
 - DOWNTOWN PAINTED WINDOWS PROJECT - Check out all of the businesses that participated in this fun project that brings excitement and creativity to our downtown - participating businesses include Neat Restaurant, Taurasi Restaurant, Urban Vets, Expressions Dance & Artistic Pursuit
 - KRIS KRINGLE PUB TOUR - The next Westmont Special Events pub tour will be Saturday, Dec. 11. Sign up at westmontevents.com
 - HOLLY DAYS HOME DECORATING CONTEST - There are a lot of homes that have been decorated for the holidays. Sign up on the village website for the Holly Days Home Decorating Contest - westmont.illinois.gov
 - FINDING FROSTY CHALLENGE - Next week, Westmont Special Events will hide their Frosty the Snowman decoration at a new location all week long. Find frosty, take a picture, and enter into a raffle to win restaurant gift certificates and more. Sign up at westmontevents.com
 - MONTHLY PAINTING CLASSES - Westmont Special Events is co-hosting its first painting class with the Creative Arts Network on December 13th at NEAT Kitchen. All artistic abilities are welcome. You can sign-up through the WSEC website.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works Committee meeting is December 16, 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The 63rd and Richmond stormwater project is completed. The new gateway sign is up so go check it out.
- Depending on the weather, the new village fueling center should be opened up really soon.
- Thank you to Waste Management for taking care of the leaf pick up.

Trustee Simonovich

- The Police Public Safety Committee meeting has been cancelled for December 22.
- The next Police Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on January 27, 2022.
- HR is doing a great job filling open positions.
- Welcomed those that started in our firefighter candidate program this week.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting will be March 10, 2022 at 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Asked Deputy Chief O'Hare to talk about the Keep the Wreath Red Program.
 - The program runs from December 1, 2021 to January 2, 2022.
 - It's a program that brings awareness to Fire Safety regarding holiday decorations. There is a wreath at each firehouse that is illuminated in red lights and every time we have a fire in town that is determined to be from holiday decorations we change one bulb to white.
 - This is meant to be a reminder to use safety precautions when decorating both inside and outside of your house.
 - On our website we have a press release with all the different initiatives that can be taken.

Trustee Brady

- The December Planning and Zoning Commission agenda next week will include:
 - 1) Several entitlements required for Mrs. T's Pizza and Pub to move into the property at 2 West Naperville Road, which is currently Golden Basket.
 - 2) A text amendment recommendation to improve the zoning definition for 'Craft Alcoholic Beverage Dispensers.
 - 3) Two entitlements required for Whiskey Hill Brewing Co, Inc. to locate on the ground floor at 1 West Quincy / Quincy Station as a 'Craft Alcoholic Beverage Dispensers.
 - 4) A text amendment recommendation to define and regulate wireless telecommunication facilities including cell-antennas and cell-towers, and to amend current requirements for other types of antennas.
- Thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission for going through all of the detailed work for us as Board to make a recommendation.
- December 18th at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery located in Arlington there is a nationwide wreath laying ceremony, called Wreaths Across America. The program starts at 11am and it gets quite crowded. It's a humbling experience. If anyone is interested in participating be sure to get there no later than 8:00am.

Trustee Barker

- Reminded everyone what Westmont First is about.
 - This season is filled with people volunteering for all the different holiday activities.
 - Westmont First asked people to volunteer in their committee and support local charities. There are many things organizations are doing such as coat drives and we ask people to step up and get involved in those and help out as much as they can.
 - Encouraged residents to support our local businesses.
- The Environmental Improvement Committee will meet on December 6th, 5:30pm at the Library.
 - Currently there is a program for cooking oil recycling. Residents can drop off used cooking oil at the Downers Grove Sanitary District at any time to be recycled. DG San is located at 2710 Curtiss St in Downers Grove.
 - Holiday Lights can be recycled at two locations. Now through the end of January, residents can drop off unwanted holiday lights at the Library or Fire Headquarters.

The Westmont Chamber Winterball has been postponed or cancelled. However, they are having a raffle to support our local businesses.

- Larry Forssberg was invited to the podium to discuss the raffle. Information can be found at westmontchamber.com and the proceeds are there to help support the Chamber.

PUBLIC HEARING

(A) PROPERTY TAX LEVY HEARING - VILLAGE OF WESTMONT

Board to conduct a public hearing regarding the tax levy for the Village of Westmont.

- The Board is not legally required to publish notice in the paper or hold a public hearing due to such a small increase in the proposed levy. However, in the interest of transparency the Board chose to hold this hearing and publish notice.
- The proposed total levy is in the amount of \$9,583,437. It is expected this levy will generate closer to \$9,322,041.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:18pm.

There was no one in the audience for public comment.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:19pm.

(B) PROPERTY TAX LEVY HEARING - SPECIAL SERVICE AREA 2

Board to conduct a public hearing regarding the tax levy for Westmont Special Service Area 2.

- This hearing is regarding the levy for the SSA that covers what was formerly the North Westmont Fire Protection District. The levy amount is \$95,187.
- This is based on using 2020 EAV to estimate the amount necessary for a rate such that by 2021 the SSA will be paying the same rate as Westmont residents.
- The increase is over 5% this year and that requires the Village to hold a public hearing.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:20pm

There was no one in the audience for public comment.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:20pm.

