



**MINUTES**  
**PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**21460 Lincoln Highway**  
**Lynwood, Illinois 60411**  
**May 24th, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call To Order**

Mayor Curry called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Mayor Curry asked for a moment of silence for the young children who lost their lives in TX. today.

**Address the Board/ Public Comment**

No one was present to address the Board. Jen Maddux was scheduled to address the Board but will be attending the next Board meeting.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from 04/26/22. Trustee Marshall moved, supported by Trustee Lilly.

Roll Call was taken.

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

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from 05/10/22. Trustee Lilly moved, supported by Trustee Eaves.

Roll Call was taken.

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

**Public Works.....Dunlap**

Trustee Dunlap announced tomorrow will be the tree planting day at Luna Land at 9am – weather permitting. She also mentioned the memorial is moving along for the Memorial’s Day dedication. The event starts at 10:00 am. State Representatives Marcus Evans and Nick Smith will be in attendance. Commissioner Donna Miller and the Mayor of Lansing, a veteran herself will be in attendance as well.

Trustee Lilly added there is a “little free library” program sponsored by the Glenwood-Lynwood Library that supports literacy. They will be installing one at Lakeview Park, one in Glenwood with a secondary box coming to Liberty Park as well. There are numerous benefits associated with this venture.

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

Trustee Blakey mentioned the new housing going up in the community, which is a sign of growth and vitality. Trustee Blakey also encouraged our new residents to register to vote and vote..

Trustee Blakey thanked the residents of Lynwood for their continued support of our local businesses.

**Community Affairs**

Trustee Blakey thanked Lynwood’s Little League Director - DeShon Reed for coordinating a successful Little League parade on Sat. 5/14/22. The elected officials were there to take pictures with the teams. It was well received; we have over 98 participants and we all had a great time. Trustee Blakey mentioned that Curtis Granderson was there as well to welcome the teams and to throw out the first pitch.

Trustee Blakey mentioned the next community policing meeting will be held on June the 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Lake Lynwood Marina.

Trustee Blakey reported the paperwork is going through the legal dept. and the process is still underway for the PACE Bus Shelter planned for the corner of 201<sup>st</sup> and Torrence. Trustee Blakey indicated he should be hearing back from PACE by mid-summer.

Trustee Blakey mentioned he is still looking for sub-division liaisons from Haven Estates, Oakwood Manor, Sandridge Estates, Ambry Estates, Spring Meadows and The Meadows. The reason for the liaisons is to improve upon the communications to our residents who live in these areas.

Trustee Blakey mentioned the activities planned for the summer include;

June 4<sup>th</sup> - 5K Walk and Talk will kick-off our summer activities

June 10<sup>th</sup>, - July 8<sup>th</sup> & Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> will be our Movie nights.

June 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> is Lynwood’s Summer Craft Fair.

June 19<sup>th</sup> - Father’s Day Food Truck Festival

Lynvinia this year will be June 25<sup>th</sup> & July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Lynwood Parade – July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Outing at the White Sox Game – July 29<sup>th</sup>

Six Flags Youth Day – Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>

Lynwood Fest will be held – Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Trustee Blakey mentioned the 14 children killed in TX. and mentioned this type of high-level violence is never acceptable, but we have been living with it for a while. *He shared... "the right attitude will always give you the fortitude to overcome all obstacles". He encouraged all to calm down... he reiterated .... "it is not that serious to take someone's life, because life is precious. "*

**Planning & Zoning..... Lilly**

Trustee Lilly indicated there was nothing to report for Planning & Zoning.

**Ordinances and Resolutions.....Lilly**

Trustee Lilly motioned, supported by Trustee Dunlap to approve **Ordinance # 22-21, SECOND READ/ACTION TAKEN-** an Ordinance of the Village of Lynwood, Illinois amending the official Zoning Map of the Village of Lynwood. IL.

Attorney Boyle explained this Ordinance makes two corrections to the current zoning map. 1 is zoning for Alsip Pallet from R1-A to Light Manufacturing. The other is for a small strip mall on Torrence.

Roll Call was taken.

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

Trustee Lilly moved, seconded by Trustee Eaves to approve **Ordinance # 22-22, SECOND READ/ACTION TAKEN** – a Resolution granting approval of Petition for Division.

