

**MINUTES**  
**PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**21460 Lincoln Highway**  
**Lynwood, Illinois 60411**  
**July 13<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, Blakey, Clark, Marshall

Absent: none

**Address the Board/ Public Comment**

Tom from Azavar presented to the Board a free service to the municipality. His company searches for additional revenue owed to the Village. They research utilities by ensuring that the correct utility funds are allocated to the municipality.

Mr. Coldwell addressed the Board. Mr. Coldwell stated his concern about the number of truck companies moving into the village. He mentioned that Lynwood is growing, and he wants to continue to do what is necessary to attract residents to the Village.

Ms. Gladys Kendrick addressed the Board. Ms. Kendrick stated her concern with big semi-trucks parking in the neighborhood. She feels this is bringing down the community and tearing up our streets. Ms. Kendrick wants some resolution on what can be done about this.

Mayor Curry publicly thanked Mr. Firoh (owner of Lynwood Mobile Gas Station) for his partnership and financial contribution towards Lynvinia.

Ms. Beverly Holton addressed the issue of the vacant house that is across the street from her. She indicated that it is vacant due to the death of one of her neighbors. She wanted to know who was responsible for the upkeep of the property. She indicated the neighbors have been trying to keep the grass cut.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Blakey moved, seconded by Trustee Lilly to approve the minutes from **6/22/21**.

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

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

Restoration projects throughout the Village are about 70% complete. Trustee Lilly indicated the trash cans around the perimeter of the park will be replaced. He also stated that our residents were excited to hear that the recycling program will be restarting again in Sept. He indicated he will be having his first Public Works committee meeting around mid Aug. Trustee Lilly reminded everyone that clean-up week begins July 19<sup>th</sup> - July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

Trustee Blakey reported the Economic Development Committee is forming now and is still in the process of obtaining names of those interesting in participating. If you have experience in Business Development, Finance, or Grant Writing, the Economic Development Committee is in need of your expertise.

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

Trustee Blakey thanked Mayor Curry for the vision of Lynwood Lynvinia, along with Police, Fire, Public Works, and all staff that had anything to do with the event. He also thanked our primary sponsor Mr. Firoh for his sponsorship. Trustee Blakey read a FaceBook message Mr. Firoh posted thanking the Village for the courtesy the Village extended to his family.

Our next Movie in the Park will be July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Lakeview Park from 8:30-10:30pm. This week we will feature The Incredibles. Trustee Blakey reported the Walk and Talk with the Elected Officials happens every Thurs. morning at 6:00am at Lakeview Park.

Jazz at the Library will be held on Friday Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> . Trustee Blakey encouraged all to contact the library for additional information.

The Community Planning Committee will be meeting within the next couple of weeks. Trustee Blakey stated he had eight people who have signed up for this committee. The purpose is to start the planning process for the Community Quality of LIFE Plan which is going to require extensive community input.

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

Trustee Dunlap mentioned she is looking into us having a Veteran’s Memorial at Liberty Park, a dog park at Lakeview Park and a senior exercise area for the seniors in the community.

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

A motion was made by Trustee Lilly, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve the Special Permit for Laurita Brookins to operate Halo Beauty Supply Business at 19763 Torrence Ave. in Lynwood

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

A motion was made by Trustee Lilly, seconded by Trustee Dunlap to approve the Special Permit to operate SkyBlue Learning Academy, a home based daycare at the property commonly known as 2620 200<sup>th</sup> Street, Lynwood, IL.

Roll Call was taken;  
Ayes: Trustees: Eaves, Lilly, Dunlap, Blakey, Clark, Marshall

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

A motion was made by Trustee Lilly, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve a request by Darryl Petty for a Special Use permit to operate 2645 S Wabash, a private dining and entertainment venue at the property commonly known as 21490 Lincoln Highway, Lynwood, IL.

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

A motion was made by Trustee Lilly, seconded by Trustee Eaves to approve a request by Jose Maldonado for a Special Use Permit to operate JM Sports, LLC. a temporary office structure on the property commonly known as 3245 Glenwood-Dyer Road.

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

A motion was made by Trustee Lilly, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve a request by Zoran Gjorgjevski for a Special Use Permit to rezone property from LM Manufacturing to use for truck, cab & trailer parking, truck, cab & trailer repair and truck, cab and trailer sales.

Roll Call was taken;

Ayes: Trustees: Eaves, Dunlap, Marshall

Nays: Trustee Lilly, Blakey, Clark, Mayor Curry Abstain: none Absent: none Motion: failed.

