

**MINUTES**  
**PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**21460 Lincoln Highway**  
**Lynwood, Illinois 60411**  
**Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call To Order**

Mayor Curry called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present on the roll call were Trustees: Eaves, Lilly, Dunlap, Blakey, Clark, Marshall  
Absent: none

**Address the Board/ Public Comment**

Mr. Lawrence Bova addressed the Board. Mr. Bova spoke about the need for the Village to have a post office in town. He spoke about the need for the Village to differentiate itself from neighboring communities, which can be done by obtaining its own zip code. He stated this was attempted in the past, however, the proper channels were not taken, and it was turned down. He stated he wants to help make this possible, and get it done this time. Mr. Bova is the owner of Lola's next door to Village Hall and would like to convert that building into a post office if possible.

Mr. Jones addressed the Board. Mr. Jones reported he continues to have a problem with storm water drainage in his back yard. Mr. Jones indicated this has been an on-going issue and he wants to get it resolved.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
Trustee Blakey moved, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve the Minutes from 9/28/21.

Roll Call was taken.

Ayes: Trustees: Eaves, Lilly, Dunlap, Blakey, Clark, Marshall  
Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none Motion: carried

**Public Works.....Lilly**

Trustee Lilly reported the public works team is continuing to work to remove all branches and refuge since the chipper is not working.

**Economic Development/ Community Affairs.....Blakey**

Trustee Blakey congratulated the owner (Darrell Petty) of L. Restaurant that opened next door in the old senior building. He stated he had attended an event there last week and it was fabulous. He indicated that there is going to be a ribbon cutting on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Blakey encouraged all available to join. Trustee Blakey also mentioned there will be a ribbon cutting tomorrow (Wed. 10/13/21) for the new Dollar General that is coming to town. Trustee Blakey mentioned this

project was sphere headed when Mayor Curry was Trustee and he indicated this is another example of the type of leadership that needs to be in place in order to move Lynwood forward. Trustee Blakey mentioned that he is still recruiting for anyone who has business or economic development experience to join this committee.

Trustee Blakey gave accolades to Trustee Clark’s glowing bike-around event that was held on last Sunday evening. He said we had about 30 residents participating, and others were lining the streets waving and cheering. Trustee Blakey thanked the police dept. for providing an escort and he mentioned Trustee Clark assembled approximately 20 slingshots that were lit up and rode with the bikes. All ages participated. Trustee Blakey also mentioned some upcoming events; Senior Luncheon from 12-2 at Lencioni’s this coming Sat., on Sunday, the Village of Lynwood’s tailgating party will start at 9:00am to noon at the Southland Center and on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Trustee Eaves is sphere heading with the finance committee the first Financial Literacy program for 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders. It will be an 8-week program here at Village Hall. On Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> the Lynwood Police is hosting a Trunk or Treat at the clubhouse in Alpine Village. Trustee Blakey also mentioned the How Do I Say Thank You Challenge. This is for all residents to participate by decorating your home for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be a first, second, and third place winner. Judgment will be between Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Parks & Recreation.....Dunlap**

Trustee Dunlap reported progress is still moving forward with the dog park. Trustee Dunlap thanked two businesses for donating funds to the efforts of the dog park. Those two businesses were The Center for Islamic Teaching & Lynwood Mobile Gas Station. Mayor Curry added those two groups have donated a total of \$10,000 towards the Veteran’s Memorial Park.

**Planning & Zoning.....Lilly /Clark**

Trustee Lilly thanked Mayor Curry for assisting in helping the Planning and Zoning Board staff up to 7 members from the 5 that were there when the new administration took office. Trustee Lilly stated Droit Self Storage was approved unanimously last night. Trustee Lilly mentioned they can now move forward with this venture. Trustee Lilly mentioned LCS Group Two Corporation presented to them. They are a Leverage Capital Systems Company that wants to build something called the James Charles Perry Industrial Estate. This would be a heavy industrial campus of buildings, at the north-east corner of Stoney Island and Joe Orr Road. The company has already purchased land (18 acres) at that location. Trustee Lilly reported that the operation would potentially bring over 700 jobs to Lynwood.

