

**MINUTES
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
21460 Lincoln Highway
Lynwood, Illinois 60411
Sept. 14th, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Call To Order

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

Public Hearing

The public hearing was in reference to Appropriation Ordinance # 21-40, an Ordinance pursuant to Section 2-748 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Lynwood, which requires that the Board of Trustees pass an annual appropriations bill, appropriating the sum of money as may be deemed necessary to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Village. Finance Director Kim Swiderek gave an overall explanation of the budget.

BOARD MEETING

Roll Call

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

Address the Board/ Public Comment

Enterprise Fleet Management presented before the Board. Enterprise presented their no obligation plan. Their objective provides the opportunity for the village to purchase/lease vehicles from Enterprise. The ultimate goal is to keep the purchase, operating cost, and maintenance cost to a minimum.

Mayor Curry mentioned the Village is moving toward this model since our fleet is old and the cost to maintain our vehicles is costly.

There was a question-and-answer period in which Enterprise Fleet Management company addressed some of the questions posed to them from the residents of Lynwood.

MINUTES

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from Aug 24th 2021,
Trustee Blakey moved, seconded by Trustee Dunlap to approve the Minutes from 8/24/21.

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

(Trustee Clark was absent from the dais for the vote to approve the Minutes)

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

Trustee Lilly mentioned he is recruiting interested residents to join his committee. Trustee Lilly indicated if there is an interest in serving on the public works committee, please let him know.

He also reported they are working to identify and repair the busted cables throughout the Village. He stated they are also looking into painting the curves with the yellow caution paint as well.

Economic Development.....Blakey

Trustee Blakey mentioned two major projects that are forthcoming in the Village. Those projects are 1) the new Dollar General and 2) Dunkin Donuts. Both ventures are moving forward as planned.

Trustee Blakey mentioned we are moving ahead with the PACE Bus Shelters that he brought before the residents and the Board at the last Board meeting. We will be able to erect a bus shelter@ 201st and Torrence.

Trustee Blakey also mentioned he is still recruiting residents with Economic Development experience to join his committee.

Trustee Blakey moved, seconded by Trustee Lilly to approve (First Read) Resolution #21-45, a Resolution to approve the Village President to sign the contract for the PACE Shelter Program.

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

Community Affairs.....Blakey

Trustee Blakey mentioned their meeting is going to be rescheduled to accommodate our speaker. The meeting is to discuss the details of Lynwood’s Quality of Life Planning Initiative. Once the date is finalized, he will let everyone know.

Parks & Recreation.....Dunlap

Trustee Dunlap reported progress on the dog park which will be at Lakeview Park. Trustee Dunlap mentioned the dog park has been staked out and they are awaiting materials to get started on its construction.

Planning & Zoning.....Lilly /Clark

Trustee Lilly reported Planning and Zoning had no meetings this month. Trustee Lilly reported he is still recruiting potential candidates to join the committee. There is one position left for the Planning and Zoning Board, so if there is an interest, please let him know.

Ordinances and Resolutions.....Clark

Trustee Clark moved, seconded by Trustee Eaves to approve the FIRST READ of Resolution 21-43, a Resolution granting the approval of petition for division from Midland IRA, Inc. FBO Jeffrey Brasuell for the petition for division from Midland IRA, Inc. FBO Jeffrey Brasuell for the property known as 2625 Glenwood-Dyer Rd., Lynwood, IL.

Attorney Boyle explained if this Resolution is approved it would reestablish the geographic boundaries of the property at 2625 Glenwood-Dyer Rd. for real-estate tax purposes. This is not a subdivision as in a plat of subdivision. The homeowner is seeking to have the boundary lines of the tax parcels re-configured in order to lower the tax obligations.

Roll Call was taken;

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

Nays: none Abstain: Absent: Motion: carried

Health & Wellness.....Clark

Trustee Clark mentioned there are several awareness initiatives this month. National Recovery Month, National Little-League Month, National Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month, National Childhood-Cancer obesity Month, National Square Dancing Month, and National Courtesy Month.

The Health & Wellness Committee is presenting a ‘Bike Around Lynwood’ Oct. 10th at dusk. Trustee Clark is encouraging all interested parties to please sign up, come out and participate.

Trustee Clark reported the 4th wave of this pandemic has claimed the lives of several children. Trustee Clark encouraged everyone especially children to continue to wash their hands and wear their masks.

Lastly, Trustee Clark suggested if anyone knew a resident who may be in need of mobile vaccinations, please call 1-866-253-9266 for services.

Finance.....Eaves

Trustee Eaves motioned, seconded by Trustee Lilly to approve the corrected BPM amounts... BPM #1427 in the amount of \$279,274.25 of which \$125,320.20 was payroll and BPM #1428, in the amount of \$284,611.48 of which \$109,744.09 is payroll.