(Mayor Curry voted to break the tie)

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

**Second read / Approval** ..Trustee Clark moved, seconded by Trustee Lilly to approve **Ordinance # 21-28**, an Ordinance of the Village of Lynwood , Illinois amending the code of the Village of Lynwood, Illinois Chapter 2-Administration-, Article III, Officers and Employees - Division 5 – Treasurer.

*Attorney Boyle explained this Ordinance expands the duties of the Treasurer’s job to include a more in depth description of the duties of a Finance Director.*

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

Trustee Clark moved seconded by Trustee Lilly to waive the first and second readings and approve **Resolution #21-29** a Resolution establishing Illiana Financial Credit Union as a Depository of Village Funds. In the opinion of the President, the subject matter of the Resolution is of an urgent nature such that its effectiveness would be seriously hampered by a lapse of time.

*Attorney Boyle explained this is more of an informational purpose item instead of an action item. No action needed to be made. He informed the Trustees and residents that Resolution 21-29 and Ordinance# 21-30 was for informational report and no need for a vote.*

Roll Call was taken.

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

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

Trustee Clark presented the First Read/Salary Ordinance # 21-31, an Ordinance of the Village of Lynwood, Il. establishing salary and wage scheduled effective May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

*Attorney Boyle stated this Ordinance establishes salaries for the positions listed in the Ordinance that are not covered by a bargaining unit. It is a first read so no action will be taken at this time.*

Trustee Clark presented a First Read/ of Resolution #21-32, a Resolution authorizing the Village President to execute a contract with Homewood Disposal Service, Inc.

*Attorney Boyle indicated this was an addendum to our current contract with Homewood Disposal. This covers an extension of the current agreement along with re-establishing recycling service with the company.*

Trustee Clark presented a First Read/ Resolution #21-33, a Resolution authorizing the Village President to execute a contract with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

*Attorney Boyle indicated that back in Dec. of 2000, the Village entered into a contract with the Dept. of Trans. for improvements for Glenwood- Dyer Rd, between Glenwood-Lansing Rd. and Rt. 83. This is a state grant covered project.*

Mayor Curry asked for an approval for the First Read of **Salary Ordinance #21-31** Trustee Clark, moved, seconded by Trustee Dunlap to approve Ordinance # 21-31,

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 First Read of **Resolution #21-32**, Trustee Dunlap moved, seconded by Trustee Marshall.

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 First Read of **Resolution #21-33**, Trustee Marshall moved, second by Trustee Clark

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 reported the month of July is National Eye Awareness Month. Trustee Clark reported a spike in our children’s vision problems has been noted due to the time they are spending on the computer. Trustee Clark stated it is important to pay attention to their eyes.

July is also National Massage Month, so Trustee Clark encouraged all to go out and get a massage.

Trustee Clark mentioned that COVID and the Delta Variant is on the rise and therefore please be mindful that states are back on the no travel list. (Arkansas and Missouri) Trustee Clark encouraged all to please mask at your own comfort level

and continue to wash your hands. She stated she is attempting to get a mobile COVID unit to come to homes within the Village. To get on the list she encouraged all interested to please call the Clerk's Office to get on the list.

**Finance** .....**Eaves**

Trustee Eaves moved, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve **BPM# 1423** in the amount of \$292,082.38 of which \$110,469.07 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 first Financial Committee Meeting was held Monday July 12<sup>th</sup>. 5 people were in attendance. Trustee Eaves mentioned the purpose of the committee is to provide financial information and/or improvements to the residents of the Village. She also stated the committee will be researching for grants, scholarships, programs, and workshops.

The emergency rental assistance program from the Illinois Housing Development Authority will be accepting applications until July 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

Trustee Marshall moved, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve the hiring of Tyler Swanson as a POC Firefighter 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 moved, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve the hiring of Bryon Miles 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 moved, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve the hiring of Joseph Marigliano 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

**Reports & Communications**

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

Chief Dempsey stated two officers will be sworn in today and he is awaiting two more officer's test to come back. They are currently revising policy for approval. He mentioned he visited a FEMA location for equipment that municipalities will have access to in the event of a disaster. Chief Dempsey gave a report of the number of misc. calls that came into the dept.

The Lynwood Police Dept. in collaboration with Living Grace Church is offering a Traffic Safety Program Sat. July 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm. The class will focus on professionalism at a traffic stop. The focus will be to strengthen the relationship between the residents and the police. Various traffic stop questions will be addressed. The police and participants will role play.