**Ordinances and Resolutions.....Clark**

Trustee Clark moved, seconded by Trustee Eaves to approve the FIRST READ/NO ACTION TAKEN for Resolution # 21-48, a Resolution approving the use of Class 8 property tax abatement for LEEP’S SUPPLY COMPANY for the property commonly known as 19830 Stony Island Ave., Lynwood, IL.

*Attorney Boyle was absent, in his absence Attorney Graeme Quinn explained this Resolution is to extend the tax incentive for LEEP’s so that LEEP’s business can continue to grow and encourage growth and economic development around the area as well.*

Roll Call was taken;  
Ayes: Trustees: Eaves, Lilly, Dunlap, Blakey, Clark, Marshall  
Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: Motion: carried

Trustee Clark moved, seconded by Trustee Lilly to approve FIRST READ/NO ACTION TAKEN for Resolution #21-49, a Resolution of the village of Lynwood, authorizing an application to the assessor of Cook County for Class 8 Certification pursuant to the Cook County real property assessment classification Ordinance, as amended 2581 Glenwood-Lansing Rd.

Attorney Quinn explained this was a class 8 application for the bowling alley in town.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Eaves, Lilly, Dunlap, Blakey, Clark, Marshall

Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none Motion: carried

**Health & Wellness.....Clark**

Trustee Clark thanked members of the health and wellness team and Trustees for assisting with the bike around Lynwood event. Trustee Clark mentioned this would not have been done without the participation and help of the Village. She thanked both the police dept. and fire dept. and Mayor Curry for their participation in this effort. Trustee Clark stated this will be an annual event, with the hopes that more people will come out.

Trustee Clark reported if you need your vaccination and you need services to come to you, you will have to call 866.253.9266. Trustee Clark mentioned we are working to put together another Lynwood vaccination event on in Lynwood. Trustee Clark mentioned we are still losing people to this disease and is encouraging all to get vaccinated.

Mayor Curry added that Sandridge School is offering COVID testing for the Village. Mayor Curry encouraged residents to go on the school's website for more information regarding this. Lastly, Mayor Curry also stated Vernon Park Church reached out today and will be offering all three shots as well as the booster shot. A flyer will be out soon with the details as well as info will be provided on our website.

**Finance .....Eaves**

Trustee Eaves mentioned there were 8 seats available for enrollment for the Financial Literacy Program. Trustee Eaves encouraged residents if they were interested to please enroll your 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grader. Trustee Eaves mentioned if there are any residents with a financial background to please assist by being an instructor or to a guest speaker. Please reach out to her or Village Hall.

Trustee Eaves mentioned next year the Finance Committee will be giving away college scholarships to college bound students. To help fund the scholarships they will be having fund raising events (raffles) at upcoming events. The committee was accepting donations of new items to be raffled at OctoberFest.

Trustee Eaves also reported that Cook County Suburban Housing Rental Assistance Program has opened up and will close Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are a landlord or a tenant, please reach out to them if applicable.

**Public Safety.....Marshall**

Trustee Marshall reported he will be meeting Monday with the chief of police and the athletic director from Bloom Township to set the schedule for getting into the Driver's Ed program to administer Chief Dempsey's Driver Safety Program. Trustee Marshall also mentioned he will be meeting with the administration from TF South to get them started as well.

Trustee Marshall mentioned we had our first meeting with the new Community Policing program with Sergeant Larry. We are breaking Lynwood Down by approx. 8 areas and we are taking section by section until everyone is covered. These meetings provide tidbits for creating a better community. Our next meeting will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> and will cover Park Ave.

Lastly, Trustee Marshall reported that 3 new fire fighter prospects will begin training the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of Nov.

