

MINUTES
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
21460 Lincoln Highway
Lynwood, Illinois 60411
Aug.24^h2021
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

Address the Board/ Public Comment

Ms. Anderson Batts addressed the Village Board. Ms. Batts indicated she has been before the previous Board several times and the issue still has not been resolved. Ms. Batts stated she is still feeling the vibrations from the base from the skating rink's music. Ms. Batts stated she has been out here since 2011, and the problem has been occurring since 2015. Ms. Batts stated she just wants this resolved.

Asst. Chief Bolde indicated she would like to meet with Ms. Anderson-Batts and come to some sort of solution since she has been going through this for quite some time.

Ms. Carolyn Guthier addressed the board. Ms. Guthier stated she was not pleased by the way the Administration communicated about the incident that occurred at New Corner Bar & Grill. She indicated there should be a better way in which it could have been done. She stated several seniors she knows do not have access to the internet and therefore they are unable to obtain information from there. She mentioned we should find a better means of communicating with ALL residents. Ms. Guthier wanted to know if she was safe.

Mayor Curry mentioned a statement was released by her, and a statement was released by Chief Dempsey within 24 hours after the incident occurred. Mayor Curry stated the two platforms we use at this time is FaceBook and the Village's website to communicate primarily to the residents of the village. Mayor Curry stated this was an isolated incident and there is no threat to the community.

Chief Dempsey reiterated whenever there is an issue, our residents can always call the police for information.

Resident Mr. Ronald Chatmon addressed the Board. Mr. Chatmon spoke about the dangers involving fireworks which seem to be quite common in the Village. He quoted several Ordinances in which fireworks are illegal both statewide and village wide. Mr. Chatmon wanted to know why we are allowing fireworks that could cause damage to homes and residents.

Chief Dempsey addressed the fireworks concern. Chief stated the fireworks are always of a concern. He stated the police respond to all fireworks calls. Chief reported most of the firework calls came on or around the 4th of July.

Resident Laterra Thinner addressed the Board. Ms. Thinner wanted to know if the Village had a cap on low income housing. Secondly, she indicated at the last meeting Finance Director Kim Swiderek discussed the financials of the Village and mentioned the enormous deficit the village was in. Ms. Thinner wanted to know if the new administration will be holding the previous administration accountable for the situation the Village was put in.

Mayor Curry mentioned now that we have our budget in place we are moving into an audit. Mayor Curry mentioned pending the results of the audit, we will be holding those involved accountable as necessary.

Mayor Curry, Village Board, and the residents celebrated Mrs. Dorothy May Ellis's 96th Birthday. We sang Happy Birthday and presented Mrs. Ellis with roses, balloons, and a gift.

MINUTES

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from Aug10th 2021.
Trustee Blakey moved, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve the Minutes from 8/10/21.

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 thanked Superintendent Campbell along with his team on the outstanding job they have been doing throughout the Village to keep the village clean. Trustee Lilly also mentioned he is recruiting members to join his team if there is an interest in serving on the public works committee.

Economic Development.....Blakey

Trustee Blakey mentioned the two projects that are forthcoming: Dollar General and Dunkin Donuts. Both ventures are moving forward as planned.

Trustee Blakey stated he is still recruiting members for the Business and Economic Development Committee.

Community Affairs.....Blakey

Trustee Blakey thanked Superintendent Campbell for the work done in preparation for Lynwood Fest.

Trustee Blakey thanked all the vendors (Silver Stallion Ranch, Jumping Jam, Paint on Me, and Safari Life) and volunteers who made it possible to host the Kids Zone.

Trustee Blakey mentioned the Youth Day Party was a huge success. The Movie in the Park was right after that. Trustee Blakey mentioned the final Movie in the Park will be this Friday Aug. 27th and will feature the movie E.T. Trustee Blakey encouraged all to come out and enjoy.

He also reminded the residents to join us for our Walk and Talk on Thurs. mornings. Trustee Blakey mentioned this is an opportunity to meet and speak with elected officials. It is at 6:00am at Lakeview Park.

Trustee Blakey mentioned Lynwood United Reformed Church is doing good deeds in the community. Trustee Blakey mentioned he met with the Pastor of the church and on Sept. 11th, the Church plans on sending approx. 50 members of the church around the community to clean up roadsides, plant flowers, and do minor repairs and painting projects in Alpine Village.

Elder Dave Kallemeyn spoke on how the village wanted to reach out and help keep the Village clean by doing some light clean up around the community. He stated if there is ever a need around the community, please let them know.

Trustee Blakey announced his idea of a fall beautification contest. Trustee Blakey stated this is an opportunity for individual residents to decorate their homes for the fall. The resident must register their address and judging will take place the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. Information will be forthcoming on our website and flyers will be available as well.

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 moved, seconded by Trustee Clark to **TABLE Resolution # 21-43**. Mayor Curry mentioned this is due to more information which is needed.

Roll Call was taken.

