

**MINUTES  
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
21460 Lincoln Highway  
Lynwood, Illinois 60411  
June 8<sup>th</sup> 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

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**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, Clark, Marshall

Absent: Blakey

**Address the Board/ Public Comment**

Tashanda Burton addressed the Board. Ms. Burton mentioned a home at 20042 Lakewood Ave. that is vacant and burned and is creating a safety hazard in the Village. Ms. Burton wanted to know what the Village can do about this eyesore and safety concern. She stated she asked about this before and was told this was a foreclosure owned by the bank and nothing could be done at that time.

Mayor Curry indicated we are looking into a program that would allow the village to obtain a grant to level the house ourselves. Chief Newton indicated he would keep the resident updated on the status.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Lilly moved, seconded by Trustee Marshall to recess to Executive Session.

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

Trustee Lilly moved, seconded by Trustee Clark to reconvene from Executive Session.

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

**MINUTES**

Trustee Lilly moved, seconded by Trustee Dunlap to approve the minutes from **5/11/21**.

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

Trustee Lilly moved, seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve the minutes from **5/25/21**.

Roll Call was taken.

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

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

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

Trustee Lilly stated chipping and mulching is in progress throughout the summer and fall every other week. For specific dates, check the village calendar on our website. Trustee Lilly also stated cutting dead trees and fixing potholes is currently in progress through-out the Village. He also indicated there has been an increase in stop sign replacement as a result of them being hit. New water meter installations and sewer hook-up for new construction is on-going. Trustee Lilly reported that training is underway for public work employees as well. Residents have raised concerns about the ponds/fountains in a few of the subdivisions around the village. We are getting employees trained to repair the pumps and flow meters for fixing those fountains.

**Economic Development**.....Blakey

Trustee Blakey was absent, in his absence, Trustee Eaves reported Dollar General (to be located on the southeast corner of Stony Island and Glenwood Dyer Road) is expected to break ground within the next 30 days.

The second initiative is Droit Self Storage, 21645 E Lincoln Highway. (just east of the bridge on the north side of the street) We are presently working to accommodate their zoning needs and will have more to report after the group closes on the property.

Keyman Inc. – Old Senior Building  
The contract is still being reviewed by the Village Attorney.

**Community Affairs**.....Blakey

Trustee Eaves reported in Trustee Blakey’s absence the Movies in the Park Series will begin this Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> . from 8:30 -10:30p.m. Thank you to Lynwood resident Melvin Bassett for being our local, resident vendor and partnering with us on this venture.

We want to encourage all of our residents to join us this Friday for the first Movie in the Park which will be Grease. The subsequent dates are 6/25,7/23 & Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Eaves reported we are still in need of volunteers for the Community Planning Committee. She indicated so far there are 3 people who have expressed an interest in this committee, but more is needed. Please provide your information to Clerk Bond.

Trustee Eaves reported initial steps have been made with PACE to erect PACE Shelters in the Village. Further information will be provided once feedback is given to us from PACE.

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

Trustee Dunlap reported our village parks are in good shape. She indicated she walked them the other day. She also reported that Fox Point in Lansing has concerts throughout the summer on Wed. evenings.

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

Trustee Marshall mentioned he will be assisting Trustee Lilly with meeting the existing members of the Planning & Zoning Board. Trustee Marshall mentioned he will be going over protocol on how the meetings are conducted and what needs to be done so we can continue to move forward and abide by the Village Ordinances.

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

Trustee Clark had nothing to report.

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

Trustee Clark mentioned our water report came back good, so our water is safe to drink. She indicated she will stay on top of this. Trustee Clark also mentioned Governor Pritzker has lifted some of the bands for those who are fully vaccinated. Trustee Clark indicated that bars have begun to offer free drinks, then she reminded everyone to drink responsibly.

**Finance .....Eaves**

Trustee Eaves moved, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve **BPM#1421** in the amount of \$144,787.41 of which \$103,954.77 was payroll.

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

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

Trustee Marshall mentioned he along with Mayor Curry attended the first official meeting with Chief Dempsey and his officers on Wed. and he felt the meeting went great. He stated that he shared with his officers what was expected of them and their performance. He thanked Chief Dempsey for the invite.

**Reports & Communications**

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

Chief Dempsey reported he and Asst. Chief Bolde will be present in the community. He mentioned he intends to learn about the community and engage with the residents and business owners in the community. He indicated he held his first official meeting with the officers, and he felt it went well. He indicated he is working with a great group of officers and records clerks. Chief Dempsey indicated he is looking to hire new officers and the officer count is down. He indicated he will be working with a company called Lexipol that was retained prior to his arrival. The company has experience in re-writing policies and will be re-writing all the department policies to stay state compliant. The company provides online-training and grant assistance as well.

Chief Dempsey also provided statistical data on the various offenses that occurred in the community. I have attached the spread sheet as (exhibit A) to be included as part of the Minutes.

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

Chief Bolde reiterated the success of the first official police meeting. She indicated they began visiting local businesses to negotiate a mutual understanding. Chief indicated they are attempting to repair and rebuild business relations. She stated they reviewed officer training records for compliance. Lastly, she has been working with our records supervisor for any record issues. The department has begun organizing outstanding citations. Chief stated the department has hired a part

time records clerk who will be starting soon. She anticipates hiring a full-time records clerk by the end of the summer. Our officers are actively writing tickets for compliance.