## Reports & Communications

**Police Dept.....Dan Dempsey**

Chief Dempsey reported officers responded to an incident that occurred near 201<sup>st</sup> @ Lake Lynwood regarding a shooting. A vehicle had crashed into the cornfields at 198<sup>th</sup> & Torrence. The victim was transported to the hospital. Police are canvassing the area and video footage has been collected. A Press Release was put on the Village's Website.

The Police & Fire Commission will be conducting interviews on lateral transfer candidates. They will also be meeting with P4 Security Services to discuss conducting a new police sergeant's exam.

Chief Dempsey mentioned the installation of the Flock System Automatic License Plate Recognition Camera and Vehicle Fingerprint Technology that Lynwood will be installing in the village in the near future. The cameras will deliver real-time notifications to the officers. The cameras are being placed in locations that will allow us to capture anyone who enters or leaves Lynwood.

From 9/28 – 10/12, the Lynwood Police have recovered 7 firearms. These firearms have been recovered from traffic stops. These guns are not from incidents that have happened in Lynwood or from any Lynwood residents.

Our tactical unit is out working the streets and have made numerous traffic stops. They will continue to be out focusing on traffic stops.

Lastly, Chief Dempsey reported the crime stats from 9/29-10/11

- 1 aggravated battery firearm
- 42 building checks
- 11 citizen assists
- 13 Ordinance violations
- 11 Suspicious Incidents
- 14 Domestic Disturbances
- 39 Traffic Stops
- 5 Traffic Accidents
- 30 Ambulance Assists

**Asst. Chief of Police.....Robin Bolde**

Assistant Chief Bolde reported she and Chief Dempsey attended the South Suburban Org. of Police Chiefs meeting on 10/6. They spoke to several Chiefs about working as a team to battle the violence in the Chicago Southland area. AC Bolde reported that a grant was submitted to Northern and Middle States Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Program for our K9 division.

AC Bolde also reported the village received a \$1000.00 donation from Thornton Township towards our K9, thanks to K9 handler Ofc. Lindley.

AC Bolde reported there will be a Trunk or Treat event on Sat. 10/30 from 12-2pm at the Alpine Clubhouse. She indicated she is still looking for participants for this event. The police dept. is still accepting applications for records clerk. Interested applicants can apply here at Village Hall. AC Bolde reminded all to visit our Village of Lynwood Police Dept. Facebook page as well as the Neighbors Ring app.

**Director of Community Policing.....Larry Weinbrecht**  
Sergeant Weinbrecht thanked Trustee Marshall, Mayor Curry and Superintendent Campbell for their participation in the first Community Policing Block Club Meeting. Sergeant Weinbrecht mentioned there will be more to come. He indicated

he had a preliminary meeting regarding the drivers ed program, and they were receptive. He reported that this Sat. is the Senior Luncheon where the elected officials will be answering questions from our senior citizens. Sergeant Weinbrecht indicated during the October Fest on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, they will be hosting a trunk or treat event. He also stated the police dept. is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Donations are now being accepted for the upcoming holiday. Donation boxes can be found in the lobby of Village Hall.

**Fire Chief.....Keenan Newton**

Chief Newton reported the call volume for the 2-week period - (9/16-10/9)

There were;

7 Auto/Mutual Aid (3 fire structures)

54 medical calls

5 motor vehicle calls

2 some alarms

2 fire alarm/smoke alarm

1 natural gas leak

Chief Newton reported the fire dept. is continuing their efforts to improve service and staffing models. They are actively recruiting new fire fighters. The village will train and send new recruits to the fire academy and EMT school. They currently have 6 new applications. They will be interviewing in approx. 2 weeks.

