

MINUTES
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
21460 Lincoln Highway
Lynwood, Illinois 60411
Oct. 26th, 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

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

MINUTES

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from Oct. 12th, 2021.
Trustee Clark moved, seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve the Minutes from 10/12/21.

For discussion... the top of the mins. had the date of Oct.13th, it should have been Oct. 12th. Approval of the Minutes with the change of the date.

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 Village's branch pick-up service is continuing and the crews are working to keep the streets clean, lights are being replaced and water shuts offs are on-going. The Village experienced three outings and Public Works was assisting Com Ed. in locating cables. Trustee Lilly also mentioned they are still looking for volunteers to sit on the P/W Committee.

Economic Development/ Community AffairsBlakey

Trustee Blakey congratulated the owner (Darrell Petty) of L. Restaurant (in the old senior center) The ground breaking ceremony will be on Nov. 10th @ 5p.m. Trustee Blakey reported Dunkin Donuts is still moving forward as planned.

Trustee Blakey also mentioned he is looking for Lynwood residents who have experience in economic development & grant writing to join the Economic Development Committee.

Trustee Blakey stated 'we have' an upcoming Lynwood Beautification Opportunity. This is called "How Can I Say Thanks" contest. The opportunity is to decorate your home with a Thanksgiving theme. There will be a first, second and third place prize for the best decorated homes.

Trustee Blakey mentioned the Town Hall meeting will be taking place on Nov. 2nd. This is an opportunity for the Trustees to explain to our residents what the new administration was presented with when they came into office. "We will discuss what we are doing now, and what we are planning for in the future."

The next meeting for the 'Quality of Life Plan' will be on Nov. 17th at 6:00 pm. It will probably be held at Village Hall. Location will be confirmed later.

Parks & Recreation.....Dunlap

Trustee Dunlap reported progress is still moving forward with the dog park. Trustee Dunlap reported the materials did come in and Public Works will begin working on the park. A groundbreaking Ceremony will take place on Nov. 11th at noon for the Veteran's Memorial Park. (Liberty Park) Trustee Dunlap mentioned this will be at no cost to the Village.

Planning & Zoning.....Lilly /Clark

Trustee Lilly reported Droit Self Storage and LCS Group II Corporation both presented before the Board for future consideration and will be presenting in front of the Trustees as well. Trustee Lilly indicated they are finalizing their packages.

Ordinances and Resolutions.....Clark

Trustee Clark moved, seconded by Trustee Lilly to approve the SECOND READ/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 explained this is essentially a property tax abatement/ reduction incentive for LEEP's so that LEEP's business can continue to grow and encourage growth and economic development around the area. He also explained Lynwood Bowl which is the next Resolution has also submitted application for their Class 8 abatement 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 Dunlap to approve SECOND READ/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.

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 the residents for showing up for the Bike Around Lynwood event. Trustee Clark mentioned this will be an annual event. She thanked Family Christian Health Center for providing vaccines. (COVID & Boosters) Family Christian Health Center (195th Torrence) is providing COVID Vaccines and boosters a couple days of the week, and appointments are needed.

COVID testing is being conducted at Sandridge School. This month is Domestic Violence & Recovery Month. The hotline number is 800-799-SAFE.

The Health and Wellness team is asking for young and old to come up with dance moves to make a Lynwood Shuffle. Details of the contest will be forthcoming.

FinanceEaves

Trustee Eaves moved, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve BPM #1430, in the amount of \$233,299.79 of which \$110,198.13 was payroll.

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

Trustee Eaves moved, seconded by Trustee Clark, to approve BPM#1431 in the amount of \$641,217.50 of which \$141,098.91 was payroll.

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

Trustee Eaves reported the Finance Committee has hosted 3 events, 2 split the pot raffles to sponsor 2022 scholarships for college bound students. A special thanks to Trustee Lilly for selling tickets and Firoz for matching the winning amount that was paid out.

The second event - OktoberFest a split the pot was held. Trustee Eaves gave a special thanks to resident Gwen Wilson who donated her winnings back to the scholarship fund.

On the 23rd the Finance committee hosted their first Financial Literacy program. There are 15 students enrolled. Trustee Eaves thanked the parents for their involvement in this venture that will help their children in the years to come.