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

Ordinances and Resolutions.....Clark

Trustee Clark moved seconded by Trustee Dunlap to approve **Ordinance #21-44**, extending the 2021 fiscal year Appropriation Ordinance and extending the time for passing the appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Lynwood, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1st 2021 and ending April 30th 2022. Ordinance No.#21-44. To waive first and second readings and approve **Ordinance No. 21-44**. Section 8-2-9 of the Municipal Code provides that if a disaster, state of emergency, or national emergency is declared within the 60 days preceding the end of the first quarter of a municipality's fiscal year and the disaster, emergency or declaration impacts the municipality, the time limit to pass the annual appropriation ordinance shall be extended for the duration of the disaster or emergency and for 60 days thereafter. In the opinion of the president, the subject matter of the ordinance is of an urgent nature such that its effectiveness would be seriously hampered by a lapse of time.

Attorney Dan Boyle explained any public body/ municipality affected by the pandemic; the statute extends the deadline for approval of the Appropriations ordinance. The purpose of this local Ordinance is to ensure that the municipality is in alignment with the state statute.

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 there will be a bike around Lynwood Oct. 10th , (beginning shortly after dusk) and encouraged those interested to please sign up, by emailing her (rclark@villageoflynwood.net) or calling Village Hall.

Trustee Clark mentioned as we are entering the 4th wave of the pandemic, we are seeing more fatalities. Trustee Clark stated flyers were available as Chicago-land nurses discussed the long-term side effects of COVID.

Trustee Clark thanked the Lynwood Fest team and Family Christian Health Center for their participation in the Lynwood Fest, by offering COVID testing. If you are interested in mobile vaccine sign-up options, there is a sign-up sheet for that or you can call 866.253.9466.

Finance.....Eaves

Trustee Eaves motioned, seconded by Trustee Lilly to approve **BPM # 1426** in the amount of **\$238,510.18** of which **\$134,111.85** was payroll for the pay period of 7/25-8/07/2021.

Roll Call was taken;

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

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

Trustee Eaves gave an update on the National Endowment for the Arts grant. The Village is seeking a performing arts grant between \$50K and \$150K. This will allow Lynwood residents to participate in performing arts classes at no cost.

Public Safety.....Marshall

Trustee Marshall thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their involvement and participation in the events being hosted throughout the village over the last few months.

Trustee Marshall stated he wanted to remind all residents fireworks are illegal in the state of Illinois and to please be mindful of this. He also mentioned we need to stay on top of this in the future.

Trustee Marshall reported the promotions of two members of the Fire Dept.(Matthew Heinz and David Bunde)

Reports & Communications

Police Dept......Chief Dempsey/Asst. Chief Bolde

Chief gave an overview of his first 90 days in office, and the changes and improvements he has implemented. He indicated because of the departmental changes; the department has seen a significant increase in citations being issued. They are changing schedules to cut down on overtime and have hired 5 new officers to increase the number of officers working each shift. The dept. follows the state training requirements and are constantly looking for new training opportunities to send the officers to. The dept. is changing policies as necessary to remain in compliance with state statute. They are implementing community policing events and public safety programs for the police to get to know the residents in the community and the residents get to know the police dept. The police dept. has met with the businesses to determine their needs and what the police can do for them. Chief Dempsey reported crime stats.

(see Exhibit A)

Chief reported there were no incidences at Lynwood Fest. Kudos to Public Works Superintendent Ray Campbell and his team and Natalie Oliver for her involvement which made the Lynwood Fest a huge success. Chief Dempsey provided an update to the New Corner Bar & Grille shooting incidence. One person was killed, two others were injured. The two offenders surrendered themselves to the Lynwood Police Dept. and were in custody. Chief Dempsey thanked the Fire Dept. for their assistance with this matter.

Asst Chief.....Bolde

The police dept. is accepting applications for lateral moves throughout the end of the month. They are also accepting applications for records clerks. Applications are available at the front desk. Asst. Chief reported she and Chief Dempsey have recently met with the school superintendent and discussed the possibility of obtaining a School Resource Officer. Their salary would be paid by the schools and would service the surrounding schools as well. They are meeting with the newly appointed Police and Fire Commissioners to determine future plans for the dept. She and Chief Dempsey met with a not-for-profit organization that provides protective gear for working canines. This organization will be assisting in fund raising efforts in order for our Police Dept. to obtain a canine. The Canine Handler Position has been posted within the dept. and interviews will be conducted for that position.

The Special Olympics event was successful. It was held at the Dunkin Donuts in Sauk Village, and we raised over \$1,500.00 for the Special Olympics. Asst. Chief Bolde thanked the Lynwood Police Dept. for volunteering to work the Lynwood Fest to make sure we were all safe. The police Dept. donated funds for the three bikes that were raffled as well. The senior luncheon will be held Oct. 15th; however, they are still looking for a venue to host the event. The Veterans luncheon is Sept. 18th at Lencioni's. This event is for veterans only. Coffee with a Cop is this Friday in the Board Room from 10a.m.-12pm. Asst. Chief Bolde encouraged all to visit the Police Dept.'s Facebook page which is updated daily.

