

# Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

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## Lemont Township Zoom Board Meeting 4/14/2020

Supervisor Steven Rosendahl called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm 4/14/2020. The Pledge was recited. Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Ganta Rynne took roll call: Gilbertson, Nicklas, Sanderson, Shackel, Rosendahl-present. Clerk Barbara Buschman was absent.

Minutes-Mike Shackel asked if we change auditors every 2-3 years. Rosendahl said no, it is not required and we have not. Motion to approve the minutes made by Trustee Nicklas; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Gilbertson. Roll Call: All ayes

Motion to approve bills made by Trustee Sanderson ; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Shackel. Roll Call: All ayes Motion to approve Audit Sheets made by Trustee Nicklas; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Sanderson. Roll Call: All ayes

**Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Rosendahl stated that this was the first ever official zoom meeting for the Township Board. It is interesting and happy everyone is in attendance. Supervisor Rosendahl, Human Service Director Debbie Schmitt, and Kathy Henrikson have been meeting weekly with the food pantries and he reported that they are well covered. Bethany is delivering all their food from lists prepared. United Methodist is doing a walk up service, one at a time to pick up food and a gift card. The Township has purchased and is storing extra food to cover needs on non-pantry days. The Pastors have also been kept up to date. The food pantries have received \$700 in donations in their name, which the Township returned to them. The Township has donated \$1,000 to the pantries for April. Aldi's will deliver food to us when requested, and we have an agreement with Pete's to purchase items in cases if needed. Supervisor Rosendahl hopes to have a lot of food leftover. We have received a very generous donation to the FAF in the amount of \$2,000. The Township has purchased \$1,000 in Jewel and Pete's gift cards (\$25/ea.), \$1250 in Chamber gift certificates (\$25/ea.). We received notice from TOIRMA that they will not cover the Adventure Park. If the park fails, we would need to secure outside insurance. They will not underwrite.

**Board Reports:** None

**Highway Commissioner:** Commissioner Mark Labno reported that Brian Schmitz is keeping the crew safe. They are in separate trucks and have gloves and masks. They are cleaning ditches. Cold patch is coming this week. The department has received a fair amount of calls regarding ditches. Comm. Labno is monitoring the paving program and would like to utilize MFT funds for this purpose. A letter was accidentally sent to the Village with regard to the fatal train accident on Boyer. It is not the Township jurisdiction. Comm. Labno asked if we should be concerned with a possible delay in 2<sup>nd</sup> installment

property taxes in relation to budget preparation. Assessor Jacobowski said that Cook County is planning to have the bills out in time, however, he is not sure what the due date would be. Steve said it would be best to be conservative with our spending. Greg Nicklas asked if the shredding event is still on. Commissioner Labno said Yes-at this time.

**Clerk:** Clerk Barbara Buschman was absent. Deputy Clerk Ganta Rynne reported that we received two calls regarding mail- in ballots. Deputy Clerk will keep list and inform residents when the mail ballots are available.

**Assessor:** Assessor Ken Jacobowski reported that he held a reassessment outreach meeting at Alba. In attendance were members from his staff, the Cook County Assessor's office, and the Village of Lemont. Because the group was small it was very interactive and informative. Cook County has reported that they will take in account all residence and businesses in their reevaluation because of COVID 19.

**Human Service:** Director, Debbie Schmitt said she had to cancel some events due to COVID 19 restrictions. She has been working with Irene w/frozen 5 packs for normal congregate and as well as homebound deliveries made on Fridays by Karen and Joyce. Flyers have been delivered to management at Graceview Apartments & St. Francis of Assisi Residents, making them aware of Township assistance and CNSSA meal delivery. K.C. has been updating a senior list so we can reach out to them. Lemont Lions donated 40 \$25/ea. gift cards to seniors which were mailed to low income seniors. Bette has been working with the Jr. Woman's clubs with regard to gift cards for the children of assisted families.

**OS/Facilities:** Director, Kathy Henrikson reported that she and Bill thoroughly cleaned Warner after election use. Newsletter has been sent out. Patti did a great job editing to include our COVID 19 Notice, and Rainbow Printing was able to expedite delivery. She hopes that since everyone is staying in, it was well read. We have 5-6 volunteer shoppers. She believes the FAF need will rise due to unemployment. She spoke with Joe Phillips regarding a government program that allows \$300 over charitable expense to be donated. She'd like to request the Board/staff donate to FAF.

Cleaning has continued inside and outside of the buildings. She encouraged the board to approve Pizzo Agreement. Karen mentioned that we are not running the DAR or Medvan.

**Old Business:** Opt-Out Insurance Program -approved; waiting for verbiage from Neal Smith, Robbins Schwartz. Trustee Shackel asked that the architect agreement and building addition project be tabled. Entire Board was in agreement to do so.

**New Business:** Pizzo 2020 Stewardship Agreement was approved.

A budget workshop will be held in May via zoom. Supervisor Rosendahl plans to have the Tentative Budgets in the May packet, and the public hearing held at the June meeting.

Trustee Mike Shackel asked if Alba could be used for the purpose of collecting blood donations which are desperately needed. Everyone agreed.

Trustee Greg Gilbertson told Commissioner Labno that he contacted Durbin and IDOT regarding drainage problem on McCarthy near Bell. IDOT said it's the township's problem.

Supervisor Rosendahl requested each staff member be given a chamber certificate for all their hard work. Trustee Greg Nicklas and Jeanette Daubauras thanked everyone for their hard work during this unprecedented time.

Jeanette D. said she went to the Village Bd. Zoom Meeting 4/13/20 and was very disappointed with their TIF redevelopment tax increase of \$28 million over 24 years to buy or knock down properties. She hopes they had meetings which they said they had with taxing bodies.

Motion to Adjourn 8:06 p.m. by Trustee Greg Gilbertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Mike Shackel

Elizabeth Ganta Deputy Clerk

Barbara A. Buschman Clerk