The Emergency Rental Assistance portal will close on Oct. 29th, please apply if assistance is needed.

Nicor Gas has partnered with The Salvation Army and have established a program called Shield of Caring. Trustee Eaves stated if you are in need, please apply for that program as well.

Public Safety.....Marshall

Trustee Marshall moved, seconded by Trustee Lilly to approve officer Seneca Woodson as a Full-Time Police Officer for the Village of Lynwood.

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

Trustee Marshall also reported Director of Community Policing, Larry Weinbrecht hosted his second block club meeting which was held on Oct. 20th. Trustee Marshall encouraged all residents to please come out and participate in these worthwhile events. Sergeant Weinbrecht is sending out letters from the Police Dept., so please open the letter and come out to learn about some tips for staying safe. The next one being held will be on Nov. 4th.

Trustee Marshall also reported that last week he attended a meeting regarding the training and implementation of the police program into the Driver's Ed. Program.

Reports & Communications

Police Dept.....Dan Dempsey

Chief Dempsey reported on the shooting update from 20131 Oak Lane. On 10/20/21, Officers responded to 20131 Oak Lane referencing shots were fired. The offender texted one of the victims advising that he was going to Park Forest to shoot up another house. Lynwood Investigators contacted Park Forest. After leaving Park Forest and shooting up a house there, he returned to Lynwood and fired several more rounds through the bedroom window. An Arrest Warrant was issued on 10/22/21 for seven counts of attempted murder.

Chief Dempsey reported that on 9/2/21, a domestic related case between an ex-girlfriend, and her new boyfriend and the ex-boyfriend/father of her children. The incident started in Munster, IN. at the Exxon Gas Station where the ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend chased the victim into Lynwood, attempting to run him off the road. When the vehicle came to a stop, on 201st and Wooddale the new boyfriend exited the vehicle and fired several rounds into the victim's vehicle. The victim fled the scene. Officers were able to locate the offending vehicle, and both offenders were taken into custody. A semi-automatic handgun was recovered from the vehicle. The two offenders were Travantay Winston and Patricia Farabaugh.

Chief Dempsey also reported that on 10/09/21, officers heard shots fired in the area of Glenwood-Lansing Rd. and Torrence and immediately canvassed the area. One of the officers was flagged down and was made aware of a vehicle that had driven into the corn field. It was discovered by the officers that the driver of the vehicle was laying on the ground screaming he had been shot. Officers were told by bystanders that a vehicle was chasing the victim's vehicle, shooting at the victim as he fled. Detectives were asked to assist with processing the scene that spanned from 198th & Torrence to Lakewood, 198th Street and Lakewood to 201st Place and Lakewood. The victim was contacted, and this is an on-going investigation.

Chief Dempsey reported several members of the dept. attended a Critical Race Theory Discussion at Living Grace Church. He indicated he listened to a presentation from Dr. David Daniels, Pastor France, and Trustee Blakey. Some of the topics of the discussions were solutions that should be proposed to reduce racial disparities. Chief stated he gave a brief overview of the many programs the village has conducted to bring the community together.

Chief reported the stats from 10/12/21 through 10/26/21:

- 2 attempted murders
- 3 reckless driving
- 28 building checks
- 18 suspicious incidents
- 5 domestic disturbances
- 13 general disturbances
- 50 traffic stops
- 37 parking enforcements
- 17 ambulance assists

Chief Dempsey reported in the last two weeks the Lynwood Police Dept. has recovered 9 firearms off the street. The tactical unit has made 18 traffic stops, 6 citations were issued, 2 arrest for illegal transportation of over 85 grams of cannabis, 1 arrest for driving while suspended and assisted on 6 other high-level calls.

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

Assistant Chief Bolde reported the senior luncheon was held on Oct. 16th, 2021, and was a success. There were approx. 90 seniors in attendance. AC also reported she and the Chief attended the meeting with the seniors at Lake Point and was able to answer any questions they had.

