

Lemont Township Board Meeting- December 13, 2022

The Lemont township monthly board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Michael Shackel on December 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township offices, 1115 Warner Avenue, Lemont, IL. 60439

The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll was called by Township Clerk-Barbara A. Buschman; Blatzer, Molitor, Virgilio and Shackel. Nathan was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting was made by Blatzer, 2nd by Virgilio; on roll call: Blatzer, Molitor, Virgilio and Shackel-eyes; Nathan-absent. Motion passed.

Matters from the Public: Two residents from 132nd Street, Rick, and Greg Flood, spoke about the many small children that live in the area and about the dangerous conditions of the road, including potholes, blind spots, and bridge. Mark Labno spoke about work to be done in the Spring on 132nd Street, including re-paving and easement that might be paved. Commissioner Labno will review the area and is not sure if the curve of the street can be corrected.

Mark Pietryka and Kathy Guzy also returned to ask about their ongoing problem with drainage in their home culverts. Commissioner Labno said that will also be on the agenda for Spring.

Treasurer's report and Payment of Bills:

General Fund	\$94,452.18
Road & Bridge	\$383,186.87
Open Space/Facilities	\$ 3,268.75
General Assistance	\$ 700.00

Supervisor Shackel reported that the monthly bills were higher than usual, due to a large repaving bill in Equestrian Estates, the Warner Office landscaping project, and annual audit bills. Motion made by Blatzer, 2nd by Virgilio to approve the financial report. On roll call: Blatzer, Molitor, Virgilio and Shackel, Nathan-absent. Motion passed.

Board/Staff Reports: Supervisor Shackel reported that it has been a busy month. There was a general meeting involving all Lemont taxing bodies regarding the TIF areas in the Village and Township. The Mirabella project of apartments and businesses on the former Peterson Hardware property project should be completed by February 2024. Ongoing talks about the old Lemont National Bank selling the building. The Cook County Sheriffs police have placed a box in our lobby for people to drop off unused prescription drugs. Shackel rode along with the Cook County Sheriff. Problems are still going on 131st Street. Norm Anderson from Cook County was called, and the offenders were cited again. Shackel and Pasiewicz attended the TOI (Township Officials of Illinois) Conference in Springfield.

Highway Commissioner: Mark Labno reported things were quiet at the Highway Department as snowfall has been minimal so far this year. We have plenty of salt and it is not needed just yet. He also announced that Brian Schmidt will be leaving the Township on January 13, 2023. We do have enough temporary help to remove snow this season. A new plow/dump truck is ordered.

Clerk: Barbara Buschman reported she had no report.

Assessor: Joyce Black, Assistant to the Assessor, reported that the Board of Review was here on December 8th. The tax bills have gone out. There was a slight decrease in some properties in Lemont. Appeals are now open.

Human Services: Glenn Pasiewicz reported Assisted 8 families certified for food pantries. Gift cards for Thanksgiving were given to 70 people. Also, 18 LHEAP appointments with 12 completed applications.

The Lemont Classic Car Club held its annual Christmas Party and the Senior Association held their annual party on December 14th at Crystal Grand Banquets,

The Knights of Columbus donated coats for kids and a \$100 donation was received from the White Eagles Men's Club.

The Annual Craft Show was held on December 2nd, an enormous success, due to help from Joyce Black and Stephanie Katopodis. We had 35 vendors and raised \$1,700.00 for the Family Assistance Fund.

Open Space/Facilities: Glenn Pasiewicz reported that building rentals were booming. The carpets were cleaned, and windows washed. Citgo used the Alba Street building for their annual Charity Recognition Breakfast.

Township flags were to be displayed at half-mast due to the sudden death of IL State Senator Scott Bennett. Testing was done by Lemont Fire Dept. on the fire alarms, extinguishers, and ceiling sprinklers. We passed all 3 areas.

Transportation: Glenn Pasiewicz reported as Marybeth Nunzio is in training. We assisted 175 seniors and 43 handicapped residents on one-way trips. Bus 14222 was in a slight accident. PACE performed a random Paratransit inspection. Four rear tires were replaced and all 6 axles.

We had 9 Vanpool riders who were transported to medical appointments and procedures.

Administrator: Glenn Pasiewicz reported that a new telephone system has been installed in all three buildings. Also, Sharp Innovations are working on refreshing our existing website with the goal of providing easier navigation for our residents.

Unfinished Business:

Motion was made by Molitor, 2nd by Blatzer to approve the 2021-2022 Financial Audit presented by Selden Fox & Associates at the November meeting; On roll call: Blatzer, Molitor, Virgilio and Shackel-eyes; Nathan-absent. Motion passed.

Motion made by Blatzer, 2nd by Molitor to approve Lemont Township General Fund Levy Ordinance 2022-2023. On roll call; Blatzer, Molitor, Virgilio and Shackel-eyes; Nathan-absent, motion passed.

Motion made by Virgilio, 2nd by Molitor to approve Lemont Township Road District Levy Ordinance 2022-2023-02. On roll call; Blatzer, Molitor, Virgilio and Shackel-aye, Nathan-absent. Motion Passed.

Supervisor Shackel mentioned they were still working on the security cameras for Warner Avenue and Alba Street lots.

Shackel also spoke about how Tony Spinelli from Strand Engineering is revising the Alba Street parking lot plans to include removing 1 spot from the previous plan and adding 4 additional angled spots, thus yielding a net of 3 new parking spaces.

Approval will be at the February 2023 meeting and the bids will be out in March.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Blatzer, 2nd by Molitor at 8:05 p.m.
On roll call: Blatzer, Molitor, Virgilio and Shackel-eyes, Nathan-absent.
Motion passed.**

Barbara A. Buschman

Township Clerk