Fire Dept.....Keenan Newton

Chief Newton reported two incidences over the weekend, one was a structure fire on Brook, and the second was the fire department was able to provide drone support in finding a suspect. The suspect was spotted approx.. a mile away from the area. The fire dept. was able to direct law enforcement to the location where the suspect was apprehended. Stats were provided. (see Exhibit B) The dept. is working on a staffing model with the intent on having a 24/7 manned Fire Dept. The Fire Dept. is actively recruiting new Firefighters and will provide training. The dept. is continuing with the residential smoke detector program, which is designed to replace older smoke detectors in the home. Oct. 9th will be the Fire Dept.'s annual Open House, with demonstrations, tours, and light refreshments. On Sept. 25th there will be a charity softball tournament. Chief Newton thanked the members of the Fire Dept. who attended and supported Lynwood Fest 2021.

Public Works.....Raymond Campbell

Superintendent Campbell reported work is being done on Torrence Ave. IDOT, Lincoln-Lansing Drainage and MWRD is assisting in cleaning the drainage ditch east of Torrence Ave. Please be patient as this work needs to be done to eliminate possible flooding in the area. Superintendent announced the continuation of their water main restoration and chipping branch efforts. In Spring Meadows, a car ran into our street light cabinet which damaged it. The area was without streetlights, and all parties are working to restore power to the area as quickly as possible.

Finance.....Kimberly Swiderek

Finance Director Swiderek reported that Lansing Drainage District was contacted concerning past due and outstanding invoices. Some of the invoices had not been paid from 17 to 47 years. After reconciling the invoices, the Village owes a total of \$4,419.68. Of this \$2,248.50 was past due invoices. \$2,065.18 was interest and penalties and the Village's current annual balance is only \$106.00.

Village AttorneyDan Boyle

Attorney Boyle had no report.

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

Dave indicated he received the Notice to Proceed for the CBDG project. Open Bid will be the 23rd of Sept. He will have the paperwork prepared for the Board by Sept. 28th. The project will begin in Oct. Dave also stated he has received review comments for the Invest in Cook project which is the bike path leading to the library.

Village Clerk.....Karen Wingfield-Bond

Clerk-Wingfield-Bond swore-in both Matthew Heinz as Fire Captain and David Bunde as Fire Luientent.

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

Mayor Curry asked the Board to approve the appointment of Chandra Perry to the Police and Fire Commission. Ms. Perry has a MBA, and a Masters in Law Enforcement Adm., a BS in Criminal Justice and has been with the Cook County Dept. of Corrections since 2007.

Trustee Blakey moved, supported by Trustee Marshall to approve Chandra Perry to the Police/Fire Commission 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

Mayor Curry thanked all who helped make Lynwood Fest a success. Mayor Curry acknowledged Natalie Oliver for her work and for raising over \$18,000 for the event. Mayor Curry thanked the elected officials, the public works, police, fire, and the support staff for a successful event.

Mayor Curry encouraged all to participate in the final walk and talk on Thurs. morning at 6:00 a.m. and she mentioned this Friday is our final movie night for the season.

Mayor Curry mentioned Drag Racing Championships were coming to Lynwood this weekend. The race will take place by the library, and the Mayor encouraged all residents to please come out to support the Lynwood Drag Racing teams.

Mayor Curry mentioned all upcoming Lynwood Events will be posted on the website and will be shared in the water bills as well. Mayor Curry mentioned the upcoming Skate Party on Sept. 24th, to be held at Lynwood Family Skate. A Bears vs. Packer tailgating party on Oct. 17th, October Fest and Trunk or Treat will take place on Oct. 23rd. Details on these events will be forthcoming.

Mayor Curry announced Elle Restaurant is officially under renovation and plan to open sometime in Oct. The date will be shared with the residents as soon as they announce their Grand Opening. The census numbers came out and Lynwood is one of two communities in the southeast suburbs that showed an increase in population. Mayor Curry mentioned this means people are excited about Lynwood and are eager to call Lynwood home.

Village Clerk.....Wingfield-Bond

Clerk Wingfield-Bond swore in Chandra Perry as the Police/Fire Commissioner for the Village of Lynwood.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Executive Session

Adjournment

Mayor Curry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Trustee Blakey moved, seconded by Trustee Lilly 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

EXHIBIT A _ POLICE STATISTICS

CRIME STATS; AUG. 9TH THROUGH AUG. 22ND

- 75 BUILDING CHECKS
- 7 CITIZEN ASSISTS
- 16 ALARMS
- 59 ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS
- 9 NOISE COMPLAINTS
- 10 DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES
- 7 GENERAL DISTURANCES
- 67 TRAFFIC STOPS
- 7 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
- 36 AMBULANCE ASSISTS

EXHIBIT B- FIRE STATISTICS

FIRE STATS; AUG. 8TH THROUGH AUG. 21ST

- HOUSE FIRES
- 2 BRUSH FIRES
- 60 MEDICAL CALLS
- 3 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
- 4 AUTO AID/MUTUAL AID CALLS
- 3 FIRE ALARM/SMOKE ALARM CALLS
- 3 CO ALARMS
- 1 LOCK-OUT ASSIST