AC reported that Lynwood Police officers attended the Back the Blue Fundraiser at the Halls of St George in Schererville, IN. At this fundraiser Staci Goveia (President of Protecting K9 Heroes) donated a three month old puppy to our PD for our K9 Unit. Her name is LUNA and Ofc. Wayne Lindley is her handler. He received LUNA this past Sunday and has already starting to train her. The Lynwood Police dept. will be hosting a fundraiser of their own in the near future for Ofc. Lindley and LUNA.

AC Bolde reported the police and fire commissioners met with P4 Security Services & Resource Management and Associates for presentations on conducting our sergeant's promotional exam. The police and fire commissioners have also conducted interviews with our lateral candidates and have provided the dept. with an eligibility list. Officer Woodson finished number one and will be sworn in tonight for a full- time status.

AC Bolde reported she had a demonstration with NIXLE which is a community information service built on a secure, reliable and high-speed platform. NIXLE enables real time and two-way communication through text, email, voice messages, social media, and its own app. This service is relied on by over 8,000 agencies, fire, police schools and hospitals. AC Bolde reported that several of our residents do not utilize the internet and this service would be very beneficial for them. AC Bolde reported she is hoping this service will be up and running within the next few weeks. AC Bolde reminded Lynwood residents to not forget about the Village of Lynwood's FaceBook and Neighbors By Ring App.

Mayor Curry thanked the efforts of Asst. Chief who worked hard to re-establish relationships and we have our canine unit back. Mayor Curry also thanked Officer Lindley for welcoming the puppy "LUNA" into his home. The puppy was donated and her food will be at no cost to the Village.

Director of Community Policing.....Larry Weinbrecht

Sgt. Weinbrecht reported another block meeting was conducted and more will be forthcoming. He reported Ocktober Fest's Trunk or Treat went very well, and had several participants. He indicated Alpine's Trunk or Treat will be Sat. from 12-2pm. Sgt. Weinbrecht reported upcoming events include the Thanksgiving Food Drive, and they are accepting pre-orders for the Village of Lynwood's Ornament. Proceeds will go toward the upcoming food and toy drives. Bowling with Badges will take place Nov. 20th at Lynwood Bowl. The Police Safety Program began at TF South and was very well received by students and parents. Sgt. Weinbrech also indicated they will be meeting with Bloom as well.

Fire Chief.....Keenan Newton

Chief Newton reported the dept. had 71 calls for the period from 10/10 – 10/23/21. There was 1 vehicle fire, 2 auto aid request, 56 medical calls, 0 motor accidents, 2 CO calls, 1 power line down call, 1 asst. citizen, 4 fire alarm, 4 drone call outs (within the week). Chief Newton reported the dept. is continuing efforts to improve service and their staffing model. He indicated the end goal is 24/7 staffing of the dept. He stated he is actively recruiting new firefighters, will train and send them to the academy and EMT school. They currently have 3 candidates.

Chief Newton mentioned the Residential Smoke Detector Program is still underway. The Fire Dept. will inspect and evaluate existing smoke detectors and will make recommendations if they need replacing. Lastly, Chief Newton reported

the Lynwood First Responders Association & Lynwood Police Dept. will be working together to support needy families in the village over the Holidays. They will provide food for the family and toys for the kids.

Public Works.....Raymond Campbell

Superintendent Campbell reported the public works crews removed the two damaged towers on 201st & Torrence and replaced damaged streetlights on 201st & Driftwood. Public works repaired a light pole that was damaged when it was hit. A police report was obtained, and a claim will be filed. The Fall Season branch pick up will be ending Nov. 8th & 9th. Public Works equipment will be getting prepared for the winter months. Superintendent Campbell acknowledged Jeff Morton – Commissioner from Lincoln Lansing Drainage District who attended our meeting. Superintendent Campbell indicated Lincoln Lansing Drainage District worked with the village to eliminate the water off the streets. Superintendent Campbell thanked Commissioner Morton for his efforts.

Finance.....Kimberly Swiderek

Finance Director Swiderek mentioned we paid off one of the village’s TAW (Tax Anticipation Warrant) for \$155,000. Mrs. Swiderek mentioned the Village only has one TAW left that is due this upcoming June. In the past the Village never paid off the TAW. The previous administration would renew it and pay a little towards the principal balance along with some interest. By paying off the TAW, before its due date, we were able to save on some interest expense.