Attorney Boyle shared his is a preliminary plat for about a half-acre of property.

Roll Call was taken.

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

Trustee Lilly moved, seconded by Trustee Dunlap to **TABLE- Resolution #22-23, FIRST READ/NO ACTION TAKEN** – A Resolution to accept planning Technical Assistance services delivered by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning.

Roll Call was taken.

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

Trustee Lilly moved, seconded by Trustee Dunlap to approve **First Read/No Action Taken - Resolution # 22-24**, a Resolution proposing to extend Joe Orr Road from Torrence Ave. to Burnham Ave.

Dave Shilling explained Cook County Dept. of Transportation is getting closer to bidding on the next phase of the Joe Orr Road extension project. (Torrence to Burnham) Bidding will begin on this in 2023 and construction will begin in 2024.

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 mentioned the national awareness(s) month for May is;

National Older Americans Month, National Better Speech and Language Month, National Bar B Que Month, Date your Mate Month, National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness month, Jewish Heritage Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Trustee Clark mentioned the COVID cases are rising slightly. If you haven't gotten the second booster, get the second one and be cautious. Mayor Curry mentioned May is also mental health awareness month, and encouraged all to make sure they are taking care of their mental health.

**Finance .....Eaves**

Trustee Eaves moved, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve **BPM #1446**, with a total cash disbursement of \$302,662.45 of which \$126,145.68 was payroll.

Roll Call was taken.

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

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

Trustee Eaves motioned, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve the donation of South Suburban Community College Allied Health & Nursing Center for \$5000.00.

Roll Call was taken.

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

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

Mayor Curry thanked the Board for approving this donation. This is to assist with the expansion of the college and they will be naming a classroom after the Village of Lynwood.

Trustee Eaves also reminded Lynwood residents the portal is open for assistance of homeowners who are delinquent with mortgages, property insurance and property taxes. For more information visit their website at [www.illinoishousinghelp.org](http://www.illinoishousinghelp.org). The Illinois Housing Assistance Fund's portal will be available to assist homeowners who have defaulted on their mortgage. The IHA is awarding up to \$30,000 in free assistance. The portal will close on Tues. May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Eaves also reminded the residents the applications for the Village of Lynwood's educational scholarship for high school seniors is available. The deadline for submitting the application is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Information is available on the website, at Village Hall, or by contacting Trustee Eaves by email at; Ceaves@villageoflynwood.net. Or call 708.935.5803.

Another scholarship is being awarded by the Southland Regional Mayoral Black Caucus for 2022 undergraduate scholarships. For more information email the committee at the following email address - [www.southlandregionalmayorssbc@yahoo.com](mailto:www.southlandregionalmayorssbc@yahoo.com) to request an application.

Trustee Eaves mentioned CEDA's CSDG funded 2022 scholarship program. They are offering financial aid ranging from \$500 to \$3,000.00 for residents of suburban Cook County. The application is available online until June 10<sup>th</sup> 2022. Email [www.cedaorg.net](http://www.cedaorg.net) for the applications and additional info.

ComEd is offering a \$2,000.00 scholarship, and, applications are being accepted at comedev.com. The program is seeking young adults from ages 13-18.

The Finance committee will be hosting a summer craft show which will be the same weekend as Father's Day. June 18<sup>th</sup> & June 19<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Park. She encouraged all to come out and support the committee. She stated they are still looking for crafters and vendors. For more information email her at ceaves@villageoflynwood.net.

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

Trustee Marshall motioned, supported by Trustee Lilly to approve the hiring of a part-time fire fighter for the Village of Lynwood – Briton Robinson.

Roll Call was taken.

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

## Reports & Communications

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

- See Chief Dempsey's attached report.

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

- See Asst. Bolde's attached report.

**Director of Community Policing..... Larry Weinbrecht**

- See Sgt. Weinbrecht – Director of Community Policing attached report

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

- See attached report from Fire Chief Kennan Newton

Chief Newton also thanked the mayor for believing in him to run Lynwood's Fire Dept. and he mentioned he is glad he had the opportunity and was up for the challenge.

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

Village Engineer- Dave Shilling said that he is glad that he is still around, and he has been around since 2012 and it has never been as good as this.