Chief Newton reported the residential smoke detector program is still going. The fire dept. will inspect and evaluate existing smoke detectors, and will recommend replacements or install basic smoke detectors based on need. Lastly

Chief mentioned the Fire dept. hosted its Annual Open House. They had a UCAN helicopter. He reported they had a fire suppression and vehicle extrication demo as well. Chief Newton reported Lynwood's First responders will also be making a donation to the canine unit. Mayor Curry gave kudos to Fire Chief Newton for the Fire Dept.'s recent open house. She indicated it was an awesome event.

**Public Works.....Raymond Campbell**

Mayor Curry reported on behalf of Superintendent Campbell in his absence. Mayor Curry reported the two towers at the intersection of 201<sup>st</sup> Street and Torrence were taken down. Mayor Curry mentioned when Ray returns, she is certain they will get back to work completing that project.

**Finance.....Kimberly Swiderek**

Finance Director Kim Swiderek reported she will be attending a webinar hosted by CEDA for low-income water systems program. The program is to help Cook County residents who are delinquent with their water bills. The program can grant up to \$1,500.00 toward their outstanding bills. Kim also reported that any employee who wishes to take advantage of the 457 program can sign up this week.

**Village Attorney .....Dan Boyle**

Attorney Boyle was absent, in his absence Attorney Quinn indicated he had no report.

**Village Engineer.....Dave Shilling/ Robinson Engineering**

Dave Shilling from Robinson Engineering reported he has received the contracts for the Crescent Ave. CBDG Construction Road Project. He mentioned he will be having the pre-construction meeting this Friday. After the meeting he will have a schedule. Secondly, Dave mentioned they are reviewing the site plans for the Dunkin Donuts to ensure they are in compliance with Village standards.

**Village Clerk.....Karen Wingfield-Bond**  
Clerk Wingfield- Bond reported the grant was submitted for the Lynwood Tree program and we hope to hear something soon regarding that. Secondly, Clerk Bond reported that Bloom Township is accepting applications for seniors and those that may be disabled to apply for snow removal services. Applications can be picked up at Village Hall if you know of anyone who may be in need of these services.

**Village President/Mayor..... Jada D. Curry**  
Mayor Curry announced tonight was our first night of streaming our Board meetings. She indicated soon there will be a link on our website, and in the near future you will be able to watch the meetings LIVE. Mayor Curry also thanked resident Mr. Ed. Ward for allowing her to celebrate his birthday with him with a lunch date.

Mayor Curry mentioned we are starting to receive bids for the demolition of the home located at 20042 Lakewood. Mayor Curry reminded the residents this has been an eyesore for quite a while and we are finally going to be able to do something about it.

Mayor Curry mentioned the challenges with the water bill. She is aware there has been errors on some of the bills. Mayor Curry mentioned we are working with the company, a training had been scheduled and we are going to get this handled. She encouraged all to call Village Hall instead of relying on social media. Mayor Curry stated we are closer to figuring out what is going on.

Mayor Curry reported Constant Contact is almost ready to launch. We have been collecting email addresses for those who request email notifications to keep informed of Village business, activities and affairs.

Mayor Curry thanked Natalie Oliver for her due diligence in determining the Village can advertise for free on the marquee right behind Village Hall.

Mayor Curry encouraged all residents to come out to our first Oct. Fest. and also, join us as we cheer on the Chicago Bears at the Tailgating Party on Sunday.

Lastly, Mayor Curry encouraged all to attend the State of The Village --Town Hall meeting Nov. 3rd at 6:00pm at the Southland Center. She indicated we will be talking about what we inherited, and where we are going. Village Elected Officials and Department Heads will be there, and we will be answering your questions.

**Unfinished Business**  
**New Business**  
**Executive Session**  
**Adjournment**

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Trustee Blakey moved, seconded by Trustee Clark to adjourn said meeting.

Roll Call was taken.

Ayes: Trustees: Eaves, Lilly, Dunlap, Blakey, Clark, Marshall  
Nays: none Abstain: none Absent: none Motion: carried

Respectfully submitted,

**/S/ Karen Wingfield-Bond**

Karen Wingfield-Bond~ Village Clerk