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 **November 18, 2021**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #16: Dated **December 2, 2021** in the amount of **\$ 2,952,957.39**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS = \$0.00

(D) 2021 WESTMONT HOLLY DAYS

Board to consider an ordinance approving the following requests from the Westmont Holly Days Committee for the 2021 Westmont Holly Days Parade, Tree Lighting & Fireworks on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

- Permit amplified sound in downtown business district near Westmont Centre 4pm to 8pm
- Close sections of several streets from Naperville Road to 55th Street, from 4pm to 6pm, for the Holly Days Parade
- Close West Quincy Street from Cass Avenue to Adams, from 1pm to 8pm, for the Holly Days Parade

- Close East Quincy Street from Cass Avenue to Wilmette Ave, from 4pm to 6:30pm, for fireworks presentation
- Close North Linden from Burlington to Chicago Avenue for parade staging area 4pm to 6pm

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) PROPERTY TAX LEVY - VILLAGE OF WESTMONT

Mayor Gunter addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance adopting the 2021 tax levy for the Village of Westmont in the amount of \$9,583,437.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #2

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) PROPERTY TAX LEVY - SPECIAL SERVICE AREA 2

Mayor Gunter addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider an ordinance adopting the 2021 tax levy for the Village of Westmont's Special Service Area 2.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #3

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

Nays: None

Absent: None



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(4) ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Assistant Village Manager Parker addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2021 to pay debt service on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2013A; its General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2013B; its General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017; its General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019A; and its General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019B of the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #4

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) 319 N LINCOLN STREET - VARIANCE

Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Simonovich** to consider an ordinance approving a request from Robert Borucki for a Zoning Code Variance request to allow a driveway to encroach into the required side yard setback for the property located at 319 North Lincoln Street.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #5

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(6) ACCESSORY PUBLIC UTILITY BUILDINGS TEXT AMENDMENT

Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Appendix A, Section 4.05(E), "Permitted accessory structures and uses in yards," regulating accessory Public Utility Buildings.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #6

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

Nays: None

Absent: None



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(7) 200 WEST 63RD STREET - SITE AND LANDSCAPE PLAN APPROVAL

Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving a request from Exp Us Services, Inc. and AT&T for a Site and Landscaping Plan to construct an accessory Public Utility Building located at 200 West 63rd Street, located in the C-1 Commercial Business District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #7

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(8) 547 63RD STREET - LOT SUBDIVISION AND REZONING

Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving requests from Calistoga Home Builders regarding the property at 547 63rd Street, for the following:

1. Map Amendment to rezone from R-1 Single Family Detached Residence District to R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.
2. Preliminary and Final Plat of Subdivision to establish three buildable residential lots in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #8

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Trustee Nero asked who would maintain the detention area.

Director Sylvester stated that the language is written that it would be handled jointly between the home owners.

Trustee Barker asked what are the approximate home values in that area.

Quasi from Calistoga Homebuilders addressed the Village Board. They are asking about \$900,000 a piece.

(9) BOWLING ALLEY TEXT AMENDMENT

Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Guzzo** to consider a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to Article XIV(B), "Definitions," of the Zoning Ordinance to create a definition for Bowling Alleys.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #9

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(10) 201 WEST OGDEN AVENUE - SUBURBANITE SPECIAL USE PERMITS

Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider ordinances approving requests from Suburbanite Bowl, Inc., and Clover's Garden Center, LLC, regarding the property located at 201 West Ogden Avenue, for the following:

1. Special Use Permit to operate a bowling alley in the B-2 General Business District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #10

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(11) 201 WEST OGDEN AVENUE - SUBURBANITE SPECIAL USE PERMITS

Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider ordinances approving requests from Suburbanite Bowl, Inc., and Clover's Garden Center, LLC, regarding the property located at 201 West Ogden Avenue, for the following:

2. Special Use Permit to operate a seasonal outdoor sales lot for Clover's Garden Center.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #11

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

Nays: None

Absent: None



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(12) 538 65TH STREET - LOT SUBDIVISION AND REZONING

Community Development Director Sylvester addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving requests from Jason Han and Danielle and Jerrald Smits regarding the property at 538 65th Street, for the following:

1. Map Amendment request to rezone from R-1 Single Family Detached Residence District to R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.
2. Preliminary and Final Plat of Subdivision to establish two buildable residential lots in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residence District.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #12

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

(13) VIRTRA SIMULATED TRAINING REVISED AGREEMENT & MOU

Deputy Police Chief Thompson addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Barker** to consider an ordinance approving the following revised agreements for the license and use of use-of-force simulator equipment and related training services by the Westmont Police Department:

1. Revised Agreement with VirTra for the joint license of use-of-force simulator equipment and related training services; and
2. Revised Memorandum of Understanding with various agencies to administer the shared use of said equipment.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #13

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Mayor Gunter asked if Deputy Police Chief Thompson could give an update on the shooting that took place. Deputy Police Chief Thompson shared the following information.
 - There is no concern for the neighborhood.
 - There was a response to shots fired near Eagle Creek. Police found several shell casings and a shattered sliding door. The victim came forward and it was determined that it was a robbery. The offenders were armed. It's unclear if this person was targeted because of people who knew him or something he had. It is still under investigation.
- Manager May talked about December 30th. We have three Village Board Meetings in the month of December and usually there is a cancellation due to the Christmas holiday. However, this year we are still planning on having the December 30th meeting and it will likely have planning related items on the agenda.

(14) MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:54 P.M.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to adjourn the meeting at **6:54pm.**

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

VOTE ON MOTION #14

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:54 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szyski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 16th day of December, 2021