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

The superintendent of Public Works was not in attendance, however, the mayor shared that she has been receiving calls and emails regarding the fountains. She explained the fountains are coming back, so if you live in the sub-division, in about two weeks, public works will be working on them. Mayor Curry encouraged the residents to share this information with other residents in the sub-division.

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

Finance Director- Kimberly Swiderek mentioned that in Dec. of 2020, the prior administration entered a 5 yr. / 55 payment equipment contract with Midland Finance. The equipment totaled \$51,417.00 at 9.05% interest for a total of \$56,048.08. The contract was scheduled to be paid off in Dec. 2025. As of May 19<sup>th</sup>, the balance of \$39,795.65 was paid in full.

Mayor Curry mentioned the Village has been carrying a lot of debt for many years. Mayor Curry mentioned our finance Director is laser focused and is paying off this debt. Mayor Curry stated the village is paying off our bills!!!! Mayor Curry mentioned that this administration in just one year we have paid off over \$1 million dollars in debt.

**Building Dept.....Joyce Hurley**

Building Director Joyce Hurley reported from May 11<sup>th</sup> to date was 34 permits totaling \$5,057.00. Director Hurley stated she printed out the Ordinance for the common permits that residents are applying for. This consists of Chapters regarding Fences, Swimming Pools, the importance of licensed Contractors and the registration needed for those Contractors.

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

Attorney Boyle had no report, just wanted to say on behalf of his firm that he is very thankful for placing the Village in their hands. They will continue to do their best in representing the village. Mayor Curry mentioned that Attorney Boyle has integrity and holds the village accountable, and she stated this was so important for her and that is why he is on the team, along with the other partners in his firm.

**Village Clerk..... Karen Wingfield-Bond**

Village Clerk - Karen Wingfield-Bond was not in attendance. Natalie reported vehicle stickers are currently on sale. The current sticker expires on May 30<sup>th</sup> and tickets will be issued after June 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, Bloom Township is accepting applications for grass cutting for seniors or those with disabilities. Please contact Bloom Township for more information.

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

Mayor Curry shared with the residents that she is grateful for this team and this journey. She stated we celebrated our one-year anniversary. She continues to work on making this village better each and every day.

Mayor Curry thanked South Suburban College for having her as their 2022 commencement speaker. It was a full-circle moment for her.

Mayor Curry thanked Governor Pritzker and Lt. Governor Stratton, State representative Evans and Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller for visiting the Village of Lynwood. They walked some blocks and met some of our residents.

Mayor Curry thanked Mae's Que House for their hospitality in hosting the Governor.

Mayor Curry mentioned today we are launching a pride in Lynwood Campaign where we focus on Lynwood. We are going to highlight residents, business owners and events that are taking place in the Village. We are going to highlight all that is good in the village.

Mayor Curry mentioned the new website is here and has launched. Natalie mentioned the new website is more user friendly than before and she encouraged all residents to use the website to keep up to date with various items pertaining to the Village.

Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Executive Session  
Adjournment

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:10p.m. Trustee Dunlap moved, supported by Trustee Lilly to adjourn said meeting.

Roll Call was taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,

           */s/ Karen Wingfield-Bond*           

Karen Wingfield-Bond~ Village Clerk



# Lynwood Police Department

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May 24, 2022

Board Meeting

Police Chief Report

- On May 23, 2022, I am happy to report that the squatters located at 20533 Bluestem have been evicted. Thank you to all the residents on that block for their patience and keeping us informed. We promised we would get it done.
- On May 18, 2022, at 11:47 am, officers were dispatched to the intersection of Glenwood Lansing Road and Lake Lynwood for a report of check wellbeing of a driver slumped over the wheel of his vehicle. Officers had to wake the driver who was not a resident of Lynwood and while speaking with him officers observed a crack pipe and a small baggie containing a white rock like substance in plain view. The driver had a revoked driver's license and was taken into custody. The white rock like substance later field tested positive for cocaine. The driver was charged with driving while license revoked and possession of a controlled substance. The driver was willing to provide more information about the narcotics, so DEA was contacted who then sent out an agent to interview the offender.
- On May 21, 2022, a shooting occurred near Glenwood Dyer Road @ Stoney Island, which is unincorporated Cook County. This investigation belongs to



the Cook County Sheriff's Police, and they will provide information as the investigation continues and it becomes available.