**Fire Dept.....Keenan Newton**

Between May 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup> they responded to a total of 67 calls. (40 medical /27 fires) Mostly fire alarms, the department assisted with neighboring agencies. The departments avg. response time is 4min and 18seconds. The department is restarting the smoke detector program. The program is designed to replace any faulty smoke detectors that might be in the home. The department is looking to start CPR training for residents, the village will be partnering with Bud’s Ambulance on this venture. Keenan was invited by the City of Chicago/State of Illinois for a training exercise, a simulated terrorist attack. Chief Newton mentioned that other entities were asked to participate as well.

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

Superintendent Campbell mentioned Trustee Lilly covered most of what was going on since this was literally his second day on the job. Areas of interest were ¼ section S/W manhole #13-15 was hit and put in a dangerous condition, P/W team went out and put barricades around it and put it in a safe condition. Another area of interest was the intersection of Glenwood-Lansing Road & Torrence Ave. The streetlight was hit by a vehicle and pushed into the concrete slab. The electrical box controls 15 streetlights from this location. Superintendent Campbell indicated that barricades were placed around the box for public safety.

**Finance.....Kimberely Swiderek**

Finance Director Kimberly Swiderek indicated she was working on 2 projects. The first project is the April 2022 budget. The budget estimates revenues and expenditures beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 and ending April 30th 2022.

Kim indicated she is working on Bank reconciliations of all village bank accounts, which is looking at the Bank Statements and comparing it to the General Ledger to make sure all transactions have been recorded.

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

Village Attorney Dan Boyle indicated this was his first meeting as counsel for the Village. He indicated they are in the process of transitioning from the prior attorneys, and he added the transition is going rather smoothly.

**Village Engineer.....Robinson Engineering**

Dave Shilling from Robinson Engineering reported they are presently assisting Dollar General’s Engineers with the approval of their permits. Dave also indicated they are finishing up the CDBG resurfacing project. This project will encompass the resurfacing of Crescent Ave., 200<sup>th</sup> Street on both sides of Crescent Ave. Dave indicated this project is 100% funded by Cook County. Dave indicated there are approx.. 4 upcoming projects that they are presently working on. These additional projects will either be funded by Cook County or South Suburban Mayors & Managers. Dave indicated he will have an updated report at the next meeting.

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

Clerk Wingfield - Bond mentioned Vehicle Stickers are currently on sale. We are asking you pay by check in the night box as we are still trying to limit the number of people in the office. Clerk Bond mentioned on July 3<sup>rd</sup> we are having a caravan parade throughout the community. The Parade will begin at 12:00, line up begins at 11. We will be working with the police for the route.

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

Mayor Curry indicated this Resolution was made to the first African American Mayor of Harvey. He was also a professor and played a huge role with her going into education. Mayor Curry indicated the family reached out to her and requested a Resolution. Mayor Curry read the Resolution. The Resolution is attached as (Exhibit B)

Trustee Marshall moved, seconded by Trustee Lilly to adopt Resolution #21-28, for the late Dr. David Nathaniel Johnson.

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

Mayor Curry shared beginning Thursday from 6a.m. – 7a.m. we will be walking and talking in Lakeview Park. The mayor indicated we want to have the opportunity to get up close and personal with the residents in the community along with getting a little fresh air and a work-out.

Mayor Curry shared her excitement about the movie night series beginning this Friday night. She encouraged residents to take part in this activity to get involved. She encouraged residents to come out and bring your picnic basket, lawn chairs and your blanket and enjoy a movie together in the park. The first movie is GREASE.

Mayor Curry mentioned the Town Hall meeting has been postponed because many of our department heads are new. Madame Mayor said she decided to push the date back and it will most likely be towards the end of July.

Mayor Curry mentioned the calendar on the website is up to date. We have activities planned such as Coffee with a Cop, Movie Nights, Lynvinia (live band), Lynwood Fest, The goal is to come together and connect as a community.

Mayor Curry mentioned she has relaxed the mask mandate per the CDC. She indicated if you have been fully vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask or social distance. She indicated if you so choose to wear a mask, that would be your option, but the mask mandate requirement has been relaxed.

Mayor Curry mentioned a lot of our employees have talents that are or have been untapped. She recognized Josh Watson for the work he is doing and has been doing since she was sworn in. Mayor Curry stated he has been such a resource for all of the staff and department heads and because of that she has made the decision to change his title to Resource Manager. Mayor Curry acknowledged Josh Watson and his family.

Mayor Curry mentioned our Director of Community Policing Officer Terry Shubert who has been tasked with creating a community policing program for the Village.

Terry Shubert stated the Lynwood Police Dept. has their own FaceBook page. To access it, make sure you are going to Lynwood, Il. Office Shubert stated he and officer Dorian presented a safety program to the kids at Bottles to Books. He indicated the program included ‘stranger-danger’ discussions and how important the police can be when they are needed.

Officer Terry mentioned we are hosting an inaugural “Coffee with a Cop” which will be a meet and greet the community event. The purpose it to exchange ideas and talk about how things are going, and what we can do to make thing better.

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be the Law-Enforcement Torch run for the Special Olympics. It will begin at 7:00 in the morning. We receive the torch from Sauk Village, we carry it through Lynwood, and pass it off to the Lansing Police Department. It is a huge fund raiser for the Special Olympics of Illinois. Officer Shubert stated that the torch makes its way to Normal, Il. where the Special Olympic games are held. Officer Shubert sated that more events will be forthcoming, and he will keep us updated as they come along.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

**Executive Session**

**Adjournment**

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Trustee Clark moved, seconded by Trustee Lilly

All Trustees Present Voted "Aye"

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: Blakey

Motion: carried

Respectfully submitted,

*/S/ Karen Wingfield-Bond*

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Karen Wingfield-Bond~ Village Clerk