

Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

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Lemont Township Board Meeting-September 8, 2020

The Lemont Township Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Shackel at 7:00pm at the Lemont Township Community Center 16300 Alba St. with a zoom and in person agenda. In attendance, Supervisor Shackel, Highway Commissioner Mark Labno, Trustees Blatzer, Nicklas, and Sanderson. Clerk Buschman attended via zoom.

Treasurer's report and payment of bills:

General Fund	\$56,479.69
Road and Bridge	\$122,826.17
Open Space	\$3,300.05
General Assistance	\$2,666.66

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

Matters from the public: None

Reports: Supervisor

Supervisor Shackel reported on his first few weeks since taking office on 8/15/2020.

He has spent a good amount of time in the Warner office becoming familiar with the staff and operations. Handled the changeover of accounts and reviewed the audit report.

He stated he fielded many resident calls including one complaint of wild boars on their property.

The Supervisor has reached out to the meet with the following: Road and Bridge Highway Dept. Mark Labno Highway Commissioner & Foreman Brian Schmitz Lemont Police Chief Marc Maton-discussion regarding the Township portion of Lemont Emergency Management budget. Worked on determining what dollars amount could be Palos Park's portion of this service. Plans to address this with Palos administration in the near future.

Looking into restructuring our current Pace transportation service. Pace contract for the Dial a Ride bus January 1, 2021. He has interviewed potential candidates for Trustee vacancy and attended the Lemont Senior Association meeting.

Highway Commissioner:

Road and culvert work continues throughout the Township. On 9/3/2020, there was a bid opening for the Hillcrest Subdivision. Six (6) bids were received. The lowest, responsible bidder, was Orange Crush

LLC with a price of \$164,988. The alternative bid was \$95,400. The project consists of resurfacing the subdivision and replacement of deteriorating of crossroad culverts. Trustee Blatzer asked how much roadwork can be done normally. Commissioner Labno stated that the amount has to do with the County taxes received and the Motor Fuel Tax collected.

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Clerk: No report

Assessor: Jacobowski stated new building permits were up. Tax bills due October 1st. He feels that the office is managing things well working remotely. He recognized Joyce for 21 years of service at the Township on September 9th.

Human Services: Human Service Director, Debbie Schmitt, submitted her report for Board review.

Open Space/Facilities: Facilities Director Henrikson reported on food pantries, Bethany will give vouchers only no food until January. Methodist Church continues to pass out food and vouchers. The Township continues to collect food at the Warner office. We shop for items needed and deliver each week along with bread from Pete's market.

The Township will partner on the 5th annual scarecrow trail contest with Lemont Junior Woman's Club. October 3-18. Discussion on continuing with plans to hold the Festival on 10/18, in light of the LJWC dropping out. We will see how many volunteers we can recruit and try to present a safer plan for gathering. Henrikson will bring this plan back to the board through e-mail for the approval.

Report of three Lemont Township Senior association planning meetings held at Warner. Three events are now planned 9/11 Outdoor picnic, craft day at Warner 9/23 & a Sr. outdoor Ravinia/bonfire 10/7. The rest of report was submitted.

Unfinished business: Annual Township meeting, discussion on rescheduling the meeting Supervisor Shackel will look into this. Some suggested we do a zoom meeting to meet the attendance restriction.

Octagon Cell Tower, Shackel wanted more time to review the offer before presenting to the board. Intergovernmental agreement w/Village of Lemont, Supervisor Shackel has spoken with Mayor Egofske and believes we can finalize this. Township attorney has been asked to work on redlining the agreement with changes. This will be shared with both boards for further consideration. Supervisor Shackel stated that it boils down to protecting the interests of the Township.

New Business:

Seldon Fox Audit Fiscal report: Ed Tracy handed out copies of the Annual Financial report and explained how some of the Government-wide and Financial funds reporting works. Trustee Sanderson asked what causes the end of the year disbursements, and why we don't carry them on our balance sheets. Ed Tracy

explained that it can be property tax timing and some expenses are actually assets such as vehicles. He mentioned the balances of each fund and stated that the pension is funded at 98.6%

Resolution 2020-21-02, a Resolution for the Appointment of an Authorized IMRF Agent. A motion was made by Trustee Blatzer and 2nd by Trustee Nicklas, appointing Supervisor Michael Shackel as an Authorized IMRF Agent for Lemont Township. On roll, Trustees Blatzer, Nicklas, Sanderson, Supervisor Shackel, all ayes. Motion passed.

Appointment to fill vacancy of Township Trustee for the remainder of the unexpired term: Supervisor Shackel explained process for search. A notice was placed in the Patch news. Six candidates applied by phone. They were asked to submit a letter of interest by e-mail. He then interviewed the three candidates. He selected John Miller which he recommended to the board for appointment. Board discussion was called for at this time. Trustee Nicklas asked when letters were received. Supervisor Shackel stated deadline was 8/24/20.

Trustee Sanderson stated that over the past three years he has not had a good standing with past Supervisor Rosendahl. The statute states that trustees should be able to see applications. Wants to have the opportunity to review letters. Questioned whether Supervisor has the authority to make this decision. Trustee Sanderson feels he should have a say. He feels deciding together it would strengthen the board. He says no to voting tonight. Letters from all three candidates were reviewed by the Board.

John Miller gave a brief statement of his qualifications. He has earned a MBA, retired businessman, has an investment license, served on the planning & zoning board, Past President of Lemont Chamber, 8 year volunteer at Silver Cross hospital, Lions Club member for 40 years & a volunteer Township medvan driver for the past couple of years.

After much discussion the board decided to table the nomination and hold a special meeting to further discuss the appointment. A special meeting date was set for 9/28 7:00 p.m. at Warner office.

A motion to adjourn was made by Deborah Blatzer at 8:46 pm and second by Trustee Sanderson. On roll, Trustee Blatzer, Nicklas, Sanderson, Supervisor Shackel, all eyes, motion passed.

Barbara A. Buschman
Township Clerk