The Village is hosting a vocational class of hand and power tools. For all those who are interested, please sign up for the class and we will come up with dates and times to hold them. Sign up will be at Village Hall.

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

The Police Dept. is in the process of increasing fees for the jail and the range. Assistant Chief stated they currently have 15 agencies who use our range. Two supervisors' meetings will be held this week. They will be meeting to discuss duties. Asst. Chief mentioned the records clerks hours have been changed from 8 hour shifts to 12 hour shifts, which will cut down on overtime.

The dept. is in the process of creating a POWER SHIFT – from 3pm -3am. which will assist also in the elimination of overtime.

On Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a Veteran's luncheon at Lencioni's. Please contact the Assistant Chief if you know any veterans.

In Oct. the Village will be holding a Senior Luncheon and is presently looking for a speaker for that Luncheon. The speaker will address safety, scams, etc. to be aware of for our seniors.

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

Chief Newton gave an update on the number of calls they responded to by their dept. They have responded to a 12% increase in the number of calls this year than the same time last year. Chief Newton welcomed back Fire Fighter Tyler Swanson to the department. He indicated with this addition; we will now have 14 members in the department. Chief Newton stated he is still in the recruiting process and will be sending recruits to the academy.

The Fire Dept. is going to be conducting CPR classes sometime mid. Aug. The details of these classes will be on the Fire Dept. FaceBook page, or you can call the Fire Dept directly. They are working with Daley's Ambulance regarding this class.

Lastly, Chief Newton reported they currently have a smoke detector program. This program allows for the fire dept to test and assess the smoke detectors in residents' homes. If replacements are needed, the Fire Dept. can replace the inoperable detectors.

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

Ray mentioned staff had been reduced due to illness. One employee had been out sick. Ambry Estates photocell relay sensor went bad and all the lights were out in the subdivision. Public Works had to replace the parts to restore the power.

The village began getting calls regarding tall grass and animals nesting in the area. Ray mentioned the grass had been cut and the owner was given a citation.

Ray mentioned clean-up week begins the 19<sup>th</sup>, and encouraged all residents to put their items out prior to the 19<sup>th</sup>. Public Works will be coming out first thing Monday morning. They will make one pass down the block for items to discard.

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

Kim reported the first draft of the fiscal year 2022 revenue budget is completed. She also indicated she is currently working on reconciling PTO in Paylocity.

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

Dave Shilling indicated he had nothing new to report.

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

Attorney Boyle indicated he had nothing to report at this time.

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

Village Clerk indicated Village stickers went on sale the beginning of May and tickets are being given. She also stated the sticker price will go up to \$90.00 effective Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>.

The pre-filing session for Cook County Board of Review for all Townships are currently open for tax appeals. More information can be obtained at [www.cookcountyboardofreview.com](http://www.cookcountyboardofreview.com)

Village Clerk swore in Full Time Police Officers Bryon Miles, and Joseph Marigliano.

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

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to approve the Officer Settlement Agreement. Trustee Clark moved, supported by Trustee Dunlap to approve the Officer Settlement Agreement.

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 appointment of Jacqueline J. Agee Esq. as Village Prosecutor. Trustee Clark moved, seconded by Trustee Eaves to approve the appointment.

Roll Call was taken.

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

Mayor Curry mentioned she and Attorney Boyle will be meeting with the Police union so we can move forward and continue to have the officers focus on protecting and serving the Village of Lynwood.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, she will be meeting with the Public Works Union to finalize their contracts as well.

Mayor Curry mentioned Trustee Marshall finally joined the group on Thurs. for the walk and talk and wanted to encourage all residents to join us as well. Mayor Curry indicated ideas have been implemented from these walks.

Next month we are moving towards streaming our meetings so our residents are aware of what's going on and can participate.

Mayor Curry thanked Mitsi (Southland Voice) who joined us and did a feature article. Mayor Curry also thanked Mr. Ron Caldwell for his continued participation.

Mayor Curry mentioned we are planning for our Lynwood Fest to be held Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be soliciting our local businesses for partnering with us and for their sponsorship.

Mayor Curry asked Chief Dempsey to take over. Chief Dempsey asked for Detective Oszust, Detective Bradich and Sergeant Hernandez to come to the front. These three officers were given Accommodations for the way they handled investigative work and bravery during a particular incident involving Dyer Police on Tues. June 29<sup>th</sup> 2021. The hard work of these officer's lead to the capturing and charging of a very dangerous person.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

**Executive Session**

**Adjournment**

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Trustee Blakey moved, seconded by Trustee Lilly

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*

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Karen Wingfield-Bond~ Village Clerk