

Lemont Township Board Meeting – November 8, 2022

The Lemont Township Board meeting of November 8, 2022, was held at the Township Community Center. Supervisor Shackel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Buschman called the roll: Blatzer, Molitor, Nathan, Virgilio and Shackel-present.

Motion was made by Trustee Blatzer, 2nd by Trustee Virgilio; on roll call: Blatzer, Molitor, Nathan, Virgilio, and Shackel-ayes. Motion passed.

Matters from the Public: Mark Pietryka and Kathy Guzy, residents of Silver Fox Drive, appeared again about pipe at end of their respective driveways. They had not received an update about it since the last meeting. Road Commissioner Labno said that the work had been done correctly. There will be a meeting at the site on Saturday morning, November 12th to review the situation. Rick Adamsky, 16394 New Avenue spoke about the lack of lighting in his area. It is very dark and difficult to see. Mark Labno feels it is an IDOT matter, not Township, and he will contact the proper division to find out.

Change in Agenda:

Presentation of 2021-2022 Audit by Ed Tracy from Selden Fox Accounting. A draft of the audit was presented to the Township Board. He went through the budget and mentioned that there was an overpayment to the IMRF Fund along with some minor accounting changes. Final will be reviewed with staff at the next Board meeting.

Update on Alba Street parking lot from Strand & Associates. Tony Spinelli from Strand Engineering gave the Board an update on the Community Center Parking lot project. He noted that the entire parking lot needs to be completely reconstructed, with the base gravel being removed, while adding several more inches of new gravel to support

the new asphalt. Soil borings were taken from 5 different areas on the lot and revealed that there is good, solid clay on site, that is needed to correctly construct the new lot. He also stated that we should be able to redesign and add 8 more parking spaces with the new design.

Regular Agenda:

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 83,931.49
Road & Bridge	\$ 62,642.19
Open Space	\$ 3,343.75
General Assistance	\$ 324.00

Motion made by Blatzer, 2nd by Virgilio to approve payment of bills. On roll call: Blatzer, Molitor, Nathan, Virgilio and Shackel-

Ayes. Motion passed.

Reports: Supervisor Shackel reported more problems off 131st with cows and goats getting loose again. Kevin O'Donnell from Cook County was out and so were the Cook County Sheriff's Office. The owner says that kids on ATV's wrecked the fencing. There are more complaints about shipping containers near King Road and 131st Street. Norm Anderson from Cook County cited the people living near 131st Street. Simon Batistich has the updated appraisal on the Community Center Addition which will be discussed at the January meeting.

Quinlan Company will be out next week with a security camera proposal.

Highway Commissioner: Mark Labno reported the price of salt has increased 30% but we already have a good deal in storage for the upcoming winter season. He also stated that his crew is working on summer equipment and has ordered a new dump truck but has no idea when we may get it.

Clerk: Barbara Buschman reported that it was busy during the early voting period. 560 voted on the last day.

Assessor: Joyce Black reported that the tax bills will be out in December. Also, the 2nd installment will be due in April instead of May.

Human Services: Stephanie Katopodis reported that she is signing families up for gift cards for Thanksgiving. The Christmas Giving Tree is up for families in need in the community. We are now offering CEDA and LIHEAP assistance by appointment. The Senior Christmas will be at Crystal Grand Banquets on December 11. The Little Cruisers Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 10.

Facilities/Open Space: There was a small fire in the kitchen of the Community Center which was thankfully put out quickly by Irene from CNN. Joyce Black found a company to clean the oven. Looking for a company to professionally clean the hood.

Transportation: Marybeth Nunzio reported 184 seniors and 43 Handicapped resident rides in October along with 10 Vanpool riders. A small accident happened in one of the vehicles.

Administrator: Glenn Pasiewicz stated that as a thank you to Kathy Henrikson for her many years of dedication and service to the Township and her love for Open Space, a memorial bench was purchased in her honor and will be placed by the fireplace at the Alba Street building in the Spring of 2023.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Presentation and Discussion of 2022-2023 Tax Levies: Supervisor Shackel reported the Township is reducing the levy for this period- \$ 982,381.79. Mark Labno also reported that Road and Bridge is under 5%.

A motion was made by Trustee Blatzer, 2nd by Trustee Molitor to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. On roll call: Blatzer, Molitor, Nathan, Virgilio, and Shackel-eyes. Motion passed.

Barbara A. Buschman – Township Clerk.