- A reminder that no tickets will be written for vehicle stickers until after June 17<sup>th</sup>. If you happen to receive a ticket for a village sticker, please come see me or AC.
- I have ordered the yard signs that will be posted throughout the village advising the residents of the new village fireworks ordinance and fine.
- Tomorrow will mark one year that AC and I have been with the Lynwood Police Department. We both hit the ground running and it was a very busy and productive year. AC will be going over our first-year accomplishments but first we would like to say thank you to Mayor Curry and the village board for making us part of your team, for believing in us, and for your remarkable and continued support. We could not have done many of the things we did this year without your support.

Mayor, I personally want to thank you for believing in my ability to lead this department. I have always been confident in my ability to lead others, I never shy away from work, and I love police work so much, working with police officers, and I always wanted the chance to share my experiences and knowledge with others to make them better police officers. I always believed that all it takes is treating people fairly and with respect and they will run through fire for you. Mayor I cannot thank you enough for allowing me to be here in Lynwood and trusting me with your police department.

We would like to thank all the Lynwood departments, fire department, public works, finance department, building department all the ladies in village hall for their continued support, kindness and let you know we both enjoy working with all of you.

We would like to thank the residents of Lynwood for welcoming us both, supporting all our functions, for trusting us to take care of any issues, and

just making it so easy to come to work every day to work in this wonderful community. Lynwood is truly a hidden gem.

We would like to thank all the members of the Lynwood Police Department for believing in what we were bringing to the table. It is not always easy coming to a police department from the outside and making it work.

Lynwood Police have very special people working here that clearly wanted change and they all have worked very hard to make this happen and to make this a department we all could be proud of, but more importantly a department our community could be proud of.

- I am sorry but there are no crimes stats for the past two weeks due to the installation of our new server. We are still working on some of the issues. They will be available for the next board meeting.



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Board Meeting 05-24-2022

Asst. Chief Robin Boldt *RB*

As Chief said earlier, tomorrow will be our one-year anniversary as Chief and AC. We have accomplished so many things in this past year:

- Hired five new officers / added another investigator to the investigative division which has also been remodeled, all donated
- Added an investigator to the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force
- We sent two officers to homicide investigations school that will assist the task force when our investigators are not available
- Several of our officers have been to various trainings such as drug interdiction, overweight trucking, evidence, and juvenile trainings
- TAC team- four officers assigned to our tactical unit who wears plain clothes in an unmarked vehicle that concentrate on drug and guns
- Created a Commander's position
- Created a promotional exam providing us with an active sergeant's list. We have promoted three sergeants from this list.
- New fleet vehicles through Enterprise
- AXON body cameras
- FLOCK cameras (license plate readers) → *Trauma first aid kits in all vehicle.*
- LEXIPOL- we implemented 160 brand new policies and we have daily training bulletins that educate the officers on all the updated policies
- Illinois Department of Transportation distracted grant approval. Lynwood PD never has been approved for a grant through the state until now.
- K-9 unit back up and running with soon-to-be K9 Luna who was donated and is currently in training
- We created a Village of Lynwood Police Department Facebook page, an Instagram Page, as well as a Neighbor Ring app for residents

- New outside animal kennel in the rear of the station for abandoned animals, built by our own officers. Materials were donated by Home Depot
- New evidence room built by Lynwood's own, Det. Oszust, who got all the materials donated
- Cleaned out the police garage that was filled with 30 years of unused equipment
- Two squatter residences have been cleared (2225 Nichols and 20533 Bluestem)
- Expanded the records division (new supervisor with over 20 years of experience and hired three new employees)
- Citizens Police Academy run by Lynwood's own, Sgt. Larry
- Trunk or Treat
- Cops and Bobbers
- Bowling with Badges
- Santa Cop and Elf
- Toy and Food Drives for Christmas
- Food Drive for Thanksgiving
- Christmas Senior BINGO (These events got the police department more involved with the community)
- Currently searching different avenues to improve our radio communications
- Mended relationships with several outside agencies
- Improved morale within the Lynwood Police Department

