

# Minutes - Board of Town Trustees

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## Lemont Township Board Meeting – January 14, 2020

The Lemont Township board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rosendahl on January 14, 2020 at the Township offices at 1115 Warner Avenue, Lemont, IL at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of Allegiance was said and roll was called by Clerk Buschman. Present: Gilbertson, Nicklas, Sanderson and Rosendahl. A motion was made by Nicklas, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gilbertson, to accept the minutes of the previous board meeting.

### Treasurer’s Report and Payment of Bills:

General Fund	\$ 311,021.13
(\$250,000.00 was transferred to Road & Bridge)	
Road and Bridge	\$ 562,750.13
Open Space	\$ 4,925.00
General Assistance	\$ 2,420.88.

Motion was made by Gilbertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nicklas to approve. On roll call: Gilbertson, Nicklas, Sanderson and Rosendahl-ayes. Motion passed.

**Matters from the Public:** The Forge, an outdoor park being built in Lemont, was represented by Jeanette Virgilio and Bart Loethen. They gave an update on just what was transpiring. They expect the steel to be up in about 6 weeks for the towers that are being built on the property. There will be shuttles from the high school and the Village lots because of heavy use of the parking lots that will be available at the site. High volume is expected, especially on the weekends and the shuttles will run constantly. There will be approximately 275 parking spots available. Plans to partially open will be this spring. Parking will be free for residents who must display a Village parking sticker. A resident spoke about traffic studies and they are in the works.

**Reports:** Rosendahl reported on a thank you from the Lemont Area Historical Society who appreciates the Township becoming a “Keepataw Sponsor” of the Society. They work hard preserving the history of our Village and surrounding area. Bethany Church sent a “thank you” for the recent donation of \$500.00 to the Open Food Pantry, which was needed to help feed our residents. The Heritage Corridor Business Alliance, represented by President Michael Shackel, reported on a bowling party on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Quarry from 5 – 8pm.

### REPORTS:

**Board reports:** None

**Highway Commission:** Commissioner Labno reported that the salt sheds are full due to the mild winter so far. Current MFT funds are coming in monthly and due to the increased gas tax, we have received additional funds each month; \$4600 in June, \$5300 in July; \$7700 in August. There is a little more

paving that needs to be done. We are now connected by radio Village & Township wide. Strand Engineering has completed our entire report for work needing to be done in the coming spring. The report has been given to the Township Board. Trustee Sanderson questioned the \$250,000.00 transfer of funds to the Road & Bridge fund which was due to a shortfall, partially due to Cook County being slow with their fund deposits. Sanderson also asked that we put the Strand report on line for everyone to look over. It will show a summary of which streets, alleys, etc. to be done. Also questioned was the new truck; which was budgeted.

**Clerk:** Clerk Buschman announced that early voting for the 2020 Primary will be March 2 – 16. The Primary is March 17. Early voting will be at the Township offices on Warner Avenue. Farewell party for long-time Trustee Frank Wozniak will be held at the Township Community Center on Alba Street on Friday, February 7 from 4-7 p.m. All are invited to attend:

**Assessor:** Assessor Jacobowski stated that seniors no longer have to renew that they are seniors every year as in the past; however, seniors do have to renew their “senior freeze” every year as that depends on income. Cook County tax bills are on the way and are due to be paid on March 1, 2020.

It was also announced that the Township has hired a part-time woman named K.C. who has worked at Timberline Knolls. She will be trained in all aspects of Township government in order to help when & where needed.

**Human Services:** Debbie Schmitt passed out a copy of her report to the Board. She has been in constant communication with the food pantries. Supervisor Rosendahl responded to a copy of a letter sent to him from a member of the community who goes to the pantries regularly. The copy of the letter was sent to others who attend the food pantries from Teri O’Neil-Borders, where she said that 4 people were denied going to the pantries. Rosendahl advised all that no one has ever been turned away. If they need something and haven’t gone through the process, they are still allowed to go until they go through the qualifying process, which is done in the Human Service office. Schmitt checks everyone. Sanderson suggested possibly checking more than once a month. The question of the “Hope & Friendship Foundation” also was subject to conversation and it is felt they should be invited to a meeting so the public knows just what their goals are and what they do. Sanderson will be in charge of getting the officers together for a Special meeting. Rosendahl also suggested including the Clergy Association meeting and he plans to attend their gathering on January 28.

**Open Space:** Kathy Henrikson passed out a spreadsheet to the Board outlining Vision 2020 Strategic Planning for the Facilities Director. She is looking at a Rhythms & Blooms Fest on June 13, among many other things. Sanderson asked to have a text sent out outlining events and activities.

**Unfinished business:** None.

**New Business:** Rosendahl announced again that Frank Wozniak had resigned due to failing health. To that end, Rosendahl announced that he was nominating Michael Shackel as the new Trustee with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nicklas. The vote was 3 to 1, which was opposed by Sanderson who felt the whole Board should have had input. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Township Clerk then swore in Michael Shackel as the new Trustee to finish Frank Wozniak’s term. A question was asked why there were no women on the Board.

Motion made by Gilbertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shackel to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

**Barbara A. Buschman – Township Clerk**