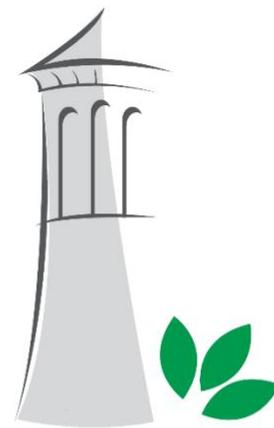


# Western Springs FROM THE PRESIDENT



March 3, 2022

## **February 28 Board Meeting** (the full agenda and meeting video is posted [online](#)):

The Board voted to approve an omnibus bill that included nine resolutions, a number of contract/bidding items, as well as multiple Village committee and commission member reappointments.

At the request of Trustee John, the Board postponed voting on the proposed ordinance (Agenda Item 2: amendment to the conditional use permit for a visual display board at the LTHS South Campus Bennett Field), to discuss a small language change. The ordinance was updated to reflect that coniferous-type trees will now be used as a buffer to screen the display board, which will allow the properties adjacent to the field to experience their benefit year-round. Following a brief discussion, Ordinance 22-3069 was passed.

Trustee Rudolph presented a monthly Financial Report for January 2022. The General Fund performed consistently and favorably in January 2022. Village water consumption billed in January (for the period October 15 – December 15, 2021), was 6% higher than during the same period of the prior year. The Police Pension Fund had unrealized losses of 5.81% for January. The Board voted to accept this report.

The next Village Board meeting is Monday, March 14.

## **New Village Logo and Website:**

- The Village of Western Springs has a new look! Last week we launched our newly updated website, along with a new Village logo and color palette. This continues to be a work in progress, but we hope you'll find the updated site to be a useful source of information for all things relating to life in Western Springs. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

## **CDC Revises Mask Guidance:**

- The CDC has revised mask guidance based on [community levels of COVID-19](#), and says that most people will no longer need to wear masks, though many may still prefer to do so. Cook County is currently designated as "low risk." People may choose to mask at any time, and anyone with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19, should wear a mask. While this is certainly encouraging news, the CDC continues to closely monitor the situation, since there is the possibility of a new variant that could cause a spike in cases in the future. Per the revised guidelines issued by CDC and IDPH, effective, March 1, all municipal buildings in the Village are [mask optional](#).

## **You're Invited: "Taking the Cape Off," with Chief Pat Kenny:**

- Retired Fire Chief Pat Kenny will be speaking about his leadership journey through loss and grief, which is also the subject of his successful book "Taking the Cape Off: How to Lead Through Mental Illness, Unimaginable Grief, and Loss." The public are invited to attend this presentation. Details, including how to RSVP, can be found on the [website](#).

Until next time,

Alice Gallagher,  
Village President