

Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

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Lemont Township Board Meeting – July 14, 2020.

The Lemont Township board meeting was held at the Township Community Center, Alba Street, Lemont, IL. 60439 on July 14, 2020. Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rosendahl at 7:10 p.m. The meeting was also available on Zoom due to the corona virus.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll was taken: Blatzer, Nicklas, Sanderson, Shackel and Rosendahl - Present. Also present was Township Attorney Neal Smith.

The minutes from the June meeting were not approved. Supervisor Rosendahl remarked that there were some errors that needed to be corrected so the minutes will be revisited at the August meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 61, 672.17
Road & Bridge	\$ 95, 696.51
Open Space	\$ 7, 095.65
General Assistance	\$ 3,133.33

Motion made by Blatzer, 2nd by Shackel to approve the treasurer's report and payment of bills. On roll call: Blatzer, Nicklas, Sanderson, Shackel and Rosendahl – ayes. Motion passed.

Matters from the Public: None.

Reports: Supervisor Rosendahl spoke about the curtailment of rentals at Township facilities. There are some exceptions: our local fire department are using the Community Center for training purposes. Also, Sandy Doebert, who is in charge of a theater group, has asked permission for a small group to use it for practice because there is no other place available. No fee will be charged other than covering cost of maintenance. In regards to the Warner Avenue building, the office is back in limited use. The front door is locked and those that need to enter have to ring the bell. Joyce and Debbie are working full time from home and Karen is in the front office, as is Kathy. The Pace bus is on limited schedule being Monday through Friday from 9 - 1. Only one ride per week unless you are going to work.

Other reports: Bette Rynne reminded Board to sign all the bills starting from April 2020. Trustee Shackel reported a soft opening at The Forge on Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. You must RSVP if you are attending. Question as to where to park. Signs will be up.

Highway Commissioner; Mark Labno reported first on the shredding event at the Township garage, which was a huge success. Many people showed up and he is planning on having another one, possibly at the Community Center. Kathy Henrikson was a great help on organizing. Shoulder seeding is ongoing; as is paving around 119th. They are looking at numbers for what needs to be done. Rosendahl commended the Highway Department on the number of vehicles in the 3rd of July vehicle parade.

Clerk: Clerk Buschman reported on attending the ribbon cutting with Michael Shackel and Kathy Henrikson and others at The Forge on the previous Saturday. It is still not clear if the Township will have early voting; a lot of prep needs to go into this; cleaning machines after each use; placement of machines. We should hear soon.

Assessor: Assessor Jacobowski reported from Zoom that the county has given everyone an extra 2 months to pay property tax bills without having to pay a fine. The effective date will be the 1st of October. It will affect the tax monies coming in to taxing bodies. Taxpayers can pay on line, also.

Human Services: Debbie Schmitt sent an email report to all as to what is going on with Human services. Rosendahl received a call from CNA that there will be no meals served at the Community Center for at least 3 months. However, resident can call and receive 5 meals delivered, frozen, every Friday. Also, it was reported that the food pantries are doing well.

Open Space/Facilities: Kathy Henrikson reported that the duct system at Warner Avenue has been cleaned. Could be the 1st time ever. Census workers are using the Warner Avenue site. A complete report was handed out.

Unfinished Business: Supervisor Rosendahl reported that the Annual Town Hall Meeting is still on hold. The Governor hasn't lifted the date on that yet. Rosendahl reported that Octagan Towers has submitted a proposal for long-term use of the towers at the Community Center. The Supervisor prefers leaving the terms at it is now but will look for input from Board members.

Motion made by Rosendahl, 2nd by Blatzer, to approve Resolution No. 2020-21-01, A Resolution Approving an Opt Out Health Insurance Policy. On roll call: Blatzer, Nicklas, Sanderson, Shackel and Rosendahl – ayes. Motion passed by roll call vote.

New Business: Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Lemont. Supervisor Rosendahl introduced the discussion regarding the events that occurred when Lemont Township entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Lemont in 2009. Subsequently Lemont Township entered into a licensing agreement with The Forge in 2019. Our Township attorney, Neal Smith was introduced and he handed out a timeline proposal on the quarries that the Township owns. Much discussion ensued including Neal Smith speaking to the fact that the Village had prepared and passed an IGA without receiving comments/edit/ideas from the Township. Neal Smith also spoke about meeting with himself, Rosendahl and George Schaffer, Village Administrator, in regards to this matter.

Trustee Sanderson and Nicklas spoke in regards to this matter and the meetings with the Village Administrator. There was also an email from Schaffer to Rosendahl. Sanderson said he would like to see all correspondence that has gone on and Nicklas agreed and when all documents are together there should be a Special Meeting called with both Boards in attendance. Rosendahl agreed and will try to get it set up.

Motion to adjourn was made by Blatzer, 2nd by Shackel at 8:30 P.M. On roll call: Blatzer, Nicklas, Sanderson, Shackel and Rosendahl – ayes. Motion passed by roll call vote.

Barbara A. Buschman
Township Clerk