## Community Policing

Board Meeting 5/24/22

Community Policing notes for the Board Meeting are as follows:

- Block Meeting for Lake Shore dr & Ambry Estates was on 5/18. Next block meeting is scheduled for. *June 8<sup>th</sup> for Lake Lyndale, Lake Park dr, Windport, Maroon, + Lighthouse Ct @ Marina clubhouse, contact me for info + RSVP.*
- Citizens Police Academy last class will be this Thursday. This group of residents will have completed this program consisting of 8 weeks. *learning about their police + fire depts.*
- Lynwood Little League Opening Day parade was Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>. We had to reschedule our Little League Appreciation Day, date TBA. We will served Hotdogs, Hamburgers, and snacks to the children provided by Rob's Meats in Dyer IN, and Walts Foods. Both events were well attended, and everyone was glad to be there for the kids.
- I will be at Glenwood-Lynwood library to have a discussion with residents on Gun Safety especially in the household. I will also be providing gunlocks to residents. Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, from 3-4pm.
- Finally, the Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run this year is June 14<sup>th</sup>. The Coffee with a Champion event will be August 19<sup>th</sup>.



# Village of Lynwood Board Meeting

5/24/2022

- Call volume for the past period
  - For the 2-week period of 5/1/2022 thru 5/14/2022 – 59 Calls
    - 1 Structure fire (mutual aid assist)
    - 1 Outdoor / brush fire
    - 47 Medical calls
    - 1 Dispatched and canceled en route (mutual aid)
    - 3 Motor vehicle accidents
    - 1 Carbon Monoxide
    - 1 Gas leak
    - 1 smoke/steam scare
    - 1 fire alarm
    - 2 Police assists
- Staffing update
  - After tonight 17 members
  - 1 Candidate is graduating from the Fire Academy this week (May 26<sup>th</sup>)
  - At least 2 people will start the academy this fall with the hope that 1 more will be joining them
  - Recruiting New Firefighters
    - Must be able to pass medical screening, background screening, and agility test
    - Will train, send to fire academy and EMT-B school
    - Over 10 applications being processed
- Residential Structure Fire -19929 Brook Avenue
  - On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at around 0930, the Lynwood Fire Department along with auto aid agencies from Lansing, Thornton, Glenwood, and Sauk Village responded to a tri-level house fire with smoke showing from the roof of the house. Lynwood was the first responding engine and established a scene size up and started fire suppression activities. The Deputy Chief upon arrival requested the full still which added fire companies from Dyer, and Munster to assist. No residents nor fire personnel were hurt during the extinguishment. The investigation is ongoing, but it appears the fire may have started in the lower level
- Policy management with Lexipol
  - Completed the implementation of Lexipol for the fire department
    - 162 policies were implemented
    - Covers all facilities from call response to professionalism

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Non-Emergency

- Ambulance Service RFP
  - The Village of Lynwood currently contracts its Emergency 911 Ambulance service to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. The village has been with the same vendor for over 25 years. The Village of Lynwood has decided to put out a Request for Proposal that was published today on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to provide Advanced Life Support Emergency Ambulance Service for the Village of Lynwood. You can find this RFP on the village website. The goal of this RFP is to find a vendor who can provide an exceptional ALS ambulance transport service while providing the overall best value to the village. The goal is to make a selection at the beginning of July of this year and begin the contract on September 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.
- Residential Smoke Detector Program
  - Will inspect and evaluate existing smoke detectors
  - Will recommend replacements or install basic smoke detectors based on the need
  - Recommended for older homes (30+ years in age)
- A year in review
  - Tomorrow, May 25<sup>th</sup>, will be my one anniversary as Fire Chief of the Lynwood Fire Department. We have accomplished a lot in this year
  - We had over 1770 calls from 5/25/2021 to 5/25/2022
  - My primary goals were as followed:
    - Increase staffing by 50%. We started with 10 and today we are at 17. Accomplished
    - Increase hours staffed at the station by 25%. It was at 80 hours per week. It is now 100 hours per week. Accomplished
    - Move our staff from Paid Per Call stipends to Part-Time. Accomplished.
    - Implement training software to meet state and federal guidelines. Accomplished
    - Implement a policy development and tracking system to help keep our level of service at an excellent level. Accomplished