On Dec. 6, CEDA’s Low Income Housing Water program will begin. They will pay up to \$1,500.00 on your water bill if you qualify. Kim also reported the village will be sending other info out to assist as well. Info will be on the website and in your water bills.

Mayor Curry acknowledged Finance Director Kimberly Swiderek for her hard work. Mayor Curry indicated this is debt the Village has been carrying for many years. Mayor Curry indicated this is an accomplishment as we’ve been in office only 5 months and we were able to get this paid off.

Village AttorneyDan Boyle

Attorney Boyle indicated he had no report.

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

Dave Shilling reported the recent rain delayed the Crescent Ave. project, and the work to be done in Wellington Court.

Village Clerk.....Karen Wingfield-Bond

Village Clerk mentioned we are currently hosting a Village Sticker Design Contest with Heritage and Sandridge Schools. 5th, 6th and 7th graders will be participating. The theme of the design is “what does my community mean to me” There will be a first, second and third place winner, and the winner will be announced at the Board meeting on Jan. 11th.

Secondly, Clerk Wingfield-Bond met with a representative from the Sec. of State’s office to work on merging and purging records that we have dated back as far as 1973. She indicated she will be meeting with departments, to determine what we have and what can be discarded and what must remain a permanent part of the archives.

Lastly, Village Clerk Karen Wingfield-Bond swore in Officer Seneca Woodson as a full-time police officer for the Village of Lynwood.

Village President/Mayor..... Jada D. Curry

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to cancel the Village Board Meeting scheduled for Nov. 23rd, 2021. Trustee Blakey moved, supported by Trustee Marshall to approve cancelling the Board meeting scheduled for Nov. 23rd, 2021.

Roll Call was taken.

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

Absent: none, Nays:none Present: none Motion: carried

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to cancel the Board Meeting scheduled for Dec. 28th 2021. Trustee Dunlap moved, supported by Trustee Eaves to approve the motion to cancel the Board Meeting scheduled for Dec. 28th 2021.

Roll Call was taken;

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

Absent; none Nays; none Present; none Motion; carried

Mayor Curry thanked the residents who supported our Tailgating gathering; The Bears vs. The Packers. Mayor Curry mentioned although it was a loss for the Bears, one day we will celebrate a win. Mayor Curry thanked the residents as well as our internal team for a successful OktoberFest. The kids had a great time in their costumes and Mayor Curry indicated she appreciated all of us for making it a success.

Mayor Curry reported she met with another restaurant group that is interested in coming to Lynwood. She reported details are forthcoming. She stated they will probably be in Lynwood by year end. Mayor Curry mentioned she attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for HGP Events. This is a new event space in the old Benny's Banquet Hall. She indicated it is beautiful and encouraged all to go by and support.

Mayor Curry indicated she is happy to report a temporary agreement with the FOP. Mayor Curry reported soon we will be finished with Police Contract Negotiations. Mayor Curry thanked Lynwood's legal team for making that happen.

Dollar General has experienced rain delays in production, however if they are not up by Nov., they are still anticipating they will be up in Dec.

Mayor Curry reported Lynwood has been officially eliminated from the running for the casino. The Illinois Gaming Board made the announcement on Thurs. that Lynwood and Calumet City have been eliminated, so it is down to Matteson and East Hazel Crest.

Mayor Curry indicated she received our final official count from the Census, and our final count is 9116. Mayor Curry stated we were one of two communities that experienced growth in the region.

Mayor Curry stated she met with Sweet Potato Patch and they have exceeded her expectation. They will be opening up on the corner of Glenwood Lansing Rd. and Torrence, and are planning a beautiful facility that not only meets their business needs but caters to the Village of Lynwood. They are offering a market and will sell their healthy pre-packaged meals. They have designed a courtyard to sit down and enjoy coffee and tea. Mayor Curry mentioned they are planning to have one of the three building up by Feb. 2022.

Lastly, Mayor Curry reported that on Sat. at Flossmoor Station she will be participating in a Mayor 'Match-Up' from 6-9pm. Mayor Nelson, Mayor Gardiner, and Mayor Curry will all be deejaying.

Unfinished Business
New Business
Executive Session
Adjournment

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Trustee Clark moved, supported by Trustee Eaves 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