Roll Call was taken;

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

Nays: none Abstain: Absent: Motion: carried

The finance committee met on Tues. 9/7/21 and have a projected start date for their financial literacy program for grades 9th thru 12th. Their projected date is Oct. 23rd 2021, here at Village Hall.

Trustee Eaves moved, seconded by Trustee Dunlap to approve Appropriation Ordinance #21-40. An Ordinance pursuant to Section 2-748, of the Code of Ordinances of the Village which requires that the Board of Trustees, pass an annual Appropriation bill, appropriating the sum of money as may be deemed necessary to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Village.

Roll Call was taken;

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

Nays: none Abstain: Absent: Motion: carried

Public Safety.....Marshall

Trustee Marshall moved, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve the promotion of Sgt. Jesse Hernandez to Patrol Commander for the Village of Lynwood’s Police Dept.

Roll Call was taken;

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

Nays: none Abstain: Absent: Motion: carried

Trustee Marshall moved, seconded by Trustee Dunlap to approve the promotion of Larry Weibrecht to Director of Community Policing for the Village of Lynwood's Police Dept.

Roll Call was taken;

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

Nays: none Abstain: Absent: Motion: carried

Reports & Communications

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

Police Chief Dempsey reported in the last month, the Lynwood Police has taken 16 firearms off the street. Chief Dempsey reported both Sgt. Jess Hernandez, and Sgt. Larry Weinbrecht will be sworn in later during this meeting. Chief reported Coffee with a Cop was held on Aug. 27th at Village Hall and thanked resident Gladys Hendricks for baking apple pie. The next Coffee with a Cop will be scheduled at a different time, at a different location to accommodate more residents who may want to attend.

The Police thanked Trustee Lilly (and wife Denise) for inviting him to their fishing event held for the kids in the community. He reported it was a great turn-out and the kids had lots of fun fishing. Chief stated for the record, the two kids he helped both caught fish.

Chief reported Cops and Bobbers will be held this Sunday at Liberty Memorial Community Park. They currently has 21 kids signed up. Sandridge School sent out a message and the spots were filled in two days.

There was a blood Drive held Sept. 2nd at the Southland Center which was a success. The American Red Cross stated 102 lives were saved from the donations collected. Kudos go out to Josh Watson for his hard work putting this together. Another Blood Drive is planned for early November.

On Sept. 2nd officers were dispatched to 201st block of Wooddale for shots being fired. After an investigation, officers were able to apprehend the offenders (Patricia Farabaugh & Travontay Winston) and they were taken into custody.

On Sept. 11th2021, Officers were called to Lucky Rhino for a report of child endangerment. Officers observed 2 children sitting in a vehicle with a temperature that day in the upper 80's. The children's father was in the gaming establishment and had been there for an hour gambling. The father was arrested, the vehicle was towed, and the children brought to the station where DCFS was called.

Chief Dempsey referred to several complaints which had been received from residents running the stop signs over by Lakeview Park. Chief reported there have been 20 stop sign tickets written in that area within the last 2 weeks.

Chief Dempsey provided stats for the month. (See Exhibit A)

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

Asst. Chief Bolde reported the canine initiative is currently underway. They are currently receiving donations and are still accepting donations. Lynwood's Canine handler will be Officer Wayne Lindsley once the program is up and running. Asst. Chief Bolde mentioned she is encouraging residents to sign up for the RING Neighbor's App. She has information on how you can be a part of it. This initiative will allow residents to provide tips to the police dept. from the footage from their RING system.

Veterans' Luncheon is this Sat. from 11-1 pm at Lencioni's. To R.S.V.P. please contact Asst. Chief Bolde. Lynwood's Trunk or Treat will be held Oct. 30th and will be held at the Clubhouse in Alpine Village. If you are interested in participating, please see Asst. Chief Bolde.

Asst. Chief reported there is currently a CSO position available. The position assists the police with writing tickets and traffic control. The position pays \$15.00 / hour, and the hours are Monday – Friday 7:00 to 3:00pm. For more information on this position, contact the records dept. at Village Hall.

Fire Dept.....Keenan Newton
Deputy Chief Swanson reported in the absence of Chief Newton. Deputy Chief Swanson reported there was a total of 87 fire calls for the month. Stats were provided for the month. (See Exhibit B)

Chief Swanson reported the dept. is continuing efforts to improve their staffing model. Their goal is to efficiently run a 24/7 dept. The fire department is actively recruiting new firefighters, will train and send the recruits to the fire academy and EMT school. They currently have 6 applicants. They are still initializing the Residential Smoke Detector Program which allows them to inspect/evaluate and/or replace existing smoke detectors.

Chief Swanson reported Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 3rd thru Oct. 9th, 2021. The Fire Dept will hold its annual Open House on Oct. 9th. At the open house you can learn about fire safety, tour the station, see a vehicle extrication demonstration, and light refreshments will be served.

Lastly, Lynwood's First Responders Association is hosting a charity softball tournament on Sat. Sept. 25th, 2021, at a ballpark in Dyer, IN.

Public Works.....Raymond Campbell

Superintendent Campbell reported damage had occurred in the Spring Meadows subdivision. An electrical box was damaged. In another location a light pole was knocked down. Public Works was able to assist with the repairs. Superintendent Campbell reported there were problems with several pieces of equipment that needed repairs and/or replaced. Public Works Dept. removed several pieces of debris from an area where dumping had occurred on/or around Burnham. Public Works cut grass around the Haven Estates subdivision. Superintendent Campbell announced speed bumps were ordered for the streets around Lakeview Park to slow down some of the speeders and make it safer for the children in the park.

Finance.....Kimberly Swiderek

Finance Director Kimberly Swiderek announced on Thur. Sept. 2nd, the Village received the first installment of the (ARPA) American Rescue Plan Act. funds. Mayor Curry and Finance Director Swiderek met with Lansing's Mayor to work out a payment plan for Lynwood's outstanding water bill. Lynwood owes Lansing \$629,542.90 in outstanding water bills that dates back to Feb. 2020.

Mayor Curry reported Finance Director Swiderek works really hard on our finances. Mayor Curry reported this administration inherited some "not so great finances". Mayor Curry acknowledged and thanked Finance Director Swiderek on the great work she has done thus far and how she is turning our finances around.

Village AttorneyDan Boyle

Attorney Boyle had no report.

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

Ron Smith from Robinson Engineering reported in Dave's absence. Ron updated the village on the CBDG project. He stated we are moving ahead on the project. The project is to work on both Crescent and Terrace Streets. The tentative start date will be Oct. 12th. The project should be completed by the end of November.

Village Clerk.....Karen Wingfield-Bond

Village Clerk Wingfield-Bond reported the Openlands Tree Grant is re-opened and we will once again be applying for this grant. Clerk Bond reported if any resident is interested in receiving a tree to please let her know as it is awarded on a first come/first served basis. The trees will be planted in the spring. More information will be forthcoming.

Clerk Wingfield-Bond reported The Cook County Board of Review is hosting their Review Forum tonight at 6:30pm. Information will be available at www.cookcountyboardofreview.com. The entire process will be conducted on-line this year.

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

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to appointment of Drema Woldman to the Health & Wellness Committee. Trustee Clark moved, seconded by Trustee Blakey.

Roll Call was taken;

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

Nays: none Abstain: Absent: Motion: carried

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to appointment of Jacinta Staples to the Health & Wellness Committee. Trustee Clark moved, seconded by Trustee Blakey.

Roll Call was taken;

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

Nays: none Abstain: Absent: Motion: carried

Mayor Curry asked for motion to approve Resolution # 21-44, a Resolution recognizing and establishing “Juneteenth” as an official paid holiday in the Village of Lynwood, County of Cook, State of Illinois, Trustee Clark moved, seconded by Trustee Blakey.

Roll Call was taken;

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

Nays: none Abstain: Absent: Motion: carried

Mayor Curry encouraged all who have children to attend the Skating Event being hosted by the Village on Friday, Sept. 24th at Lynwood Skate. Mayor Curry mentioned this is another outreach attempt to show support for our youth in the community.

Mayor Curry also asked for participation in our Tailgating Event, (Bears Vs. Packers) Oct. 17th, and she also mentioned the Village is hosting October Fest, Oct. 23rd.

Mayor Curry mentioned re-cycling has been reinstated in the Village of Lynwood – “Back by Popular Demand”. Mayor Curry mentioned if you have not received your can yet, it is coming. Everyone should have their recycling cans by Friday.

Mayor Curry mentioned there is in the South Suburban newspaper an opportunity to nominate one of your Trustees as a Distinguished Trustee in the South Suburbs. The nominating information is in the paper.

Clerk Bond mentioned our very own Mayor Curry is featured in the newspaper as well. She has a very interesting article providing the directions and plans for Lynwood, so please pick one up.

Lastly, Mayor Curry mentioned she is preparing for Lynwood's **TOWN HALL** meeting on Nov. 3rd at 6:00 p.m. More information will be provided at a later date. This is an opportunity for the department heads as well as the elected officials to explain to the residents what this new administration walked into once taking over in May. The objective is to also explain to our residents what we have been able to accomplish and where we are headed. There will also have a Q & A period so we can make sure we hear their concerns as well.

Village Clerk.....Karen Wingfield-Bond

Village Clerk swore in both Jesse Hernandez and Larry Weinbrecht as Patrol Commander and Director of Community Policing respectively.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Executive Session

Adjournment

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Eaves moved, seconded by Trustee Dunlap 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